

AIA WITH J WONG

BRINGING ATHLETES CLOSER TO GOD IN A REAL WAY

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Next Head Coach?

This month was a bit topsy-turvy with our head football coach getting fired. My staff team and I were saddened by this news as he was a strong advocate for our ministry and what we do. Our head Strength & Conditioning coach is also a strong follower of Christ, which gave us so many open doors to the athletic community as a whole.

I've said it before, but its crazy the new stuff I learn about sports ministry. I did not realize how much of a trickle-down effect a coaching change can or will have on the athletic department and what we do as a ministry. It is definitely a faith builder as we trust in the Lord's providence. I'm not sure what is going to happen next, but I'm praying that the new coach will either be Christian or at least open to AIA. Please pray for us as we go through this transition. I know the Lord will do what He wants to do!

Seven Key Questions (Continued)

We had our Regional Director, Aaron Higginbotham, come answer the questions, "If God is good, why does evil exist?" and "Why do bad things happen to good people?" I think he did an excellent job answering these extremely hard questions. The thing that stuck with me was his passionate testimony of having to go through difficult times with his baby girl's health. He experienced this first hand. One thing he said truly spoke to me. In the midst of this difficult time he told God, "Help me trust You for today. I don't know about tomorrow."

Harvest Festival

October 29th was my church's annual Harvest Festival. In lieu of Halloween, we have an outreach event with dressing up in costumes and mini-carnival games. It's probably one of our biggest events we do at church. I definitely had a great time because it gives me another chance to serve outside of my AIA ministry. My friend Steph and I were in charge of getting prizes the kids can purchase with the tickets they win from games. It's always both adorable and hilarious to watch them and see what they get.

I'm Going Back!

Next month I'm heading back to Xenia, OH for some Internship training time. All the interns are getting together for a few days to be refreshed, connected, and trained. I'm excited, but even more so because I'm staying a few days extra so I can see and catch up with all the staff friends I made this summer.

Blessings,
Jeremy



Okay some of you are going to laugh at me, those of you with experience dealing with snakes, but a few weeks ago I battled with a rattlesnake for over an hour. It's quite an amusing story, so I'd be glad to tell you if you want to know :)



Donald setting up an object lesson for his Key Question: What is Sin? And why did Jesus have to die?



Harvest Fest at my church! I don't really know what I was dressing up as... trying to be a 1900s New Yorker. Check out the movie *Newsies* (from left to right) Amanda, Lauren, Priscilla, & me