Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20
Fifty years ago, God used a young married couple named Dave and Elaine Hannah to launch Athletes in Action. They were surrendered to His Lordship, filled with faith and the Holy Spirit and convinced that the world would listen to athletes and coaches tell the story of Jesus.

Well, a few things have changed over these fifty years! But in terms of prerequisites for God using a person’s life, those have not changed. God still uses people who are surrendered to His purposes, filled with the Spirit and available to step out and make a difference.

One priority for Athletes in Action fulfilling its mission is the completion of the John Wooden Family Fieldhouse on our headquarters campus in Xenia, Ohio. Named after the legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, the fieldhouse will be the final addition to the already existing Sports Complex, and once completed, will bring 300,000 athletes, coaches and parents to the campus.

Our vision, mission and even the faith decision to trust God to raise the financial resources to build the Wooden Family Fieldhouse cannot be accomplished apart from God and others. We stand humbly dependent upon God and others to provide the labor, influence, finance and expertise to see this mission move forward.

In whatever ways you are involved, let me say thank you! Thank you for giving us the chance to steward well over people, resources and opportunities.

We have a phenomenal history. And with God’s help, I believe the best is yet to come!

All for His glory,

Mark Householder
With the completion of the fieldhouse, we estimate that the number of participants using the sports complex will grow from the current 114,000 annual participants to 300,000 by year 2020.
Athletes in Action wrestling was a pioneering ministry. The full-time team was pulled together in 1968, composed of top wrestlers in the country. They shared their faith in Christ in countries all over the world including; Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, Soviet Union, Mongolia, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria and Iran.

In 1977 and 1978, Athletes in Action represented the United States in the Aryamehr Cup, hosted by the Shah of Iran in Tehran. At the time, it was one of the premier wrestling tournaments in the world. God used this trip to stir the hearts of several of the pioneer-spirited wrestlers. Five of them from the Iran trip, along with their families and other team members, were inspired to move to various countries in Europe, including Czech Republic, Poland and Russia, to minister full time. They used their sport and adventurous spirits to open doors that established the Athletes in Action ministry in several countries and helped many begin a relationship with Christ.
Dave Hannah begins Athletes in Action. The first wrestling team comes together. Athletes in Action basketball is formed.

1966-1971

Athletes in Action sends teams internationally in baseball, soccer, track and field, men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball.

1972-1977


1978-1982

Athletes in Action basketball team upsets No. 1-ranked San Francisco Dons.

1983-1987

Athletes in Action athletic Principles created. Staff members John Peterson and Gene Davis win gold and bronze medals at the 1976 Olympics. 1977 Athletes in Action basketball team upsets No. 1-ranked San Francisco Dons.

1988-1992

First Athletes in Action media tool, Joe Gibbs: Fourth and One, is produced. SportLINC ministry begins.

1993-1997

The Prize Chasing the Dream is produced for the South Africa World Cup.

1998-2002

Athletes in Action headquarters moves to Xenia, Ohio. Presentation of the Coach John Wooden “Keys to Life” award begins at the Legends breakfast.

2003-2007

First Athletes in Action World Headquarters, 2016

2008-2012

Four dormitories and the Browne Family Retreat Center are completed on the Xenia campus in 2006. Establishment of the Sports Complex.

2013-2016

The Lenses Institute is established. Athletes in Action celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2016.

2016-2016

The Lenses Institute is established. Athletes in Action celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2016.
He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.’

Mark 16:15-16
DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS
GOD AT WORK THROUGH ATHLETES IN ACTION
BECAUSE THE WORLD IS LISTENING

CAMPUS
321 NEW MINISTERING DISCIPLES TRAINED.
429 STUDENTS ACCEPTED CHRIST.
3 NEW SUMMER PROJECTS (SOUTH AFRICA, EAST ASIA, UTC-SOCAL).
200+ LOCATIONS
200 STAFF
8 SPRING BREAK TRIPS

GLOBAL
41 competing teams sent to 19 countries, where they came into contact with 156 ethnic people groups.
10,000 people had the opportunity to hear the Gospel.
Partnered with over 75 other organizations, churches, and universities.

PRO NFL CHAPLAINS
Matthew Slater, WR for the New England Patriots and 2017 Super Bowl champion, won the 2017 Bart Starr Award, making he and his father, Jackie (1996), the first father-son duo in history to win the award.

SPORTS T.E.A.M.
Hosted first-time projects at the Headquarters Campus: Ultimate Training Camp, inner city camp, refugee camp, High School Ultimate Training Camp (year 4), international coaches academy, NCAA DI captains academy, and others.
Helped coordinate and operate college softball and baseball Championship Tournaments for the GMAC and GLIAC Conferences.

DIGITAL STRATEGIES
1,630,445 page views in the first 6 months.
The John Wooden Family Fieldhouse (WFF) will accelerate Athletes in Action’s ability to achieve our mission of “building spiritual movements everywhere through the platform of sports”. The WFF is the fourth and final phase of the existing Sports Complex at our headquarters in Xenia, Ohio. The completion of the WFF provides the opportunity to further accelerate and “take to scale” the core values, principles and strategies of winning people to Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to the world for the fulfillment of our mission.

We desire to create athletic role models who are living for God, applying the foundational principles that John Wooden’s life represented and leading the way for changes in our culture and around the world.

WHY BUILD A FIELDHOUSE?

With our 50-year history and experience working with athletes and coaches in sports ministry and our experience in running the Sports Complex (which was self-sustaining as of 2014), we believe building the WFF is the “game changer” for moving into the next 50 years of ministry.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

Taking biblical direction from Acts 1:8, Athletes In Action’s model for the WFF is to reach local, regional, national and international groups. This will be a one-of-a-kind tournament destination to develop the total athlete: training in mind, body and spirit. The WFF will enable the following programs to be added in year one:

- 24 sport camps in 10 sports
- 15 coaching and clinic settings in 7 sports
- 18 weekend youth tournaments in 6 sports
- 11 training sessions - individual skill development and sports performance
- 32 adult league sessions in 7 sports.
Dave and Jenn McDowell have been on staff with Athletes in Action for nearly 30 years. The ministry has played an integral role in each of their lives, as well as their entire family. They have been involved in several aspects of the ministry, including basketball events, media and development; however, the most rewarding part has been the impact Athletes in Action has had on the lives of their children.

Their eldest 3 children and their spouses have all had their lives touched by Athletes in Action’s ministry. This includes the Ultimate Training Camp, the Summer Swim Project, campus ministry and international competing teams, all which have provided instrumental spiritual foundations for growth.

Their youngest daughter, Delaney, is a sophomore track and field athlete at Liberty University and participated in the 2016 Ultimate Training Camp and traveled to Grand Canary Islands to compete.

“Even though we are on staff, Jenn and I will be forever thankful for the projects and staff that have impacted our children’s lives forever,” Dave says. “We feel very privileged to journey with staff all over the world.”

Because of the impact on their family, Dave and Jenn remain committed to serving others through the ministry.

“If we can be a part of encouraging families as our family has been, we would count it a blessing,” Jenn says.

Dave describes them as, “a family that will never be the same because of Athletes in Action.”
FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT
LOOKING BACK AT GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

REPORT OF MANAGEMENT
Athletes In Action Campus
with the Wooden Family Fieldhouse addition
There are many things that are essential to arriving at true peace of mind, and one of the most important is faith, which cannot be acquired without prayer.

Coach John Wooden