

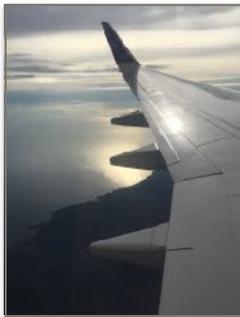
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Lucia in one of her masterful poses!



In a few short weeks John will be heading off to Miami to spend some time with the leadership team to prepare for the arrival of the players! Can't believe it is here!!

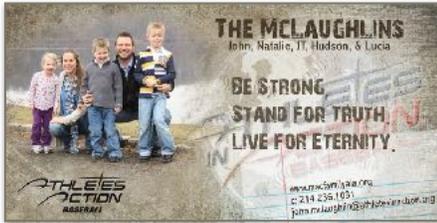


I recently had the opportunity to reconnect with some good friends from my time in seminary at DTS. It was a blessing to hear about where God has them.

2017 INTERNATIONAL ROSTER

2017 AIA Baseball International Roster		
Name	Pos	School
Christian Bacon	OF	Mount Vernon Nazarene University
William Baker	OF	Fort Scott Community College
Jackson Beck	Pitcher	Lebanon High School
Zachary Bobbitt	INF	Cincinnati Christian University
Dylan Bowers	INF	Hendrix College - Conway
George Brown	INF	Ohio Wesleyan University
Cordaro Cummings	Pitcher	Hiwassee College
Jonathan Cumpston	Pitcher	Liberty University
Austin Dillon	Catcher	Mississippi College
Tyler Fischer	Pitcher	Viterbo University
Hayden Hufford	INF	Ohio Christian University
Spencer Locati	OF	Whitworth University
Ryan Mills	Pitcher	Olivet Nazarene University
Bryce Parsons	Pitcher	Mason High School
Dawson Shelburn	INF	Navarro College
Caleb Stull	Catcher	Oklahoma Baptist University - Shawnee
Trenton Thinesen	INF	University of Northwestern
Graham Wiebe	OF	Tabor College
Name	Pos	School
John McLaughlin	Director	Saint Louis University
Donald Keathley	Head Coach	Hartnell College
Timothy Cole	Asst. Coach	Southern Nazarene University
Chase Glaum	Asst. Coach	Southern Nazarene University
Michael O'Sullivan	Asst. Coach	Hillsdale College

That time of the year has finally arrived. Here is the team the Lord has brought together for this summer's AIA international baseball team. We are sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out this month, but finalizing our team seemed to be quite the adventure this year. We are thankful for the many encouraging stories from each individual on how God has lead them to participate with AIA Baseball. For example, this year we have the opportunity to have Jackson Beck, my director's son, play on our international team! This year we were in need of a few extra pitchers so Jackson will be joining us, along with his friend Bryce, a pitcher also, at the young age of 16! This is rare for our collegiate teams, but the Lord has orchestrated things in such a way that we are excited to have them both as we look forward to seeing what God will do this summer in and through them. We also have a former player that will be joining - Cordero Cummings. His story of how/why he is traveling with us again this summer is shared below. Please pray for all the guys throughout the summer, in particular, the month of June. I have included our schedule so you can follow us along and pray a bit more specifically.



Just a reminder to download our Family prayer card from our website:
www.macfamilyaia.org

Family Updates

- Lucia has found a new passion for music. She participated in kindermusic this year and learned how to play the glockenspiel, recorder and her first recital will be this Sunday.
- Hudson is completing his 4th year of soccer and continues to develop his skills. He seems to be a natural athlete.
- JT follows in his daddy's footsteps playing baseball. He recently has develop a love for baseball cards and watching baseball on TV.

Prayer Requests

1. Prayer for the leadership for each of our AIA teams. Pray for wisdom, perseverance, and joy as they serve and lead the players.
2. Prayer for Natalie and the kids as they remain behind. Natalie and JT will be joining John in the middle of June. This is the first time JT will be traveling with us!

- **May 28** — Leadership and Coaches arrive to Miami
- **June 1** — Players arrive in Miami
- **June 2** — Travel to the Panama (Panama City)
- **June 2 — 17** - Team Discipleship, Games and Ministry in Panama—Approximately 7-9 Games, Various Clinics, Ministry and Community Outreach.
- **June 17 — 29** Travel to Guatemala (Guatemala City), Games and Ministry - Approximately 7-9 Games, Various Clinics, Ministry and Community Outreach.
- **June 29** — Fly back to Miami
- **June 30** — Everyone Heads Home!

CORDARO CUMMINGS

Cordaro Cummings traveled with us two years ago to the Dominican Republic. We are excited he will be joining us again this summer. Here are a few words he shares on why he is coming back for another summer with AIA:



“At age 17, I was blessed to travel to the Dominican Republic with Athletes in Action. This life changing experience not only helped strengthen my faith, but it allowed me to take a step back and realize how blessed I am and how the ‘little things’ truly matter. A few of my favorite moments were sharing testimonies with the opposing team after games and going to an all girls orphanage. Using the game I love as a platform to help bring people closer to God was truly amazing. Also, spending time with those little girls and seeing how happy they were without having anything but each other showed me the true meaning of pure joy. Now, 2 years later I have the opportunity to travel with Athletes in Action to Panama and Guatemala for the month of June. There is no doubt in my mind God is going to do some incredible things through this trip. With this trip being less then a month away I am still in need of some funding to be able to go.”

Would you prayerfully consider giving to help meet his support goal?” Cordaro is about 35% of his goal of \$2,000. If the Lord leads you to give you are able to give online through www.give.cru.org searching for Cordaro by name or his Account # 0730526.

BASEBALL TEAM BLOG

<http://teamblogs.athletesinaction.org>

If you would like to track with our team through the month of June save the link above and check back every few days for an update from our team about what God is doing in and through our team. It is a great supplemental piece for praying for the team! Be sure to share it on social media!!