A WORD FROM

Wrestling By Faith

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Ben is a former University of Wisconsin wrestler who has been interning with us in AIA the past two years. Kyle has enjoyed investing in him and helping him develop ministry skills. As he is growing in his own faith and learning to disciple guys & lead bible studies, it is creating a chain-reaction in the lives of those he is serving! This year there has been a unique opportunity that God has opened up for Ben. He has been able to use his platform as a wrestler to serve as a volunteer assistant coach on the UW-Whitewater wrestling team. This has opened up shoulder-to-shoulder quality time and road trips with the team which creates connections, trust, and conversations that are beyond what you could



ask or imagine! Ben is walking (and wrestling) by faith in these moments that God is doing something bigger than just improving these guys as athletes through his coaching...He is impacting their eternity in these moments and shining God's love into their lives and growing an interest in depending on Him and not on themselves. Through Ben spending more time at UW-Whitewater each week, its also opened up doors to serve other athletes,

like Sam! Sam is on the track team and together these guys have initiated a Bible study for the team! What began as Ben going to UW-Whitewater for wrestling has been growing and transforming into ministry opportunities that only God knew would happen! Its a humbling reminder to keep focused on John 15...

"Remain (abide, dwell, rest, connect) in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit because you can do nothing without me."

BASEBALL Season Is Coming...



A place on campus we have been really encouraged to see God moving is at Edgewood College on the baseball team! Coach Al has been incredibly kind and invited our staff to share with his team, and WOW the response has been mighty! They have been eager to

have a team Bible study with several guys diving in deep! Please pray for this group of men to love God with their whole heart, soul, mind & strength. Please also pray for Leo, a guy who is eager to explore and is still navigating what it looks like to surrender to God and live out what is says in Proverbs 3 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding, in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight." We are hoping that



several of the guys will be interested in joining Kyle as he is going to Rochester, NY as a baseball chaplain for a summer league team with AIA this June. This will be an exciting summer mission opportunity!

Praise God for:

-We are thankful for the Lord's care and protection as Kyle was in a hit-and-run car accident this month. We are grateful that he wasn't hurt and that we have good insurance to help, but unfortunately our trusty Toyota Camry that Kyle bought 15 years ago was totaled. It may sound silly to celebrate a car, and yet, its an opportunity to worship God as we remember how much He has done through the gift He provided in it. Much ministry has been done there! There have been meaningful conversations with athletes & coaches, traveling to retreats & mission projects, giving students rides to & from campus Bible studies, and countless times spent with the Lord in what Kyle referred to as his "4-door tabernacle" (its much quieter in the car than our home at this point in our lives:) ... God has been so good and we are thankful as we trust that He knows best!

Please pray with us for:

- wisdom and trust in God's provision in replacing our car.
- For the details of an incredible opportunity God has opened up for one of our Badger student leaders to maximize his platform through an outreach partnering at Chick-Fil-A! That night Brad will be at the West Towne Madison Chick-Fil-A greeting customers and signing autograph cards that we are developing as a way to creatively share Brad's testimony. Many details need to come together for this March 2 event!

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THANK YOU for helping make an impact in the lives of athletes & coaches! To God be the glory! Kyle, Jayne,

AJ, Leisel, George & Simon