



# APRIL 2017 EVERY ATHLETE

Lately, God has been providing opportunities for me to speak all over the place. Earlier this month I drove out to Columbus, Ohio, to meet my new AIA staff team at the Ohio State University. They were incredibly hospitable and welcomed me right into their planning sessions and daily routines. It's incredible to see the influence of AIA on campus. The staff members have full access to just about every team. We got to walk through practices and have Bible studies with the teams right after. We also met up with guys individually at various points in the week for more personal discipleship. I got to meet Kyle Snyder, who won the Olympics this past summer in Rio. This guy is quickly becoming the Michael Jordan of wrestling, and he's a young believer being discipled by one of the AIA staff guys.

It was so refreshing to get out to campus and see the ministry in action. I'd been asking God to lead me to supporters out in Ohio and He totally did! Through a mutual friend, I met a former Ohio State Golfer named Logan. We hit it off quickly and really got to "bro down" as we talked about theology and ministry at OSU. Logan is what we call a man of peace, he's been helping me meet more people in Columbus and even giving me tips on churches.

While in Columbus, I was able to speak at the AIA Wednesday night large group meeting on "Christian Fellowship". It was a blast! I made a bunch of cheesy Bible jokes and for the first time I didn't get booed (however, I did get boos for the same jokes when I spoke Youth Group at Harvest Bible Chapel in DeKalb, IL, a few days later when I came home.)

Ohio State already feels like home and I'm so excited to get out there. So what's next?

Currently I'm still raising support out here in Illinois and I'll be driving back and forth between Wheaton and Columbus to meet with ministry partners and potential ministry partners. The Ohio State staff asked me to be a part of their planning week at the end of April so I'll have some say in what next year's ministry will look like. My goal is to be fully funded by the end of June so I can head out to Columbus and get moved in before the fall semester.

This summer we have our gigantic Campus Crusade for Christ summer conference in Colorado. This happens every other year and I've been wanting to go for the past 4 years so I'm really excited to finally see everyone all together, thousands of Cru missionaries all in one place! I'm praying about doing a few more Cru seminary classes this summer as well.

Please continue to pray for my support to come in. I'm running low on contacts so please pray for more referrals as well.

On a personal note, my brother Gabe has taken some huge steps in his faith lately. He's totally clean, and he's been living here with my parents, going to church with them, reading his Bible daily and asking really good questions about Jesus. Please pray that God will continue to change Gabe's heart and empower him to follow Christ.

My Nephew Lukas, who's been battling leukemia since before his first birthday is doing really well, he's finishing his last couple months of this two year treatment, praise God! Please pray that he'll be completely healed and be able to finish treatment this summer.

Thank you for partnering with me to reach student athletes with the Gospel of Christ, God is on the move in big ways!



## PICTURES FROM THE LAST FEW MONTHS!

MY NEPHEW, LUKAS & I. (TOP LEFT)

KYLE SNYDER & I. KYLE WON THE OLYMPIC MEDAL LAST SUMMER IN WRESTLING IN RIO. (TOP RIGHT)