

## Till I See You Again... God's Love Displayed in Honduras



"I've always believed that nothing that God does is a coincidence, and this week is just one more proof of it. This group of people is taking my heart with them, and I thank my Lord for letting me know them and share with them and spread His Word with them. I will keep the memories of the random singing in the middle of anywhere and the dancing and the salsa lessons and the advice and their loving heart. Each one of them has reassured me of all of God's qualities because they are it. To them, I would give the moon if I could, and everyone knows that doing that is a sign of pure love from me. And this is just what the tears wouldn't let me say before so here it is. Till I see you again!" -Melany (AIA Honduras Volunteer)

Throughout the week, the team did 49 presentations on sport medicine and strength & conditioning topics in just four days at two universities (the National University and UNITEC) and at the Honduran Olympic Training Center. New ministry ground was broken at the National University (UNAH) as AIA had no presence on the campus prior to the conference.

At UNAH, about 400 students and professionals attended the conference, and 141 students replied on comment cards that they wanted to be involved with the AIA ministry on campus. 25 people indicated a desire to know more about having a personal relationship with God, and 24 people were interested in attending a Bible study. The team was interviewed by student journalists and a TV reporter, whose interviews were broadcast throughout the country. Despite the wearying schedule, the team experienced rich spiritual input during our ministry training team times.

Deep bonds of friendship were developed not only within our team of seven Americans and one Canadian, but with the Honduran Cru/AIA staff, volunteers, interpreters, students, faculty, and coaches. One team member, Kyle said, "If anyone ever wants to question the power of our God, I encourage you to take a trip such as this. Eight virtual strangers met in the Miami Airport, destined for a country most of us had never been to, to present a Sports Medicine Conference in a language most of us didn't speak, essentially spending 15 hours a day with AIA staff we had never met. We began the week with some concerns and fears about translators, equipment, etc. only to again be reminded to be faithful, as God takes care of those who serve and love him. I am humbled at how smooth our week went, and how welcomed we were by everyone we met. And I have no words to describe the relationships that were built in a matter of days within our team, and with our new Honduran family. That too can only be explained by the power of God. His family is immense and if we open ourselves up to loving and being loved by our neighbors, it is awesome how our lives and the lives of those around us can be changed."

Be encouraged by reading more about this impactful trip and see pictures of the life-changing experiences by going to: [teamblogs.athletesinaction.org/sports-perf-honduras](http://teamblogs.athletesinaction.org/sports-perf-honduras).

