

Stories from AIA Global Sports

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AIA is striving to see Christ-followers on every team in every sport in every nation through helping athletes take their passion, faith and sport to new places giving new meaning to being a missionary.



Sharing Olympic-sized Faith Stories

On February 1, 2014, the Barna [Research] Group reported that Americans believe professional athletes influence society more than pastors "by more than a three-to-one margin." Because athletes have so much influence in our culture. Athletes

athletes have so much influence in our culture, Athletes in Action strives to reach these men and women with the gospel, help them to grow in their faith, and then help them share their faith with others.

I (Karen) recently had the privilege of interviewing fourtime-Olympian Lauryn Williams about her relationship with Jesus. After writing her story, I posted it online so



that anyone looking for information about Lauryn or her sport can find it, and you can read about it *here*. It was announced yesterday (2/8) that Lauryn will be pushing the #1 bobsled at Sochi with driver and fellow believer Elana Meyers! Read about it *here*.

Free App for Winter Olympians' Stories



AIA and The JESUS Film Project are partnering to bring the faith stories of Winter Olympians directly into the hands of smartphone users. Through the **FREE** Jesus Film Media app, videos of the Olympic athletes will join a library of more than 66,000 video clips in some 1,100 languages.

Download the Jesus Film Media app now by going to app.jesusfilmmedia.org on your smartphone or search "Jesus Film Media" in the app store. For more information, go here. You can also use this app to share the JESUS Film itself with people in over 1,900 languages which comprise 91% of the world's languages.

We value staying in touch with you. <u>In the next few weeks, like many families we will be dropping our home phone number</u>. Please make a note of this change and use our cell numbers listed to the left. If <u>YOU</u> have changed numbers, would you let us know by calling or sending an email soon?

Prayer Requests for:

- Elizabeth, who is starting a new therapy for post-concussion syndrome
- Rick & Karen as we balance family and ministry needs
- Ellie's 5th mission trip to Russia
- AIA's ministry during the Olympics
- For Rick's mom who is now in Hospice care
- Rick & Karen to be spirit-filled as we serve with AIA, love one another, and parent
- Wisdom for Rick as he works to enhance global sports communications and projects