

# Stories from AIA & Sports T.E.A.M.

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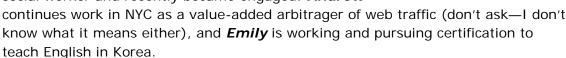


### Healing, Cru15, and Digital Strategies

**Healing:** We are delighted to tell you *Elizabeth* is finally recovering after almost three years of headaches, dizziness, nausea and exhaustion. She will start her

senior year next week and will graduate on time with her class. The U. of Pittsburgh Concussion Clinic put her on the road to recovery. The director hadn't ever seen a patient work as diligently as Elizabeth has! Thank you for praying! God has graciously answered. Please pray she'll continue to recover and for strength as she returns to school.

Next week *Aaron* starts his sophomore year in high school, *Annie* returns to EMU for her sophomore year and *Ellie* begins her senior year at OSU. *Erica* started her job as a social worker and recently became engaged! *Andrew* 



**CRU15:** Last month, Rick and I attended our biennial staff conference along with 5,000 other staff members from Cru ministries all over the U.S. It was a wonderful

time of connecting, worshiping God, hearing challenging messages from godly men and women and learning about exciting new strategies to reach the world with the gospel. The theme "Together" focused on ethnic oneness and partnering with others to spread the gospel.



Here is a five-minute update we saw at Cru15 about several Cru ministries: <a href="https://cru15.cru.org/archive/main-sessions/07-14-ministries-update.htm">https://cru15.cru.org/archive/main-sessions/07-14-ministries-update.htm</a>. AIA's Ultimate Training Camp is featured in the third segment. It was our first partnership with Cru City, and it was held at AIA's <a href="https://cru15.cru.org/archive/main-sessions/07-14-ministries-update.htm">Total Athlete Complex</a> in Xenia, OH, where Rick serves. We'll share more in subsequent newsletters.

**Digital Strategies:** In June, we introduced AIA's new digital strategy to more effectively reach those we minister to. Our reasoning: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com/nthians-9:23">1 Corinthians 9:23</a>, "for the sake of the gospel!" We must reach the current and future generations where they live! The most exciting part is you can literally join us in sharing the gospel and life-change stories.

Check out the digital/social media platforms on the left. If you are on Facebook, please like <u>our ministry page</u> and start following <u>Athletes in Action's Ao1 page</u>. You can partner with us by sharing AIA's ministry with people in your network.

Thank you to everyone who helped us attend CRU15!

For those who still want to help, go to <a href="https://give.cru.org/0530568">https://give.cru.org/0530568</a>