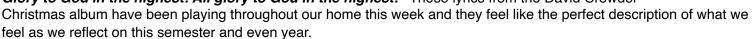
A WORD FROM EAM WENIG

## DECEMBER 2024

<u>Your Praise Goes On...</u> "Your praise goes on, never-ending. Your praise goes on, how sweet is that sound. Its been 2000 years, we're still singing Your song. Hallelujah! Your praise goes on. To the ends of the earth, let it ring out. Every tribe, every tongue, come and sing now. Glory to God in the highest! All glory to God in the highest!" These lyrics from the David Crowder



This year has been one like we have never encountered before...Starting with the first day of 2024 with Kyle's heart failure and experiencing God's faithfulness and nearness through that journey. God's faithfulness has continued as we have witnessed the incredible ways He has used hard challenges to draw us and others closer to Himself. We have especially seen this on campus at UW and in the ways He is moving through our Athletes in Action partnership in Central Asia. It has created a sense of awe and praise even in the midst of struggle, because **the difficult challenges have helped us experience HIM**!

Some sweet highlights have been a deepening sense of community and authenticity among the athletes at Badger Life. It has been awesome hearing students share testimonies of real-life ways they are learning to trust the Lord, especially in times of adversity. They are connecting in discussion groups and doing life together in a way that invites others to "Come



and See" even when its messy and hard! One of the guys who has been growing so much has been inviting his teammates to join in. His teammate showed up to explore and now he enjoys attending so much that he comes even when it means joining on his own. The other night the newer student asked Kyle **"Can we meet up sometime? I want to know what we mean when we are talking** 

about the Gospel? I want to grow closer to God, but don't know how." Kyle and both guys grabbed dinner and they got to share about how to build trust and begin a \_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus. They talked about what it looks like to



*follow Him!* Praise God for these "Come and See" opportunities.

Coaches are also growing in community together as they explore living whole heartedly. The theme of "Reject Passivity, Accept Responsibility, Lead Courageously, & Invest Eternally" has been their focus in weekly times together this season. (See the picture of a bookmark Kyle shared with them as a focal point.) God is drawing hearts to Himself and He is being glorified in the midst of the battle! It is so incredible to celebrate and praise God, but we also want to THANK YOU for the incredible part you play in being His instruments of love, provision, and prayer to our family so that we can serve!

## Empowered & Equipped by your Prayers and Generosity!

We are encouraged to trust and obey the Lord in His call to serve athletes and coaches because of YOU and the ways you empower us! We are humbled by your partnership and pray that the Lord would give you a special sense of the impact YOU are having through our partnership in mission. Every opportunity He allows us, YOU are part of! We are so thankful for every gift shared with us and the ripple effect of your generosity!

As we come to the close of 2024, if you are considering giving a year-end donation we are so grateful!

Your gift will help us continue to serve athletes and coaches as well as help send Jayne back to Central Asia in July. With the ways we experienced God moving there last year, it is such a privilege to return and continue to serve this summer. We appreciate your generosity as we trust God for increased monthly and annual support. As with any gift, (and to make sure you get a 2024 tax deduction) please make your check payable to Athletes in Action with our staff account number (0581139) written in the memo line. It would be most helpful if you could mail it to us (address bottom of page) by Dec 31 so we can get it to Cru by the end of the year

Another easy way to make a contribution is by bank transfer or credit card. To do this, please go to our secure Campus Crusade for Christ giving page at <u>www.give.cru.org/0581139</u> and follow the instructions.



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