

# COME ALONG WITH J WONG

BUILDING SPIRITUAL MOVEMENTS THROUGH THE PLATFORM OF SPORT

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## Recruiting in motion

Part of my holiday season included a trip out to San Diego. Beautiful weather and the beach... Yes, it sounds nice and “vacation-y”, but I assure you my boss sent me for the specific reason of recruiting. One of our key strategic objectives within *Athletes in Action* is recruiting 250 new staff over the next two years. This includes full time, part time, interns, and short term international interns. It is a God sized goal, but we realize for us to fulfill the mission God has called us will require more staff and partners.

*Cru* (our parent organization) has annual Winter Conferences around the different regions. San Diego hosted the Pacific Southwest region. So two other AIA staff and I were able to go out there for a few days to see who the Lord might be calling to AIA staff. Our efforts were centered on a recruiting dinner for those interested. We had around 30 students attend as we shared how God called us to ministry and specifically AIA. It was really amazing that the three of us each had very different stories. In the end, many students were interested, but most of them were only freshmen and sophomores. My desire for instant results left me a bit discouraged, but my boss reminded me that this is a good initial touch point for the younger classes.

In January I went to an AIA Winter Retreat in North Carolina to recruit. This was a little more fruitful in terms of possible near future staff because (1) all the students attending already knew about AIA and (2) there were more upper classmen. We’ll see what the Lord does! Aside from recruiting, God was definitely moving at this retreat! We broke out into men’s and women’s groups. I led a group of four men through the topics of manhood and sexuality. My exhortation to them was dig deep and grow in God’s definition of what it means to be a man. I believe these are crucial times for Christians to understand and defend our beliefs on man- and womanhood.

## My Soapbox

(This is a short sharing of how God has impacted me in a profound way.)

Please check out this amazing story (on video) of God moving in my ministry.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBVIZ9ujW9Q>



(top right) Mid-South Winter Retreat in NC! Played a game of speed charades to get the student-athletes ready to engage for the weekend!  
(bottom right) Went with the fam on a Blue Bell Ice Cream Factory Tour! The intricacies of making ice cream makes me want some!  
(bottom left) This was the night where all the campus interns from around the country came to a UD weekly meeting. I talked about this briefly in my video. Truly a special night for me as I got see both my roles coming together.

For more information, check out my website at [www.wongside.com/jeremy](http://www.wongside.com/jeremy)

Also, many times I like to send links and emails to my ministry partners showing more of my ministry with AIA. If you have an email address and would like to receive these notifications, please email me at [jeremy.wong@athletesinaction.org](mailto:jeremy.wong@athletesinaction.org)