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BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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Hi Friends & Family!

This is my first newsletter! I hope the summer treated you well. Mine was filled with excitement, craziness, and fun. God has been teaching me so much! I just wanted to give you some updates on ministry, school, and life in general!

Athletes in Action

The semester is underway and my internship with Athletes in Action has already started! However, right now I am in the process of raising support. I need to get to 100% of my monthly support goal in order to report to my assignment (University of Arizona). So this past month I've mainly been focusing on getting to 100%. Currently, I'm just around 60% supported! Thanks for all the support, both financially and prayerfully!

The first week of school was busy! Jon (Campus Director), Katie (Associate Campus Director), and I served free Eegees (a frozen fruit drink) to the athletes as they were traveling in and out of the McKale Center (main athletic center). I was also on campus for some team meetings. The Athletic Department gave us the opportunity to briefly share 'who we are' and 'what we do' with each of the teams. We then hand out a comment card that gives them the chance to share their interests in spiritual matters. We were able to meet with 16 out of the 18 teams! This was such a great chance to see where athletes are on a spiritual level. I've seen a lot of new faces since that past semester!

Church and Other Ministry

On August 23rd, I had a small role in the ACE (Arizona Church Equipping) Conference 2010. I kicked off the conference by reciting, from memory, 1 Corinthians 13 to the largest audience I've ever been in front of! Eddy Pearson, my long time friend/mentor (and director of the conference) asked months ago if I would memorize that chapter for the conference. It was a humbling, nerve wracking experience, but the Lord was good, and I'm so glad I got to do it!

At church (Tucson Chinese Baptist Church) it is my turn to teach one of the adult Sunday School classes. I trade off every quarter with another teacher. Well, the Fall Quarter is mine and we're going over Ephesians. Please pray for me as I lead this class. I am really focusing on the class growing in their love for the Lord (partially due to 1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Seminary

I have one year left!!! This Fall Semester I'm taking Survey of Christianity I and Introduction to Old Testament Hebrew. I haven't had too many classes yet, but I am eager to get into the material. It's definitely going to be a challenge with Hebrew, but I'm ready!

Things are on the Up & Up

Since summer till now life has been really crazy. I've gone through so much in so little time. There have been ups and downs physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. But the Lord has used all of that in a really positive way. One of my struggles has been answering the question, "Do I really love Jesus?" There were times in the summer where I couldn't answer that with a definite 'yes.' But recently I have asked the Lord to change my heart and He has come through and given me sincere moments of loving Him.

Blessings,
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