A WORD FROM THE WENIGS

University of North Carolina & Duke University





Baby Wenig is doing well and showing a little more as we caught a Colorado Rockies Game with the UTC Athletes.





Jayne's Small Group: Caley (Univ. of Alabama—Birmingham Softball), Kylee (Univ. of Tennessee Soccer), Sam (UConn Soccer) & Stephanie (William & Mary Lax)

Emmalie-UNC Soccer finishing the S.P.E.C.I.A.L strong.



Ultimate Training Camp is a time where we, as AIA staff, try to create an environment "Where God, Life & Sport Unite". We provide the environment, and time and again are amazed by the ways that God shows up and transforms hearts! Some of the different "ingredients" that go into Camps are: prayer, worship through music, discussion groups, & daily lessons that focus on passages of God's Word which teach Biblical truths that we help the athletes to apply in their sport and lives. (example <u>Audience of One</u>; Serving God alone – 1Kings18:16-39 or <u>Hurtin' for Certain</u> based on the Old Test. story of Joseph and how he dealt with trials and pain in life by choosing to become "bitter or better").

Another component is "lab time", which is where we put the athletes in competitive situations where they apply the lessons they are learning. The week culminates in what we call the "SPECIAL" (Scripture Principles + Exhaustion = Confidence in Almighty Lord). It is a <u>22</u> <u>hour competition</u> that is meant to physically bring individuals to a point of having nothing left to give so that they rely on the Lord instead of their own strength. This is done through intense competition in games like Ultimate Frisbee, push ups, swimming, tug of war, basketball, etc...

The athletes that come to "UTC" are from all different spiritual backgrounds. Some are very devoted to walking with Christ and want to grow in their faith, while others have NEVER been exposed to anything faith-related and this is the first time they hear the Word of God or that Jesus is their only source of salvation. Over the course of both sessions of Camp, God moved in the hearts of over 225 athletes from more than 50 schools around the USA.



RJ (UNC Soccer) -It was an incredible witness for the athletes around him to see his total dependence on the Lord throughout the SPECIAL! Many of the athletes shared how RJ's example blessed them.



Running Golgotha– Check out the Shadow of the Cross that the athletes have as a focal point!





Kyle's Small Group of Football guys: Sean (Arizona State), Patrick (Rutgers) Blake (Univ. of Wisconsin), Jordan (Miami of Ohio) & Marcus (Univ. North Dakota)



Bri & Emmalie– two of our UNC ladies after completing the SPECIAL



Alicia (Univ. of Tennessee) -Our new sister in Christ... PRAISE GOD!!!

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