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# Kingdom Called

- Q. What is the Great Commission & how has God invited me to be a part of it?
- Q. Where will all the laborers come from to tell people from every nation about lesus?

- Q. What is my part in helping take the Gospel message to those around me and to the whole world?

These were some of the questions that 15 students recently wrestled with as we challenged them to be open to allowing God to show them what living their lives on mission for Him could look like. There are so many ways for us to be involved in global missions! However, as Pastor John Piper puts it, according to the Bible we ultimately have just three options when it comes to missions: "Go, Send, or Disobey."

We are so excited to share that through this recent challenge to students, many of them have looked for opportunities to send others into the mission field. We've also seen a few of these athletes look to go into ministry themselves. Jill, a shot put



thrower on the Mizzou track & field team (pictured left) has just been accepted to part-time staff with Athletes in Action. She will serve



with us for the next year as she also trains for the 2016 Olympics. As Matthew 9:35-38 talks about, keep praying for more laborers to be sent into the harvest! When it comes down to it, all followers of Jesus have the missionary call on their lives. We are so thankful for how you continue to invest your own lives for the sake of the Gospel and also equip us to share the Good News to athletes and coaches as well!

#### **Praver Praises**

- for students responding to the opportunity of global missions
- for students hearts and daily lives being transformed by God's Word.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Mizzou just got a new Athletic Director. We are trusting God for continued favor in the athletic department and to begin a great relationship with him soon.
- For us to continue developing roots here in Missouri and making more friends.

## Students Take the Lead

As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, this semester we've been going over the "I Am" statements of Jesus from the book of John. It's been so much fun coming alongside the students and helping them dive deeper into the Scriptures to learn for themselves. It's also been awesome for them to get to lead their peers in our large group weekly meetings!



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### Meet Tanner



It's really cool any time we get the opportunity lead athletes and coaches closer to Jesus, but when the person is a spiritual multiplier, it is especially sweet! Tanner Sutton is a senior captain on the Columbia College basketball team. His on-the-court leadership has been very evident. He's been a part of two #1 ranked NAIA teams, he hasn't missed starting a game in the last three years, and he's tied for the

most career wins in school history. While basketball has been an incredible gift and passion for most of his life, his relationship with Jesus is what really defines him.

Kyle has really enjoyed meeting with Tanner for Bible study & discipleship this year. Through this accountability and encouragement, Tanner has continued to do an outstanding job in leading the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group at Columbia College. It's also been fun to journey with Tanner as he prepares for life after college. Right now, he is weighing the decision of whether to coach college basketball or work in the finance department at Camp Barnabas, a Christian ministry that he's been involved with by serving children with special needs & their families. Praise God for guys like Tanner who are following Jesus and leading so many around him to The Lord as well!





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A society looking up to athletes as heros must find heros looking up to God.

Thank you for your partnership and the eternal impact that you have in so many lives!

Kyle, Jayne, AJ & Leisel

