

# Athletes in Action

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“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.” Romans 8:5

Happy Summer! Well, the kids have been out of school for about a week now and I am trying to adapt to the increased volume level in our home, as well as a higher number of matchbox cars, action figures, Legos and dolls lying around ready to be stepped on. It definitely is an adjustment having all six of them home all day, and I told Colby for the first few days of it I was in a constant state of annoyance :) I just couldn't handle the bickering, sighs of boredom and the incessant begging for TV shows! Maybe I wouldn't actually make it through the summer! However God, in His goodness, ordained it that I would be teaching the students on campus about the Holy Spirit this summer. There is a settling in my spirit when I remember that the Spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead lives in me. And that that Spirit wants to lead, guide, direct and produce fruit in my life. I have been reminded that God does not call us to be comfortable, but to follow Him, and sometimes that is not always easy. Right now, He has called me to raise these kiddos and point them toward Jesus, and I need to be open to how His Spirit wants to work in and through me...daily, hourly, and even moment by moment. I want my life to matter for eternity and to be someone who radiates Christ, for His glory. Please pray with me, as I pray for you, that we would be set our minds on what the Spirit desires and be ready to follow His lead. To God be all the glory!



Top left: Here's a group shot of a recent bible study I led with our summer group. Each week we have had between 15-30 students come hungry to learn about the Holy Spirit. Above: Three times so far this summer a group of our AIA students have gone into Detroit to serve at our partnership ministry there...yay! Bottom left: We love having students in our home!! Last week we had a group of seven of them over and had a blast laughing and playing with them!

## The Ultimate Training Camp

Last month Colby had to opportunity to serve at one of our Athletes in Action Ultimate Training Camps in Colorado. The UTC is a high intensity sports camp, created by Athletes in Action, for college and professional athletes. At the UTC we tackle the issue of how to blend faith and sport together on the field of competition. We do this by teaching athletes five Biblical Principles and then allowing them to test those truths in a 20-hour sports marathon known as "The SPECIAL". Colby's role while he was there was to help train and develop the student-interns as they were leading their peers.

A really special thing about staffing the Colorado UTC this year was that we had two Michigan student-athletes in attendance. I asked one of them, Taylor from the women's soccer team, to write a bit about her UTC experience. Be encouraged as you read it...God is on the move!

*"The week I spent in Colorado for the Ultimate Training Camp was inspirational, motivational, and life changing. At UTC, I was connected with collegiate and professional athletes who love God, love their sport, and love to win. I am so thankful to have met so many amazing new brothers and sisters in Christ. It is such a blessing having been connected with another community that pushes me to be a better believer. It is difficult being a Christian in college because the world seems to pull me one way while my faith pulls me another. Before camp, I felt as though I had one foot in my earthly goals and desires and the other foot in Jesus. I was in a constant tug-of-war battle between the person I wanted to be in the eyes of Jesus and the person the world was telling me to be. UTC pushed me to take my one foot out of the world and put everything into Jesus. UTC taught me how to apply an eternal perspective to everyday life. I learned tangible ways to not only play my sport with Jesus but to walk on a daily basis with Him. I grew closer and more familiar with the Holy Spirit. I am beyond grateful for my experience at UTC and will carry it with me throughout my life."*



Maurgen, Taylor and Colby at the UTC



It's been a big month around here...Mia turned 6, while Jairus had his 4th birthday in May. And Jackson had his 5th grade promotion ceremony, which I cried the whole way through! As much as there is craziness here at home, I just want time to stop. Where did my babies go??

Please pray...

...for the student athletes involved in AIA here this summer. Pray they would be changed by God's Word and seek to be led by His Spirit.

...for refreshment physically, emotional and spiritually for us as we take a few weeks of vacation in July with our families.

...for wisdom for Colby as he perseveres through his very intense seminary class this summer. Pray the papers he has to write would come quickly and skillfully.

...for us to keep Jesus as our first love.

*We are eternally grateful for the investment you are making here through us...thank you!!!*