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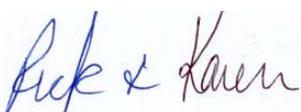
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*AIA is striving to see
Christ-followers on
every team in every
sport in every nation
through helping
athletes take their
passion, faith and
sport to new places
giving new meaning
to being a missionary.*



What a summer!

It only seems like a few weeks ago when we picked up Emily and Ellie from Tiffin and OU in May. Even Andrew visited from NYC, while Erica popped in from her home near OSU. Then it was the middle of August and time to get Annie (Senior), Elizabeth (Soph.), and Aaron (8th) ready for school and take Emily and Ellie back to college.

In between, we coordinated getting five people to their jobs, camps, and VBS with two cars, one of which Rick used to commute 2.5 hours a day to AIA's headquarters in Xenia, OH.

Despite the family schedule, God allowed us the privilege of joining Him in some very significant activities over the summer. The following are a few.



In May Rick began administrating the AIA team blog website where most of the global sports projects share what God is doing through their missions. The site is essentially a town square. Our athletes/volunteers share with everyone from their families and friends to anyone who loves sports. It's written mostly by collegiate athletes in sports ranging from basketball to wrestling ministering in countries from the

Dominican Republic to South Africa and New Zealand. The site historically did not have a dedicated manager, but Rick provided set-up, training support, as well as on-going assistance. As a result, our site generated a 40% increase in visits this summer, despite down time in July due to our conference.

At our national staff conference, we had the privilege to step back and celebrate what the Lord has been doing in every corner of the globe. Cru president Steve Douglass described this point in history as "the golden age of missions."

It is incredibly invigorating to hear how we are rapidly approaching a day when every person everywhere knows someone who truly knows and follows Jesus Christ. Our goal through the 60 different ministries which make up Cru is to reach EVERY person with the life-giving message of the gospel. At our conference, we worshipped, prayed, heard from cutting edge ministers of the gospel, and participated in practical, helpful workshops to equip us to share God's love with an extremely diverse cultural. We will share more soon about our roles and their part in AIA's 2020 vision for ministry in the coming months.



We have the privilege of serving our Lord using the gifts He has given us because of you! Together we are a team serving God with Athletes in Action. Each member is critical to accomplishing the mission, thank you.