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New Ministry to Athletes Forming at University of Chicago

As I hurried out of my car and towards the Reynolds club where I was late meeting a student on the University of Chicago campus I heard a voice calling my name behind me. It was Joel, who is on staff at U of C with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a wonderful and well respected ministry at U of C and all over the country. We briefly caught up on how things were going in our respective ministries and then he asked me what I knew about ministry to athletes. I thought it was interesting that he asked because we had seen many athletes attend different Campus Crusade events over the course of the quarter and it was becoming apparent to me that athletes on the campus were different than the typical U of C student. In many ways they have their own sub-culture. I had already been thinking that in order to reach the campus there would have to be a specific ministry to reach athletes.

Joel then shared with me that one of the assistant coaches for the track and cross country team had contacted him about starting up an athletes ministry. Since InterVarsity has no organized ministry to athletes and Campus Crusade has a ministry called Athletes in Action (AIA), Joel asked me to partner with him in starting AIA at U of C. We've met with some interested students over the past couple weeks and are hoping to kick things off in January by bringing in a speaker geared toward athletes.

Please pray for wisdom for us as we move forward with this. It's important that in the beginning the group is established with a purpose of reaching other athletes with the Gospel, as opposed to just being a group where Christian athletes gather for fellowship that has no real impact on the community around it. I also need wisdom in how to encourage athletes who have been involved in Campus Crusade to get involved in this new ministry and reaching their athlete peers, while having them still be involved in what God is doing to reach the rest of the campus as well.

David Pendleton Performs in Chicago



Ventriloquist, David Pendleton performed at four of our schools in November. His shows were very funny and well done. During each performance David talks about how apart from him the dummy's have no life, and related that to how we as people can't have life apart from God. Over his shows at 4 different schools 195 students came out to his shows with 58 of them indicating a positive response and wanting more information about Campus Crusade or Knowing God on their comment card.