

Getting on a plane bound for Indianapolis in the darkness of 6am wasn't in my plans this year. But, oh, how glad I am that I made the trip to Comm Lab over spring break. I was stretched in those four days to reconsider my communication style; how I could refine it with the ultimate purpose of letting the good news of Jesus come through more clearly.

Each day was intermingled with learning about communication theory and improving each individual's public speaking skills through speaking drills. With the help of coaches and a peer group, I was able to evaluate every little detail - the good and the bad. Thanks for praying for energy and mental alertness. We needed it!

At the end of the workshop, I was escorted to the airport by a dear friend and mentor of mine, Bill. I met Bill back in 2004 when I was a student on summer project in Virginia Beach. Bill was there when I shared my faith with a group of eight kids on the beach; He listened to me while I day-dreamed about tattoo ideas (which I still don't have to this day - don't worry Mom!); He body-surfed with me in the crashing waves and got a bloody nose doing it. He is a superb model of loving and living life with people, and **I model much of my ministry after the way Bill loved me that summer.** Needless to say, I love this man and it was a sweet gift from the Lord to see him after almost eight years of being apart.

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**This coming summer I will spend six weeks in Ft. Collins, Colorado** with the purpose of being better equipped to minister from a solid theological base. I'll be amongst 200 fellow staff the first four weeks for intensive seminary classes. The last two weeks will be our national staff conference, where roughly 6,000 missionaries will gather to be refreshed and regain vision for the future. **Please pray for my needed additional support** to come in quickly! I desire to be fully engaging with the material and not distracted by finances.

With love,

*Matt*

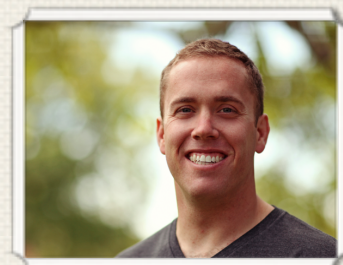


**Left:** my group of peers and coaches for the week

**Right:** cherishing time with Bill at the airport before I departed



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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.

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"PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

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- pray for energy to finish the school year well
- more connections with coaches and players on campus
- pray for my financial need of \$5,000 for the summer to be given by June 1st
- praise that I just turned 29 and have one more year before 30!

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