



Athletes in Action

May-August 2009

The Best Job on the Planet



Last sermon before 'Golgatha' run



Students & staff gather to encourage him to finish the Captains Death Crawl



UTC opening night



UConn basketball player finishing the last event to the special known as 'Golgatha'



"Olle" surrendering to Jesus. Letting go of pride and god of winning



Refing out Tug-o-War

Week 1 – One hundred and sixty one athletes experienced an incredible journey of combining athletics and their faith in Jesus Christ into one starting the journey of learning how to compete for the Kings of Kings and live a lifestyle that is a "thank you" to what Jesus has done for us. I think around 15 people accepted Jesus Christ as Lord, and all of the athletes had stories of how God was working in their lives powerfully that week.

Week 2 – There were about 55 students and at least five put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Several accepted the challenge to join full-time staff with AIA or go into full time ministry.

Videos – Twenty videos have been edited, and we hope to launch everyathlete.com this Fall. I am very excited and hope they will be a great resource and ministry to the heart of athletes spurring them on to seek Jesus in the midst of their sport.



Nicaragua



AIA baseball Team, Nicaragua



Sharing Jesus with little league soccer - we thought we were playing a game but the Holy Spirit had other plans

Dallas & Nicaragua 64 Nicaraguan athletes committed their lives to Jesus, and all the angels threw a party! We had an amazing team where incredible leadership development and community was built within our own baseball team. Prayers were answered all over the place. For more details pictures and videos go to [here](http://everyathlete.com).



*Grover AIA camp, July 18, 2009
group shot*



Me, Paul & LouAnn Timm, Clint

* 30-40 students, ages 12-18 for 1 day Sports Camp hosting by Athletes in Action in Grover, Colorado. Population of town under 1,000". Clint and I also spoke at Friendship Alliance Church in Grover the next day. We have a great partnership with the pastor King Smith and the church.

* Speaking at Churches: Aurora Alliance Church, Friendship Alliance, Cornerstone Community, and small group in Meriden allowed me to share a lot of what Jesus was doing through my ministry with Athletes in Action this summer. Many of those places are filled with friends and supporters.

Campus Crusade National Conference – my thankfulness for 4 things:

- 1) Both the leadership of Crusade and AIA had broken hearts as they addressed crucial issues.
- 2) Received a lot from the Lord and stayed with an amazing family, the Howe's who really provided a great place of rest and refuge to be with Jesus.
- 3) Hung out with AIA staff and had a good time being with people and not doing ministry. Rest was accomplished.

Before my trip back I had a lot of car problems but the Lord taught me about his peaceful justice and worked things out.



*My family, the Hargroves, at
Danny & Melissa's wedding that
I officiated*



*The Hogrefe's and I in Meriden,
IA (Clint was my former Sioux
City chaplain*



Rockford host family Dad, 'Gunner' & I at the Rockford game

Along the way I have been enjoying ministering with families like you. Here are some that hosted me or I was able to visit this summer: host families in Dallas, Timm's, Ft. Collins-Howe's, my family, Craig Brandenburg, Kathol's, Hogrefe's, Rauber's, McCarty's.

- Ministry is about doing it together and I think that we are all doing it well. Some give to the great commission through time, talents and resources and some go; we all do it TOGETHER. Thanks team for being an amazing support system! Jesus is making his name known and changing lives through us.

Coming up September

- Sep 5-8 Brett & Raquel Shaffer wedding
- Speaking at Berean Bible Church, Pennsylvania
- Finding, launching and equipping student-led AIA ministries on college campuses
 - Connecting them to the right coach/mentor to guide them along the way
 - Coaching student-led campuses and working one day a week (Thursdays) with Wittenberg's student athletes

Remember this is just a snapshot of the summer; For more details on what Jesus did this summer through this ministry explore the blog pictures & video from May-August at www.taylorhargrove.wordpress.com

AIA HIGHLIGHT REEL – What is happening with Athletes in Action around the World