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Where I've Been...

These last three months have been a whirlwind. I apologize for not sharing on a more regular basis, but as I highlight what's been happening in my life and ministry, please contact me with questions and comments!

- † After my basketball tour to Mexico, I took some vacation time back to the West Coast and Southwest.
- † End of June I went to my cousin's (Andy) bachelor party at Big Bear Lake. Fun time with Andy and all the groomsmen!
- † July 19th Andy got married to his bride Rachel. I had the honor of Best Man. I was nervous about my speech, but I think it went well. Congrats you two!
- † August was a month of gearing up for the new campus ministry cycle.
- † We had a 937 Staff Team Retreat from August 11-12th. It was a great time re-connecting with my fellow staff on the 937 Dayton Metro Team! What's the correlation between Luke 10:38-42 and John 12:1-8? It's quite intriguing when you study the two passages together.
- † We held our annual National Campus Team (NCT) meetings in Xenia from August 25-29th. It is crazy to think of the weightiness these meetings hold... campus ministries **across the nation** are impacted by what goes on here. We definitely needed lots of prayer, seeking the Lord, strategic planning, and vision casting.
- † September we kicked off campus ministry at UD. We had over 40 people at our first weekly meeting including athletes from Sinclair Community College! The entire last year we had one girl from Sinclair faithfully come to UD. The fruits of her labor are finally paying off as her invitations to her teammates are slowly being accepted. Please keep praying more Sinclair athletes will come!
- † On September 26th & 27th we held a kick-off retreat for the student leaders of the 937 campuses. Close to 20 leaders came (5 from UD) as we empowered them to go back to their respective campuses with Psalm 27:4 on their hearts. One athlete wrote on her evaluation, "Wonderful experience growing in my faith. Everything was relatable and interesting. Great people and wonderful other athletes."



My Soapbox

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

The other day, I was watching a rerun of one of my favorite television shows. One particular segment had two characters in a hilarious conversation about selfless good deeds. Now, sometimes my mind wanders to strange ideas, but this time I felt a prompting from the Lord. I muted the show and watched the two characters dialogue in silence. After a few times I pulled out a stopwatch and timed each of them talking. I knew exactly what God was trying to teach me. The conversation was split almost exactly 50/50. Why is this important?

Lately, I've been dwelling on the concept of prayer and how at it's simplest form it is talking to God. Prayer is being in a *conversation* with the Creator of the Universe. I emphasize '*conversation*' because so many times I make it a monologue for me to speak and God to listen. Now that's not always a bad thing, but I wonder how much time I actually give Him time to speak. God said be quick to listen and slow to speak. And after all, He is Creator and I am created. He is the potter and I am the clay.

Early on in my faith journey I learned the ACTS model of praying (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication), which is a great way to pray. But I think I'll intersperse an 'S' next time for me to remain (S)ilent and listen to what He is saying to me.



(top) The 937 Staff Team at our retreat at Hueston Woods Lodge. This is an amazing team with a few new additions!

(bottom left) Group discussion at our first weekly meeting. I shared on the topic of *What AIA is and is not*. It was a good first start to set the tone of AIA at UD.

(bottom right) Debrief during team building at our student leader retreat. We played a game called *Tank* where one partner is blindfolded and has to throw balls at other teams. The other partner is a shield and directs the blind teammate where to go and where to throw.

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