

the backstory

I got involved with AIA as a student athlete at UW-Oshkosh. In 2002 and 2003, I spent 7 weeks in the Czech Republic on an AIA Summer Project each of those summers. After graduating, I was challenged to return to Czech for a longer period. While in Czech I played football with and coached for the Prague Lions for a year and a half. Now I've joined AIA staff full-time in hope of reaching out to the Czech people for years to come.



In 1951, Bill and Vonette Bright began Campus Crusade for Christ at UCLA.. Today, with more than 20,000 full-time staff and thousands of volunteers, it has spread to more than 183 countries around the world

What started as a ministry to students now touches the lives of people in every segment of society. Our mission is to help fulfill the Great Commission in each generation.



Athletes in Action (AIA) began in 1967. It began as a ministry to college athletes at one campus, but now has spread to many schools, professional teams, and to over 70 foreign countries. Our mission is to help reach the world with the Good News of Jesus through the world language of sport.



my commitment:

My commitment to my ministry partners :

- To work diligently to touch the lives of people for Jesus.
- To regularly let you know how God is blessing OUR ministry.
- To share prayer concerns with one another.

your commitment:

Like many other mission organizations, Campus Crusade staff members depend on the consistent prayer and financial support of concerned individuals to carry on their ministry.

Therefore, its my privilege to invite you to make a commitment!

Would you make a commitment to partner with me in regularly praying for my work in this country of 90% atheists and trusting God for a complete reversal within this culture?

Would you join me in seeing the complete reversal of this country by joining me as a monthly ministry partner by pledging \$100/month or an amount that would be most significant for you?

Please make your check payable to Campus Crusade for Christ, that way your gift(s) are tax deductible if you itemize.

Send checks designated for Zachary Harrod , account #0558012 to:

Campus Crusade for Christ
100 Lake Hart Dr.
Orlando, FL 32832

I would love to hear from you and pray for you!
Please email me at - ZachHarrod@gmail.com.

the czech republic:

]Common wisdom has it that alcoholics outnumber practicing Christians and that more Czechs believe in UFOs than in God — and common wisdom may be correct. [the prague post]

]In the States, you can assume most kids know why Christmas is celebrated. In the Czech Republic kids think baby Jesus is like Cinderella or Shrek. ... They think it's all a fairy tale. [the chicago tribune]

]Czech society is not really atheistic--it's worse. Czechs today hardly know anything about religion. [the chicago tribune]



serving



How do you see a complete reversal within a culture? AIA believes that if you reach the sportsmen and women of a sports crazy culture then you can reach the country. This is why we serve at the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport (FTVS), which is the leading sports university in Czech. We serve at FTVS through teaching English, teaching sports courses, and creating environments where these future influencers can here about Jesus.



speaking



Serving and resourcing wins us the opportunity to speak to Czechs about how Jesus has touched our lives and also how He is tremendously relevant to life and to sports in the 21st century.

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

-Romans 10:14

As we win the opportunity to speak, through serving and resourcing, we have the extreme privilege to see revolutions take place in the hearts of Czech people and see their lives turned upside down by the love of Jesus.



While American football is still somewhat of a marginalized sport there is an amazing opening to see the lives of Czechs impacted by Jesus. We serve the Prague Lions and the Czech American Football League by playing, coaching, and trying to get players and coaching for the teams.

resourcing



We hope to resource the sport world through offering sports ethics symposiums, coaching clinics, and offering an attractive presentation of the unchanging Gospel in relevant methods to see the sports world of Czech changed.



seeing a revolution



"If I had not met Zach I would not have met God. I've thought about it lately, what would my life look like if I haven't met Zach, if I didn't study at FTVS, if I didn't study in Prague? What would be the chances of meeting God then? Zach showed me right from beginning it is all about joy, friendship and love in today's life."



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Due to American Football being a less popular sport we have an amazing opportunity to resource the American Football world of Czech by providing player and coaching clinics, equipment to replace used and unsafe equipment, and much more. Resourcing the Prague Lions, and, Lord-willing, the rest of the league creates opportunities to influence the lives of many Czechs through this great sport.

[Lucie]



"A great thing for me was the big truth that Jesus died for all people, especially for me! It is unbelievable and great, huh? For me it is. Now I am thinking about how to live a full life, enjoy every day, give love to my friends and I'm not afraid of death. Because I don't know my time here, I hope it will be long, but only God knows what is best for my life here."