

NEW STAFF TRAINING

BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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My Soapbox

(This is just a short sharing I wanted to add as something God has really been hitting me with, something that I am excited and passionate about.)

Freedom *from* vs. Freedom *for*

I recently listened to a radio show from a Christian station in Chicago. Skye Jethani was guest hosting for a couple of days and as he was talking something caught my attention. The election is coming up this year and Skye was on the topic of freedom. A lot of the time when we, Americans (both Christian and non), think of freedom we think of what we were freed from. In 1776, we gained freedom from the Britain. In 1865, blacks gained their freedom from slavery. And when people accept Christ as Lord and Savior they are freed from the bondage of sin and death. But Skye declares we are missing a big part of freedom, which is freedom *for/towards*. Not only are we free *from*, but we are free *for* something. As followers of Christ we are free to love our enemies, free for serving others, free towards good and godliness. We miss that part of freedom, which has hurt the Christian faith. So next time you think of freedom remember what Christ has set us free for.

Weather the weather

Well I've been in Orlando, FL for over three weeks and so far it's been pretty good. The weather... not so much. It's been a rainy, hot, muggy, summer over here. We had a stretch of 5 days of rain, which was a tad bit miserable, but all of us survived. Believe it or not, I'm actually looking forward to coming back to Tucson's dry heat.

Peep the people

Aside from the weather, NST has been quite an experience. We have around 170 new staff here from all over the country. I've met a good deal of people from the Midwest and South, yet few from the West Coast. This is a small reminder that the West Coast is suffering spiritually and needs more laborers for Christ. It's been great meeting people, but it's a bit overwhelming. I'm a pretty introverted person, so the days, especially at the beginning, have been exhausting. Still, I'm connecting with some pretty cool people. The best thing is I've made some good friends that are joining AIA with me.

Future... Answered!!!

If you recall my last newsletter I mentioned I was down to my final two placements. I left it as a cliffhanger, but the final spots were either the University of California Irvine or AIA Headquarters in Xenia, OH. Well I talked to my regional director and found out where I'm going... *drum roll* ... The Lord and AIA are sending me to the University of California Irvine!!! I am so stoked to be going there. I talked to the UCI Campus Director and he was really excited to have me. For the past several years it's only been him and his wife and kids. He never thought AIA would send him more staff. Thanks for all the prayers and if you could please keep praying that I raise my support so I can report ASAP!

Seeking God,
Jeremy



Spending some time with Jesus on the Rollins College dock!



(from left to right) Monica, Kelsey, Andy, me
Four of five AIA people at NST... I think it was supposed to a serious pose?



My Christian Worldview class at NST

For more information, you can check out my website at www.wongside.com/jeremy

Also, many times I like to send links and emails to my supporters showing more of my ministry with AIA. If you have an email address and would like to receive these notifications, please email me at jmwong@wongside.com