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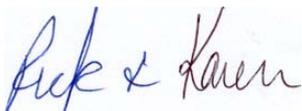
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*AIA is striving to see  
Christ-followers on  
every team in every  
sport in every nation  
through helping  
athletes take their  
passion, faith and  
sport to new places  
giving new meaning  
to being a missionary.*



## It's all about showing up!

For the last three years, Dawn has had room in her life for only basketball, her boyfriend, and school. Basketball has been good to her by providing an education. Not as much can be said for the boyfriend. Livia, an AIA staff member, has been an athletic trainer at Dawn's college for the last two years. During that time, Livia has cared for Dawn and her teammates physically, emotionally and spiritually while building relationships with the team and conducting Bible studies.



Dawn has been attending the Bible study the whole time it has been available, but she was only going through the motions. Livia decided it was time to share her testimony and the gospel with Dawn before she graduated, so they scheduled lunch together. As they sat down to eat, before Livia could even begin, Dawn blurted out, "I need to



have Jesus in my life." Livia could hardly believe what she was hearing. It turns out that Dawn and her boyfriend were driving on a highway through a bad snow storm when their car spun out right in front of an 18-wheeler; but through God's grace, the truck completely missed their car. A few more inches and they would have been hit by a 35,000 pound truck. God gave Dawn a glimpse of her own mortality, and because Livia had been sharing the love of Christ with her, Dawn knew exactly whom she needed to talk to. Livia then had the privilege to share the gospel with her, and

Dawn prayed to receive Christ.

God is always at work, and we all have the privilege of being His messengers. I get to assist Livia and others on her team with their operations and communications. You help make that possible with your prayers and gifts. (The names have been changed to provide privacy.)

*We value staying in touch with you. Like many families we will be dropping our home phone number. Please make a note of this change and use our cell numbers listed to the left. If YOU have changed numbers, would you let us know by calling or sending an email soon?*

***Prayer Requests for:***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elizabeth, who is still suffering significantly with severe headaches</li> <li>• For the success of the therapy Elizabeth is doing</li> <li>• Rick &amp; Karen as we balance family and ministry needs</li> <li>• For Ellie's Russia mission, later in March</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praise and thanks for all the prayers around my Mom's passing. Everything went as well as it could.</li> <li>• For AIA staff as we plan &amp; prepare for this year's mission projects</li> <li>• For Rick in administrating the AIA team blogs and sports teams website</li> <li>• For Karen in her writing, editing, and work on AIA's annual report</li> </ul> |
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