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Legends

One of my highlights for April was *Legends of the Hardwood*. This is one of four unique events AIA holds throughout the year. This particular event is hosted at the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four Tournament. I signed up as a volunteer, so six friends and I packed up a 12 passenger van & trailer and drove 17 hours straight from Xenia to Dallas.

As low man on the totem pole, I pretty much took a servants role and did everything my colleagues asked of me. And honestly, I had such a great time! I had so much joy just serving and helping where we needed help. Sometimes my envy wants to put me in the spotlight with the "big wigs," but I have to run away from that temptation and remember Philippians 2:3-8.

Please check out the recap sheet on the next page.

Mexico

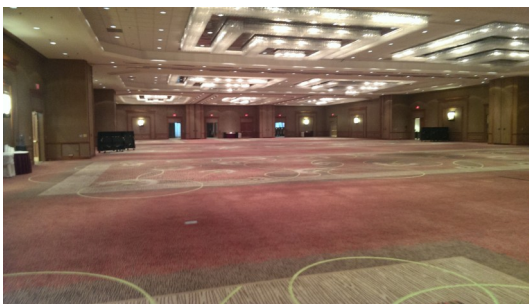
As you may know, every year, each AIA staff goes on a summer opportunity. In the past, I've been to the Ultimate Training Camp, X-Project, and Leadership @ Altitude. This year I get to go to Mexico on a Men's basketball tour! My official role will be Team Discipler. I will be responsible for "coordinating the spiritual and social training of the players both at training camp and overseas." I am thrilled about the chance to go on a sports team tour and work with the AIA ministry we have in Mexico. Training camp starts on May 26th and will be held in Xenia. Then we fly to Mexico on May 31st and come back on June 13th. Please check out our team blog at <http://teamblogs.athletesinaction.org/2014-teams/2014/basketball---mexico>

My Soapbox

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

A quick follow up from my last newsletter. I had a good conversation with Rachel (Sinclair softball) the other day. I didn't have a chance to directly ask her if she has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, but she is definitely in process and moving towards that direction. Her biggest struggle is accepting salvation as a gift and not trying to work for it. But as a Christian, I remember early on in my faith I ran into the same problem. There is something in us as humans that need to prove, perform, and earn.

To that end, for Rachel, I am worried about the summertime. She doesn't have a solid Christian community she can lean on over the summer. Please pray that the Lord will continue to draw her close to Himself during this time and into the Fall semester when campus will start up again.



Here you can see how you can be praying for us and see updates of the ministry God is doing in and through us.

(top & bottom left) Before and after pics of our set up for the Legends breakfast. We had around 1300 people there!
(middle) My friend Allison Stowell and I were given the opportunity and privilege to co-emcee AIA spring meetings called Springboard '14. We were both super nervous, but able to step out of our comfort zone. In the end, it was a blast!
(right) Stephanie (staff) and four of our senior leaders at our last UD weekly meeting. We decided to do a group panel and share what AIA has meant to each of them for the past four years of their college life. AMAZING STORIES OF GOD'S WORK!

For more information, check out my website at 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