

AIA Night of Champions

The ministry highlight of the past month for Ed and me was to serve together to help with behind-the-scenes tasks for the annual Athletes in Action Night of Champions. This event honors inductees into the prestigious AIA Hall of Faith. The inductees, one male and one female from the world of sports, are chosen for their faith, leadership, character and integrity on and off the field of competition.

At this year's dinner, Kim Anthony and Frank Reich were honored. Kim Anthony is a former USA National Gymnastics team member. During her acceptance speech, Kim shared stories from her life which were extremely inspiring and which gave all glory to God. Frank Reich is a former NFL quarterback who is known for making the biggest comeback victory in both collegiate and professional ranks. He is currently a coach for the Indianapolis Colts.

The message that Frank shared after receiving his award reflected the speech he gave after his comeback victory with the Buffalo Bills in which he quoted the words to the song, "In Christ Alone". Frank was introduced at the Night of Champions by former teammate, Jim Kelly, who also was a quarterback for the Buffalo Bills. Jim shared about how Frank used to try to witness to him, but he did not really listen. The irony of what he shared is that he used to mentor Frank in football, but now Frank is mentoring him in his new faith since he committed his life to Christ about three years ago.

Overall, the program at the Night of Champions was honoring to the Lord and to Kim and Frank. We know of at least one person who accepted Christ at this event and many others requested more information about having a personal relationship with God.



L to R: Mark Householder (AIA President), Corwin Anthony (Kim's husband), Kim Anthony, Ed Uszynski (Co-emcee), Anthony Muñoz (Co-emcee)



Debbie and Ed with Anthony Muñoz



L to R: Anthony Muñoz (Co-emcee), Mark Householder (AIA President), Ed Uszynski (Co-emcee), Frank and Linda Reich, Jim Kelly

High Course Training

Another highlight for me in the past month was getting to lead a training session to train and re-certify seven AIA staff members and one volunteer to be able to assist in facilitating at the high challenge course. This training included a day of teaching them how to perform rescues from the high course as well as sending people off from the zip line and giant swing.

After I trained the staff, we hired a professional company to perform a skills verification test which prove that the staff are qualified to assist on the high course. I am pleased to have an increased pool of people who are able to facilitate with me and Bryan.

From The Heart

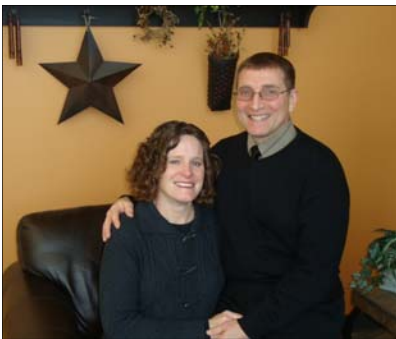
Over the past month, God has continued to stretch my faith. He has also provided for Ed and me in ways we never could have imagined. As of Monday, Ed's business is sold. Now, he is freed up to concentrate fully on preparing for the summer. In fact, both of us have begun studying for the classes we will take.

For almost twenty years, I have hoped to have a partner with whom I can serve in full-time ministry. Ed joining staff this summer is the fulfillment of a life-long dream. Words don't seem adequate to express how excited I am that God has provided a husband and a co-laborer with whom I can continue the journey of serving the Lord.

Ed and I are both looking forward to following God's call on our lives. In many ways, we still feel kind of like Abraham, because we don't know exactly what our ministry will look like. However, we know that God is faithful and will guide us through each step along the way.

The first step of our journey will be for Ed to go through the New Staff Training Conference in Fort Collins beginning in a couple of weeks. Since I have already been through the training, I will serve on the conference team, which will provide behind-the-scenes help to make the conference a success. We will both be taking some Bible courses as well. Following the New Staff Training, we will attend the U.S. Staff Conference, which will also be held in Fort Collins. Therefore, we will be in Colorado for most of the summer.

Our second step in the journey will be to develop our team of ministry partners. During the NST conference, a support coach will help us set our new monthly financial goals as a married couple, which will increase the amount of my previous goals. Following the conferences, we will be assigned to full-time ministry partner development until God has led us to enough partners to meet our monthly goals.



We are deeply grateful for the prayers and support that we have received from so many people. Thank you so much for partnering with us in reaching the lost!

We appreciate you!

Have a great summer!

Summer Support Update

Through many of you, God has provided nearly half of the finances we need in order to pay for our summer training expenses. If you would still like to help us with our training expenses, you can mail a check payable to **Campus Crusade for Christ** to our address on the front of this letter. Or, you may give a gift online at <http://give.ccci.org/give/0357917>.

Upcoming Events

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

June 4: AIA X-Project on Low and High Course

June 6-8: Debbie trains X-Project students to facilitate on Low Course and assist with High Course

June 9-10: Ed and Deb drive to Fort Collins, Colorado

June 13: Debbie attends New Staff Training conference team orientation

June 14-17: Ed attends New Staff Training meetings while Debbie serves on NST conference team

June 20-July 1: Ed and Debbie attend Institute of Biblical Studies classes

July 4-15: Attend more NST classes and Ministry Partner Development Training

July 17-27: Attend CCC U.S. Staff Conference

July 28-Aug ??: Begin full-time Ministry Partner Development in Colorado

Aug ??: Drive back to Ohio

Thank God For...

- ❖ Many lives who were influenced with the truth of the Gospel through the AIA Night of Champions
- ❖ Quality ministry with many groups who have used our Sports Complex recently

Please pray for...

- ❖ Bryan Dobkins who will be running the challenge course while I am away for staff training and ministry partner development
- ❖ X-Project interns & staff-that God would work in them and through them as they serve various groups at our Sports Complex this summer
- ❖ Stamina for our Sports Complex staff who will be hosting over 15,000 people for various camps and events over the next three months.
- ❖ Many lives to be impacted for Christ through the Sports Complex and Challenge Course
- ❖ Safe travel for Ed and I as we drive to and from Colorado
- ❖ Increased wisdom and learning for both of us as we attend the training courses this summer
- ❖ 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.