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#### **2014 SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST:**

For the past 28 years, Athletes in Action has partnered with the NFL and hosted the Super Bowl Breakfast. It is an opportunity to honor an NFL player by recognizing their character



and excellence in the community, in the home, and on the field. The player is chosen by his peers and is awarded The Bart Starr Award. Kyle is a Green Bay Packers fan (as most of you probably know), so this event has always been special to him because Bart Starr is such a key part of pointing people to Jesus. This year was especially exciting as it was the first time Bart was able to present the award to a fellow Packer quarterback, Aaron Rodgers. As Rodgers accepted the award, he gave his testimony of how his

relationship with Christ has changed his life. He also shared about how a significant part of his faith foundation was through Young Life's ministry to him as a teen and how Athletes in Action at University of California helped him grow spiritually. It was so powerful to hear how much Bart Starr has impacted him as a man and a player through his encouragement. During an especially challenging time, Bart sent him an email, where he shared with Rodgers that he and his wife, Cherry, would be praying for him daily. An extra special highlight for Kyle was his role at the breakfast. He was able to serve Aaron Rodgers as his personal assistant and bodyquard for the morning! Wow, what a sweet opportunity!



### <u>Praying for</u> Mizzou:

- Please pray that God will continue to grow and change our hearts as we discover and understand more about His heart for diversity and loving all people.
- Please pray for the athletic directors, coaches, and administrative assistants in the Missouri athletic department... That they would experience fresh encounters with Jesus!

**Life at Home:** We are doing well, but 2014 started differently than we expected. Leisel tumbled off a little chair and fractured her femur, landing her in a cast from the tummy down her left leg. She seems to be healing and adjusting well, but we are all looking forward to her being free from this crazy cast and able to take a bath! Jayne has been learning to do life differently with Leisel, but also considering that maybe we should read & watch a little less Curious George with this little climber.



**SEEING IN A WHOLE NEW WAY:** Athletes in Action as a ministry has made it a growth goal to gain better understanding of different cultures and backgrounds so that we can better care for and serve athletes & coaches both here in the USA and around the world. Part of that growth is coming from "The Lenses Institute" training that Kyle received last week at a conference at Kentucky State & University of Kentucky. They talked about learning to see life, culture, & diversity through God's eyes and seeking the unity and understanding that He wants for His Kingdom. A major theme was the challenge to become more

for His Kingdom. A major theme was the challenge to become more sensitive to & aware of ways that our thoughts, words, and actions are received. It also highlighted the importance and need to do a better job of learning people's stories. We really want to grow as a family in this area! It is a hard and messy process and we have so much to learn, but if you have thoughts, questions, or suggestions we would love to talk with you about them!



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