

AIA Celebrates 50 Years

At our Bi-Annual Springboard meetings in April, our AIA staff celebrated 50 years of Athletes in Action Ministry. One of the highlights for me (Debbie) was hearing stories from Dave Hannah (founder of AIA) and our AIA Wrestlers who are still serving with us about the early days when AIA was getting started.

Being from Oklahoma, it was fun for me to hear that Dave Hannah played football at Oklahoma State University and his first assignment when he joined staff with Campus Crusade for Christ was to go to the University of Oklahoma to share Christ with college students.

On the last night, there was a baton-passing ceremony where each staff member re-



ceived a baton to symbolize carrying on the ministry for the next 50+ years.



AIA Teams Sent World-wide

In late May, I had the privilege of leading team building for several of our AIA Sports teams who are heading out to share the gospel around the World. Here's a little about two of these teams.

AIA Volleyball- Thailand Project

This team of women bonded well during our low course activities with them. A few days later they departed for Thailand. After their first match, they reported that eight people accepted Christ when players from our team shared the gospel.



AIA Football-Mexico

Our inaugural AIA Football team is representing the USA at the World University Championships in Monterrey, Mexico, June 1-11. All six teams who are competing in this championship are staying in the same building. Our players are excited to be able to build relationships with players from each country (including some closed countries).

You can follow this team's success and watch games live via the Internet at <http://monterrey2016.com>



Win, Build, SEND... *Ministry Partner Development Coaching*

April was an especially busy month for Ed, as he was involved in three weekend events for recruiting and training interns & new staff members. The first weekend was called an official visit weekend, where we hosted nine prospective staff members for a vision-casting event. The hope was for them to catch the vision for AIA and determine if God might be calling them to join our staff.

The second two weekends were training weekends where Ed helped train new interns and part time staff on how to develop their team of ministry partners in order to serve with AIA for the next year. Ed has been assigned as a coach for thirteen of these new interns/staff. This means he talks with them on a weekly basis to help them raise the financial support they will need.



From The Heart (by Debbie)

The past ten days have been crazy busy for me with hosting many groups on our challenge course as well as training new facilitators for the summer. With each team I lead, I love seeing how God uses simple team building exercises to bring growth for individuals and teams.

One highlight for me was watching one of our X-Project Interns who is terrified of heights climb up and go off of our Giant Swing. As she stood there attached to the swing, with me holding it so it would not pull her off the platform, I could see the determination in her eyes as she was convincing herself to step out in faith. What a glorious moment when she conquered her fear and stepped off the platform swinging with a loud scream.

As I reflect on how challenging it was for this young lady to step out in faith and conquer her fears, I ask myself if there are areas where I am allowing fear to dominate my decisions. I love how seeing others grow helps me grow too!

Ed and I are sincerely grateful for your dedication to helping us toward our vision of seeing a Christ-follower on every team in every nation through your prayers and financial support! Thank you for investing in God's Kingdom! We hope you have a fantastic summer!

Praises

- ❖ AIA celebrates 25 years of ministry this year!
- ❖ Several of the prospective staff who came to our official visit weekend in April are ready to begin the application process.
- ❖ Several players on our AIA Football team were baptized during training camp.
- ❖ Several of our AIA Traveling teams are having great ministry opportunities around the world.

Prayer Requests

- ❖ Wisdom for Ed as he coaches 13 new interns and staff as they are developing their team of ministry partners.
- ❖ That God will work in and through each of our X-Project Interns who are serving at our AIA HQ this summer. Angelique is our challenge course intern.
- ❖ Quality ministry with Challenge Course Groups & other groups using our Total Athlete Complex.
- ❖ Skylar, the guy who is joining AIA staff to be the next challenge course director will attend new staff training in July.

Upcoming Events

Please pray for our ministry with these upcoming events:

- June 8: Cedarville Engineering Camp on Low Course
- June 22: Cedarville Engineering Camp on Low Course
- June 23: AIA UTC Staff on High Course
- June 27-29: AIA/Cru High School UTC on High Course
- July 5-6: AIA/Cru City UTC on Low Course
- July 11: AIA Basketball Kenya Exchange Project on Low Course
- July 12: AIA Tennis on High Course