

A TIME OF TRANSITION

**"WHETHER YOU TURN TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE LEFT, YOUR EARS WILL
HEAR A VOICE BEHIND YOU, SAYING, 'THIS IS THE WAY; WALK IN IT.'"**

ISAIAH 30:21 (NIV)



King Road Church, have you ever been challenged to step into something new? Most of us have. Small or large, we are constantly faced with new things. In my last few updates, I have mentioned that I have been asked to step into something new in my role with Athletes in Action and I wanted to provide some details as to what this looks like.

Looking Back:

In the Fall of 2015, I was asked to consider joining AIA staff with a specific focus of working with the sport of volleyball. After joining staff, this resulted in my work being focused on setting up and running camps, mentoring/discipling summer coaches and planning/leading international high school tours within the sport of volleyball. These years provided distinct challenging, stretching, growing and memorable experiences. I was also incredibly blessed to work with a passionate staff team of volleyball coaches and chaplains and we were able to journey together through personal and professional ups and downs. God was faithful.

Looking Presently:

Like many, the enforced pause of COVID led to an opportunity to examine how things were going and what would be most beneficial moving forward. With direction from AIA's national leadership team, it was decided that volleyball specific ministry would join with the already present Community Division. In simple terms, this means our staff team, that works to run camps grew by roughly 10x and joined all the other sport programs being offered to those aged 5-18. This transition was made with the goal of expanding volleyball camps and programs outside of BC and Manitoba, to the rest of the country.

Looking Forward:

In the midst of this transition, two exciting things occurred. Firstly, Becky Garner, someone who I had been mentoring as a spring/summer staff for five years decided to join staff and reported in February. This year, I am working together to train her in taking responsibility for running the beach volleyball and summer camp programs in BC. Secondly, I was approached about transitioning into a new role with a more national focus. In this new role, I sit on the Community Leadership Team which provides direction to the division across Canada (I will share more about the vision of this division in future updates). My specific role has two parts: 1) Coach/Staff Development and 2) Volleyball Rep.

Coach/Staff Development refers to the process of preparing coaches and staff for healthy ministry. This includes developing resources and providing training that allows them to grow in their faith, coach with excellence and be equipped to do their job well. With over 1000 athletes participating in our summer programs across Canada, we know that Coaches have the opportunity to have an incredibly encouraging or discouraging impact on athletes. My role is to work together with them to ensure they are reflecting Christ in all they do.

The second role of Volleyball Rep is in more of a consultant role in that we want to see AIA volleyball camps and clubs grow across the country. My role in this is to provide Regional Directors in each province with the necessary skills and tools to run these programs in their areas.

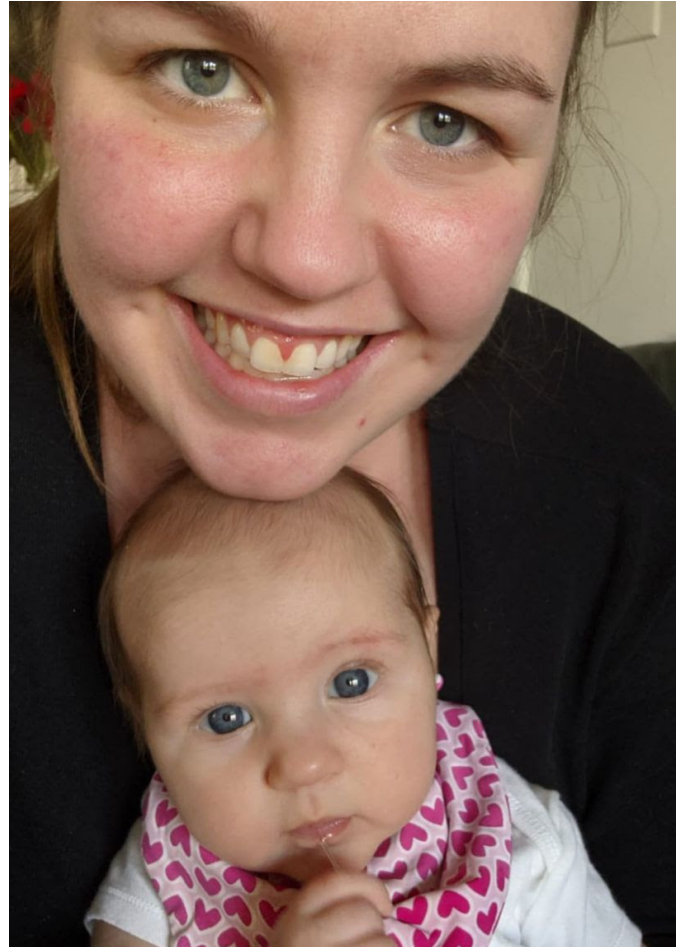
QUICK HITS / PRAYER

- I had mentioned in my last update that one of my athletes at CBC had a colonoscopy. He has since been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Please pray for his mental and spiritual health as he deals with this reality which will impact the rest of his life.
- At the end of April, AIA will host its annual National Training Camp. Coming off of a year with no organized sport, the need is great for athletes to explore their motivation for playing sport. If you want more info or perhaps want to register, or know someone who might be interested in registering [click HERE](#)
- We recently had a conversation with a local group that is looking to build 4 temporary Beach Volleyball Courts in Abbotsford. This is an answer to a prayer we have been praying for close to 2 years. Keep praying that this plan becomes reality for this spring and summer as it would give us the ability to have more athletes involved in our programs.
- As we are coming up on Easter, I was reflecting on a story from my first time visiting Haiti with AIA in 2016. The story was titled, "Hope in Haiti," and was a powerful reminder for me that hope is still here. [Read More.](#)

**Finally, thank you for participating in our ministry.
We continue to be so encouraged by your support
and treasure your prayers!**



**It seems to be difficult to get a
picture with all four of us at the
same time...Some pictures of our
growing family.**



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