

As the rest of the campers got their sundaes and headed into another room to eat them, Peter (not his real name) sat alone eating his ice cream in the room where it was being served. Soon, one of our volunteers, approached him to ask if he was alright. He responded, "I'm just trying to cool off. Another kid keeps picking on me. I am learning that I need to control myself, so I am sitting here so I don't beat him up and get sent home from this camp."



At the end of the low course teambuilding, campers were asked to choose a picture that represented something they learned. One camper chose a picture of a cross and said, "I picked this card because I feel like this camp is helping me know Jesus better."



Campers at the Muñoz camp work together in a teambuilding activity.

Earlier that evening, Chris, one of our interns, had led the chapel talk for all 110 campers at the Anthony Muñoz Impact for Eternity football camp. Chris spoke to the campers about how we need to exercise self control in our lives. This was the second of three chapel services provided for the campers during the three day camp. After each chapel service, the campers were led in small group discussions to help them understand and personalize the lessons that were being taught.



Campers ready for the high course

Peter's decision to eat in a separate room was evidence that at least some of the urban youth attending this camp were gleaning personal lessons through the chapel services. While at the camp, these youth also participated in teambuilding at the challenge course as well as football instruction. During the chapel service on Sunday morning, Anthony Muñoz shared his testimony and a Gospel message with the campers.

We are praising God for the opportunities we had to sow seeds of the Gospel in the lives of these urban youth from Cincinnati and Dayton.

Unexpected Opportunity

When the thunderstorm and lightning rolled in, the athletes and coaches who were hovered in the hospitality tent were no longer safe. Our staff quickly ushered them indoors to our headquarters building to wait out the storm. As the college aged students and their coaches were hanging out in our staff dining room, my co-worker, Matt, decided to play for them one of our evangelistic DVDs called Passion and Power. In this film, several professional and Olympic athletes tell the story of how God has helped them through various trials in their lives.

We were excited that God provided this unique opportunity for us to share God's hope with these collegiate athletes who had come to our facilities for a recent soccer tournament.

Over the past few weeks, we have also hosted one adult leadership group, three baseball teams and one softball team on our challenge course.

We had the opportunity to share a spiritual message with each of these teams.



Members of Leadership Trotwood help one another in the game of Tank.



Saline high school softball players help one another through Gridlock.

Upcoming Events

Here is a rough schedule of what's coming up in the next few weeks. **Please keep each event in your prayers.**

April 26: Campus Crusade for Christ Worldwide Day of Prayer— this is a day when all CCC staff worldwide gather to pray for God to powerfully use our ministry.

April 29: AIA Facilities Work Day— this is a day when we ask all AIA staff to help us with various tasks to maintain the look of our outside facilities including the areas around the dorms and sports complex.

May 5: AIA Night of Champions— this is an annual major outreach event put on by our AIA events department. Individuals from the community are invited to come to a classy evangelical dinner and program where two athletes are inducted into the AIA Hall of Faith.

May 14: U.S. Marine Corps recruits on high course

To see more Challenge Course photos, look on-line:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/aia.challengecourse>



From The Heart

In my Tuesday morning ladies Bible Study at church, we are going through a study called Faithful, Abundant and True featuring Kay Arthur, Beth Moore and Priscilla Shirer. Over the past two weeks, I have felt challenged by Kay Arthur's lessons which center around being a faithful believer. I want to be a diligent student of God's Word who walks by faith in every situation.

Ironically, God has been providing ample opportunity for me and Ed to walk by faith as we trust Him to open the doors to free us to be able to answer His call to serve together in full-time ministry. As we've shared before, Ed has been seeking someone to purchase his business. The first four people he asked either declined the opportunity or were unable to secure a loan.

A couple weeks ago, Ed and I had reached a point of feeling sort of discouraged and questioning what God was doing. In our evening prayers that night, we expressed to God our utter dependence on Him to take care of the details of selling Ed's business or providing a driver to take over his route while we attend the training conference this summer.

The very next day, the name of a driver was placed in Ed's mailbox at work. When Ed contacted this man, who is currently driving for another FedEx contractor in Columbus, he said that he wants to move to Cincinnati and drive for a contractor in this area. Things are falling in place for this driver to begin driving Ed's route in early May.

In addition to providing a driver, that same week, God also provided another contractor who is trying to buy Ed's business. This week we are hoping to receive word about whether the contractor was able to secure a loan. Please join us in praying that everything will fall into place for this contractor to buy Ed out.

Even when the business sells, we will still have to trust God to provide for our financial needs. The money we get from the sale of the business will be used to retire the loan on his semi truck, which is being sold with the business. It will also cover the rest of his back tax debt and one other loan we have for replacing our air conditioner and furnace last summer. Anything left over will be used to supplement our financial needs while we are raising support so that Ed will not need to work during our support-raising time since my paycheck alone is not sufficient to meet all of our monthly expenses.

This whole process is definitely stretching our faith. However, we are confident that God has called us to serve Him together. Therefore, we know that He has all the details under control. We just have to keep trusting Him.

I hope you know how grateful we are for your support, prayers and words of encouragement throughout our journey of faith. Thanks for walking with us! And thanks for helping us share the message of the Gospel with many people! We appreciate you more than words can express!

Thank God For...

- ❖ Expanded opportunities to reach out to groups at our sports complex over the past few weeks
- ❖ Seeds of faith that have been sown in the hearts of campers at the Impact for Eternity camp
- ❖ Quality ministry with many challenge course groups who used our course recently

Please pray for...

- ❖ Effective ministry with each group/team who uses our course and sports complex in the upcoming weeks
- ❖ God's provision of staff to help me with the upcoming groups
- ❖ Wisdom and discernment for our Sports Complex staff team as we are making adjustments to the way we operate so we can be more effective.
- ❖ Ed and I are beginning to seek new partners to join our team of financial supporters. Please pray God will provide for all our needs.
- ❖ Ed will begin studying for the Bible classes he will take this summer. Pray he will be adequately be prepared.