

# MCLAUGHLIN



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*Diego Quinones trusted Christ this summer during a game. He is from the Dominican Republic yet currently attends University in the Bronx.*



*Jason Lester was the AIA Baseball director when Natalie and I first got married. He ventured off to another department with in AIA, but in the last 6 months has returned to the baseball department. It was a joy to be working along side him again!*



*Natalie and I had to say good-bye to some very dear friends of our as the Lord leads them to other parts of the world.*

## 2018 SCOUTS BASEBALL TEAM

After completing my time with the International AIA team I had the privilege of serving as the Discipler for our Ohio AIA team.

One of my main tasks, outside of leading our Team-Times (Team Bible Study) was to ensure that our players were equipped to share their evangelistic testimony in a concise, three to five minute time frame. Additionally it was to ensure the players were versed in a clear presentation of the Gospel.



These moments were probably my highlights of the time with the team. I love helping these guys take what God has done in their life and guiding them to "bring it to life" in a way that resonates and captures the attention of the audience all the while keeping the focus on God's grace and redemptive work in their life.

Of special memory was Owen Pyatt. Owen actually traveled with me on the 2018 International trip and then was able to join the Ohio team for the month of July. God allowed our friendship to blossom in a unique way as we had multiple conversations about life, God and ministry each day. Please keep Owen in prayer as he transferred to Jefferson Community College in Missouri due to some unplanned news about his role at Lindenwood College in St. Louis. He is joy to be around and has a deep desire to see God work through the Holy Spirit in his life.





*Our annual family vacation was in the Outer Banks of North Carolina!*

## Prayer Requests

1. Pray for John's Ministry trip to Blantyre, Milawi from Sept 8-16. He is traveling with BEE World Ministry.
2. Pray for Natalie and the kids as they begin the 2018-2019 school year (JT-5th, Hudson-4th, Lucia-2nd).
3. Pray for Natalie (and our family) as she officially commits the next 5-7 years to pursuing a Masters of Biblical Education at Dallas Theological Seminary. This semester she has History of Doctrine and Bible Study Methods.
4. Pray for John's SLI team as they prepare for their presentation which is in October in Atlanta, GA.
5. Pray for wisdom and direction for the Chris Beck, AIA Baseball Director and staff team as they work through the ministry strategy for 2018-19.

## EUREKA HIGH SCHOOL VISIT



I had an unplanned stop to St. Louis. I was on my way back from Illinois and was able to rearrange my schedule to swing by my old stomping grounds. Low and behold...God orchestrated the opportunity to speak to the Eureka High School Football team during the Pre-season training. I was asked to cover about 10 min of time placing emphasis on my current career and leadership. I was also "given" freedom to speak about my faith and how that has played a role in my life and ministry. Such a sweet time. I am so thankful for the platform that still exists for me to speak into those young men for a few minutes!

## ADARIUS MOODY (INTERNATIONAL TEAM)

Adarius had an amazing story of God providing for his trip this summer. We were so thankful for him and how God worked through his presence on the team. The trip was so impactful for Adarius that he plans to participate with our Ohio team next summer. Here are a few words from Adarius about



his experience with AIA *"This trip by far exceeded my expectations. I was impacted through the leadership and guidance of John McLaughlin and Ross Yoder to not only become a better baseball player, but to become a better son of God. I was challenged in so many ways to assess the areas of my life where I didn't seek God's help because of my own inadequacies and learn how to rely on the strength and grace that God displayed for me through the death of his son Jesus Christ. This experience helped me realize that life will be filled with moments of uncertainty, tribulation, and affliction but only our God is able of giving us the courage, grace, and mercy to see us through these problems. I wish every Christian and non-Christian could experienced what me and my teammates experienced on this trip. From the studying of the principles to the smiles on the children's faces, you could see how God was using my team, this trip, and his word to affect so many people. This was truly a experience that has opened my heart to a better understanding to the true power that God has."*