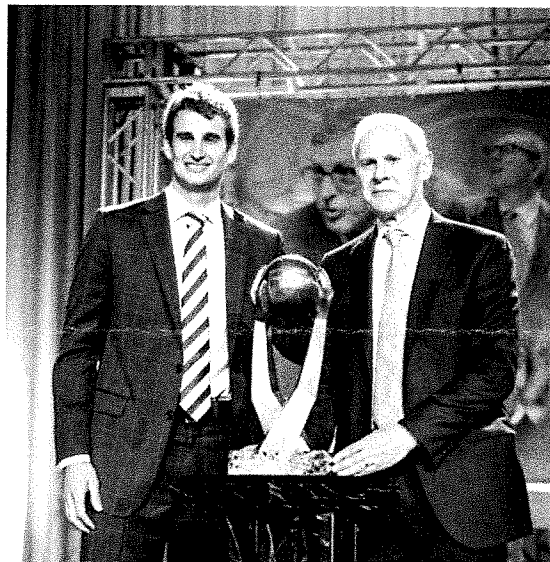


PRAISES AND PRAYER

“It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.” Psalm 92: 1,2

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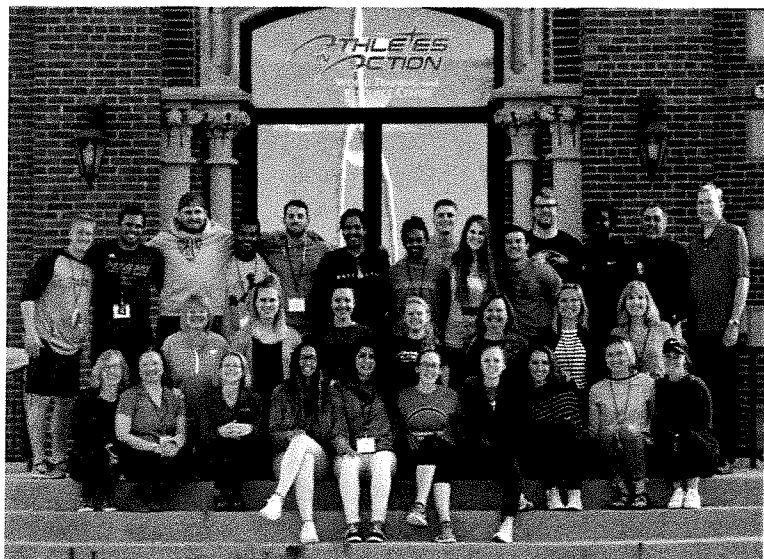
PRAISING GOD for what He did at the Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast at the Final Four in Minneapolis with over 1300 guests in attendance and 161 decisions for Christ. We consistently heard what a powerful morning it was! One of the speakers was Austin Hatch. Austin went to U of Michigan and played for Coach Beilein, the Coach Wooden “Keys to Life” Award recipient. (Coach Beilein recently took the head coaching job for the Cleveland Cavaliers). Austin was there to introduce the Coach, and he also shared his amazing story.



Austin survived two plane crashes in the span of eight years! In 2003 he lost his mother, Julie, younger brother Ian and older sister Lindsay in an airplane crash near Fort Wayne, Indiana. Then in 2011, nine days after making his commitment to play at U of Michigan, the plane his father was piloting crashed. His father and Austin had survived the first plane crash, but this time his father died along with his stepmother, Kim, whom he'd come to cherish as “my second mom”. The odds-makers calculated that surviving those two crashes is one-in-11 quadrillion, 560 trillion. That's a 14-digit number!

Austin suffered brain trauma and fractured ribs and a collarbone. After coming out of a two-month-long coma, he had to learn all over again how to talk and walk. Doctors feared he might be confined to a bed for the rest of his life. ***“I share how my faith's been impacted and how my faith helped me to get through everything I faced,”*** said Hatch. Austin consistently uses his story to further the Kingdom of God. To see more about his life go to YouTube and search Austin Hatch Legends of the Hardwood Breakfast....Hatch CBS Video.

PRAISING GOD for our newest group of laborers to join Athletes in Action in April. While preparing for our orientation/training (Launch) weekend is a lot of work, I truly enjoy meeting the interns that I have been processing and communicating with. I love the excitement and passion they bring as they follow their calling to reach the world for Christ.



PRAY for the group of 22 who are now raising their funds with the goal of reporting to their assignments in the fall. UC-Irvine, Arizona State, Miami of Ohio, Minnesota, Northwestern, Wake Forest, and Tennessee are some of the campuses that these interns will be ministering on.

Here are a couple of **prayer requests** directly from the interns: **Pray** that God will give me

strength, perseverance, and determination. Help me trust and believe that God will provide for me. **Pray** that God will give me boldness when talking to people about my support needs, and that He will open the hearts of potential partners that I am meeting.

PRAISING GOD for Jim's time at the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa) national conference. This was the first time that Jim hosted an AIA booth at this strategic conference, which is specifically for university S&C coaches. Having a booth provides the space to dialogue and educate those that come by on the resources that AIA has for evangelism/discipleship as well as international tours. Since Jim loves to connect people for the Kingdom, this was a great opportunity to see AIA alumni and meet new strength coaches. 22 people attended a fellowship event where a heartfelt sharing time took place. Many of the coaches are involved with AIA or FCA and want to use their position to influence others for Christ. It was especially encouraging to meet four strength & conditioning coaches from different schools in Houston that are interested in working together to grow in their faith and minister at their schools. **Encourage, Engage, Equip.**



PRAY as we head into summer!

June 7-9: I am getting ready for another Launch weekend. This one is for spring athletes that couldn't attend in April. It looks like another group of 20.

June 8-15: Jim is taking an educational clinic team to Honduras. We are getting into crunch time – and a lot needs to happen in the next 3 weeks! **Pray** for Sasha, Hilary and Charlie (and Jim as well) as they finish up their fund raising and prepare their talks. **Pray** for God's divine wisdom as the set-up continues as Jim works with the local AIA staff in Honduras. **Pray** for safety, fruitful ministry and changed hearts. **Pray** that they will be able to build on what has happened the last two years when the teams were there – developing a spiritual movement.

June 24-27: National Athletic Trainers' Association Convention in Las Vegas. Jim will be attending the conference and helping to man the AIA booth as they minister to and recruit athletic trainers.

July 16- 26: Cru 19, our biennial staff conference in Fort Collins CO.

TOGETHER let's **praise** God for all that He is doing. We are grateful for your **prayers** and financial support.

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Jim received the OHIO ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION (OATA) Service Award May 18th for his involvement at the local and state level, being part of ATs CARE and representing athletic training in over 30 countries around the world on AIA tours.