

It felt like I was drinking from a fire hose last spring as I was taking the Perspectives missions course. One of my most frequent prayers through it was that God would open my eyes to ways I could personally be a better missionary to college students, and especially college athletes. Well, it definitely happened.

While reading the history of missions articles, one theme became quite clear to me. One mistake that western missionaries have made in the past is to extract the native who had just come to Christ and place them in a training school. After much time away from their family, community, or tribe, the native was no longer seen as a native, but shunned from their community. Thus, the multiplication of the gospel in that culture was very slow.

This wisdom has helped me to shape the way our ministry to student-athletes is moving. The bulk of my energy is spent pouring into those who want to be an "Ambassador" for Christ on their team. My prayer is for these student-athletes to multiply their faith where they already are - amongst their teammates! They spend hours at practice, in the locker rooms, and on the bus with them. They can relate better and share the gospel with their sport's vernacular. Pray we have the mindset of 2 Corinthians 5, that "God is making his appeal through us... be reconciled to God!"

## Upcoming Events

**AIA Potlucks** - every other week we provide free dinner for athletes as a way to show them we care; pray for new faces and quality conversations that ignite relationships

**Valentine's Day Outreach** - Feb. 13th and 14th; we want to pass out flowers, chocolate, and Biblical truth that we are loved in Christ; pray for many hearts to be open to this reality

**Feed My Starving Children** - Feb. 23rd; Cru is organizing a food packing event to feed hungry kids and partner with other groups on campus; pray those who don't know Christ see his love

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I daily spend myself for God's kingdom by winning students to Christ, building them in their faith, and sending them as kingdom laborers.

"PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

- pray that at these events student-athletes would see and experience the love of Christ
- new relationships on the Cal Poly soccer team
- deeper understanding of what it means to be a missionary
- rest and recovery from being sick!

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Left: one of our groups at a previous food packing event

Right: surfboard with scripture at the craft center on campus; this is not usual!



Giving every student the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.