

# A WORD FROM



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### Please pray with us for:



A way we are trusting God to connect us with new athletes, coaches, and athletic department staff is through a partnership project with Operation Christmas Child! A former Badger football player, Madison, is now serving with Samaritan's Purse! Kyle and Madison were connected while he was a student athlete. It is awesome to see the ways he continues to grow in his faith and is serving the Lord. It has been really special to

work together to develop a plan for UW athletes to come together generously and have an impact through this project. Would you please pray with us that this opportunity would draw athletes and coaches to a cause that takes the Gospel across the world, but also knits people together in our local community at UW.



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Would you also please pray for Kyle as he heads to a leadership development conference at AIA's world headquarters in Ohio! He will be diving into great material and conversations. Please pray for Jayne and the kids back in Wisconsin while he is away as well.

### Where are they now... Ryan's story



Kyle & Ryan on the 2016 East Asia Project



Ryan & Pieyling with our family as they visited Madison last summer

God writes the best stories! 7 years ago, He connected Kyle and Ryan through one of Ryan's Mizzou teammates who Kyle was discipling. Kyle got to share with Ryan how you can have a relationship with God by repenting of your sins and trusting Jesus paid the price for them on the cross. He shared how God offers us eternal life with Him when we trust in His forgiveness! Ryan was so excited that he joined Kyle going to East Asia that summer. He wanted to tell other people about the Good News too! Through that experience, God gave Ryan a softened heart for that part of the world, which lead him to learn Mandarin & pursue his MBA there. He started going to church and Bible Study during grad school and he met Pieyling! She is from Malaysia and was studying in the same country. They became friends and over time they fell in love. God brought them from different parts of the world to connect them. He has helped them persevere many challenges and we have gotten to journey with them as He is knitting them together. We are so excited for them that they are getting married this week. They are an incredible team and are shining for God as they grow in their love for Him and each other!

### Prayers of praise for:



#### -UW -Madison

It has been great kicking off this semester on campus! We are really grateful for the meeting room we were given access to in the stadium for our weekly large group. We are also praising God for new connections and more people joining us! We have had a variety of people joining their teammates to explore how faith and sport unite!



#### UW - Whitewater

- Over the past few years we have been serving student leaders at UW Whitewater that want to impact their campus spiritually. Cam is a

football player who came in this Fall fired up to shine for Jesus after attending Ultimate Training Camp in summer! Please pray for him as he applies the spiritual truth he learned at UTC. Christian is on the Track & Field team and really desires to help his teammates grow in their relationships with God! Buddy is a wrestler excited to continue being a part of the team Bible Study they have going! Please pray for these guys to walk faithfully and shine brightly for God's glory.



#### Edgewood College

-We've seen God open doors & raise up several great student leaders who are eager to grow in their faith personally and also to multiply it and share the Gospel to lead others to Jesus! Please pray for Danny, Carson, Will,

Jackson, and Tierney. Please also be praying for the large group gathering that has been launched as a way to connect Edgewood athletes from different sports backgrounds. We are praying for community to grow in a way that compels more people to want to follow Jesus!

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Kyle, Jayne, AJ, Leisel, George & Simon