



## Spotlight: Mizzou Women's Hoops



"Jesus is my life, my love, my passion, my purpose. Yes, I play basketball and I love to win. But God has called me to more than winning games. God has given me skills, talents, gifts and abilities to use for His Purpose and His Kingdom. I desire with all of my heart to use the platform that God has given me with basketball to influence my teammates, my community, and the nations: to make disciples who will make disciples for Jesus."  
*~Lianna Doty, Sophomore point guard Mizzou Women's Basketball*

God is making this happen by His grace in Lianna's life this season through ways that she couldn't have asked or imagined (Eph 3:20)! She passionately pursues growth in her faith in so many ways and has been meeting with Jayne for discipleship. She is also multiplying her life and faith by leading a team bible study, which is currently being attended by almost the whole team! They've been having some great conversations and discussing some really good questions. Lianna has had the opportunity to share the Gospel with EACH of her teammates! Please pray for Lianna and her teammates who are seeking to understand Christ and His love for them, but also wrestling with the decision of faith.



## Praying for Mizzou:

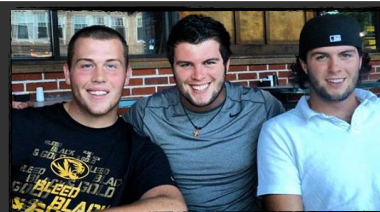
- For the Spring semester which is just beginning; that there would be "new life" in athlete and coaches' hearts as they encounter Christ.
- Please pray that 15+ students would commit to investing their summer with a mission project.

## Celebrate with us:

- God leading our family to a church home here in Columbia and connecting us with community and fellowship!

**Recent highlights:** One of our favorite highlights of 2013 was having students into our home. We loved having the guys over for watching football & movies. We also hosted a cookie baking day, where the athletes helped us bake and assemble Christmas cookie trays for the whole athletic department. They helped bake over 400 cookies!

While most of the students have been away from campus for Christmas / Winter break, we have been doing a LOT of staff team development. It's been a great time of evaluating our first semester working together. We've also been discovering ways we can grow and improve, making our team even more effective for the Spring semester. After spending time reflecting on the Fall, celebrating the places God moved, as well as identifying growth areas; we began planning for 2014. We are very excited about the opportunities God has placed on our hearts and the direction He is leading us to take the athletes and coaches we serve! The theme of the semester will be having an eternal perspective: "Victory Beyond Competition - Does it matter how I live today?"



**Praying for Winter Olympians!** You can go to Sochi (spiritually speaking) for the Winter Olympics by joining in AIA's Sochi prayer effort! We are hoping that every participating athlete and coach, from every country, will be prayed for daily by at least one person. What a powerful way to influence people on the world stage through the power of prayer.

To sign up, go to [olympics.athletesinaction.org/prayer](http://olympics.athletesinaction.org/prayer). As we get closer to the Games beginning on February 6, you will receive, via email, the names of 3-5 athletes to pray for. And the rest is easy: Pray for God's blessing over their Olympic experience, His provision for their physical health and safety, and His dominion over their spiritual lives as they encounter the various chaplains and ministry personnel who will be present at the Games. You can read faith stories of some of the competing athletes at [BeyondTheUltimate.com](http://BeyondTheUltimate.com).



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Thanks for partnering  
with us in sharing the  
love & truth of Jesus  
with athletes & coaches!

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