

Fall Highlights

Fall is our busiest season at our challenge course as well as an exciting time. I'd like to share a few encouraging stories about how God has been working in the lives of many people over the past few months.

The men's basketball coach from Ohio Dominican University previously coached at Wilmington College and had brought his team to use our challenge course. Five years later, after hearing good reports from the ODU tennis team who had come to use our course, this coach decided to bring his ODU men's basketball team for a day of teambuilding at our high course.

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One of our largest clientele is comprised of middle school students from three different Catholic schools, which annually bring their entire 7th or 8th grade classes for leadership development at our chal-



10 out of 14 athletes from this U-14 club soccer team indicated a decision to accept Christ at our course. This was their 4th year to come for a team-building retreat at our complex.



Ohio Dominican Univ. Men's Basketball team ready for high course

enge course. This year, we hosted 190 students from these schools over the course of about ten days.



The parent on the left indicated a decision to place her faith in Christ

the high course along with the students. She also listened to our gospel message at the end of the day.

When we checked the comment cards after the group left, we noticed that both she and her son had indicated that they had begun a personal relationship with God. Glory to God!



6 out of 16 Univ. of Dayton ROTC Cadets indicated a decision to accept Christ at our course

It's All About Relationships by Ed

I'd like to share a story that I hope will be encouraging to you. Earlier this year, I made a phone call to an individual I will call Paul (not his real name). Paul is a business owner from Ohio who attended the AIA Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast last April in New Orleans. On his comment card at the Breakfast, Paul indicated that he wanted more information about our ministry.

So, I contacted Paul and initiated a lunch appointment. As Paul continued to express interest in our ministry, I invited him to come for a vision trip at our headquarters and to see our sports complex and retreat center. Through this meeting, I introduced Paul to our president, Mark Householder.

After several interactions with Mark, Paul was invited to visit our campus ministry at Ohio State University along with some of our AIA board members. At this event, Paul met Corwin Anthony, the director of our AIA Pro Ministry.

As Corwin later interacted with Paul, he showed more and more interest in partnering with us to use sports to reach people with the Gospel. Corwin informed Paul that AIA has been asked to provide a chaplain for the Pittsburgh Steelers, but we are being held up by a lack of funding. This need tugged at Paul's heart and he decided to give a significant financial gift in order to provide support for the chaplain.

This is a great example of what ministry is all about...building relationships like the relationship we have with you which leads to relationships that lead people into a life-changing relationship with Christ. We look forward to hearing how God works in the lives of NFL players and their wives through the provision of another chaplain.



Praises

- ❖ 109 people have indicated a decision to receive Christ through our challenge course since Sept 1
- ❖ AIA will be able to provide a Chaplain for the Pittsburgh Steelers

Prayer Requests

- ❖ Effective ministry with Findlay HS Girls Basketball, using our challenge course on Nov. 17
- ❖ Opportunities to share our faith with teams or individuals participating in soccer tournaments at our complex this month
- ❖ Wisdom and diligence in reading for Debbie as she takes two seminary-level courses December 3-14
- ❖ Continued relationships to be built with potential partners through Ed's phone calls

2013 AIA Special Events

Super Bowl Breakfast

Friday, February 1, 2013, 8 a.m.
Hyatt Regency, New Orleans, LA

Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast

Saturday, April 6, 2013
Atlanta, GA

Night of Champions

Saturday, May 11, 2013
Schindler Banquet Center, Xenia, OH

We would love for you to attend any of these events. If you are interested in attending, please let us know.

From The Heart (by Debbie)

GRATEFUL! That is a word that describes my heart over the past few weeks. I am so amazed at our AWESOME GOD! I am thankful for His love and grace. I am humbled that He chooses to use Ed and me to touch the lives of others. I am in awe of how He faithfully provides for all we need.

I am thankful for God's protection for my brother as well as two of our partners who were recently in serious car accidents (3 separate accidents). My list could go on and on. The bottom line is that my heart is full of gratitude for who God is and all He has done and all He continues to do!

Ed and I are deeply grateful for your investment in us so that we can build relationships that through God's power lead to changed lives! We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Blessings to you!!!