

February 2014

NYC



BLITZ



SPIRIT-LED SPORTLINC STUDENT SENSATIONS

It all started with prayer in March of 2013. With the Super Bowl being in NYC, AIA's annual Super Bowl Breakfast being hosted in that city and AIA campus ministry focusing on "Growing where we are and going where we are not", it became apparent that we should capitalize our efforts to resource and launch spiritual movements in the athletic departments of colleges in that area. Our AIA SportLinc team was going to team up with our AIA staff at Rutgers University to reach a couple campuses.

Well with some incredible provision we also got to bring in 4 SportLinc Students (Student Athletes running ministries in their athletic departments, consisting of 50 around the country that I am the director over and 7 that I specifically disciple). Jesus was so good to us by bringing them with us. The four of them missed practices, school, and work to jump at the bit of helping other student athletes like themselves reach their teammates and the athletic department for Jesus Christ.

An awesome opportunity for SportLinc students is that they have to own the ministry; it rises and falls based on their walk with Jesus and the work they put in. This really allows many of them to soar as leaders. A downside is there is not anyone there to model

discipleship to them on their campus. "Like what does it really look like to share my faith with my teammate?" What was awesome about this NYC Blitz was these four (Matt Simmons, Raechele Grey, Collin Raddack, & Carly Edwards) got to rub shoulders with each other and with our AIA Staff. We did ministry together, something that was so valuable on both ends.

Our plans needed a change as the first day Jan 21st provided for a snowstorm that locked down much of NYC and closed many of the campuses. Our SportLinc students went to town with what we call "Decoding a Campus" they used Google to do a CSI investigation to find out who are key contacts we need to meet with on the campuses we were going to. This is a mixture of the Spirit opening doors and a lot of networking. By the end of the snow storm, appointments were made and we had one day to go and meet with key people in athletic departments to give them a free ticket to Athletes in Actions super bowl breakfast.

There were so many awesome God stories that day that you will have to ask me about. After the day was over the 12 of us with the blessing of Jesus were able to connect with about 10 different key leaders on different College Campus in the NYC/NJ metro area.

NYC BLITZ TEAM



ATHLETES IN ACTION NYC BLITZ STATS

PHASE 1 NYC BLITZ STATS:

- 4 (SPORTLINC REPS) STUDENT LEADERS EMPOWERED
- 14 TOTAL TEAM AIA EQUIPPED IN "GOING WHERE WE ARE NOT"
- 10 CAMPUS TOUCH POINTS POSSIBLY 23 WITH CUNY SCHOOLS
- KEY CONTACTS ON EACH OF 10 CAMPUSES VISITED IN 24 HRS.
- INVITATION TO NCAA AD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

PHASE 2 SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST STATS:

- 10 OF 13 SPOTS AT SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST FILLED WITH CAMPUS REPS.
- RESOURCED 8 CAMPUSES WITH WITH SPORTS MINISTRY MATERIALS

PHASE 3 FOLLOW UP : PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS PHASE

- STARTED _____ NEW CAMPUSES
- 3 PRE-EXISTING MINISTRIES TO ATHLETES ON COLLEGE CAMPUS
(SETON HALL, WESTPOINT, & COLUMBIA)

I really had to step up my leadership and empower people to fill roles to make this NYC Blitz a success. Thankfully with some empowering skills from AIA, an awesome team and the power of the Holy Spirit, the trip was successful in so many ways. We now enter into "Phase 3" follow up with all our contacts, which is the most difficult part. Pray for us as we want to see a sustained spiritual movement five years from now.

"He shepherded them with an upright heart and guided them with skillful hands." Psalm 78:72

1,000 ATTENDED SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST.
10 WERE GUESTS FROM OUR NYC BLITZ.
ESCORTING BART AGAIN WAS A JOY.



- Personally I have been really busy with work. I think I have the best job in the world. Thank you for being a ministry partner!
- One of the baseball players gave his life to Jesus last week at the local Jr. College I work with, which was really encouraging! He applied to play with our Dominican Republic baseball team.
- I have been meditating a lot on the "Ten Plagues" and God's incredible power as well as the songs that are sung to Jesus in the book of Revelation.
- Please pray for a wife for me. I am ready to give my life to someone and live on mission with the same person. I know Jesus will make me more like himself in the midst of the joys and trials of marriage.
- Also I am hoping to move back to Denver at some point. Please pray for Jesus to write an awesome new chapter with some hopes of transition but for me to still enjoy the moments I have now before those transitions happen.

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