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John E. Saucier Dec. 10, 2009



Dave Sorenson, with son Steve (L) and against Dan Issel in college. Dave went to heaven July 9, 2002

TEAM JAM...Jesus' Athletic Ministry

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TEAM(JAM)WORK

CANTON CHARGE AND CLEVELAND CAVS

During John's 4th season as chaplain for Canton (the Cleveland Cavs D-league franchise) head coaches continue to be very cooperative. Past head coaches like Alex Jensen (now w/the Utah Jazz front office) and Steve Hetzel, (ass't w/Charlotte Hornets) are in the NBA. Another assistant, James Posey, is now an assistant with the Cavs. Several players have played or are currently in the NBA including current Cavs Will Cherry and Alex Kirk. Current assistant Nate Reinking is a solid believer who is also a coach on the Great Britain national team.

Additionally, Pastor Jerry Birch teams up with one of his co-pastors, Darryl Harris, from Abundant Grace Fellowship in Cleveland, to minister to the Cleveland Cavaliers. In Jerry's 12th yr, this year's team is more responsive than any other!!



Canton Ass't coach Nate Reinking



Alex Abreu (2013)

Akron U and now W.Georgia State U.



Dan "Pete" Peters 1992-2014

AKRON UNIVERSITY MENS BASKETBALL

Since 2001, when Keith Dambrot became an assistant at Akron U, TEAM JAM has had a presence with the team through players, coaches, and through a variety of devotionals/counseling/chapels. Many times we are supportive and building relationships. But most of the time God puts us in the right place, at the right time, to help with a crisis, emotional issue, or to help an athlete after he has made some poor decisions that brought grievous consequences. Recently Alex Abreu's arrest made national news. And now, 18 months later, his legal issues are in the past, he surrendered his life to Christ, and he has transferred to West Georgia State University to play basketball and graduate.

In December 2014, Coach Dan Peters found out he had terminal cancer. He passed away in late October, 2014, but not before he made an incredible memorable impression on former coaches, players, rivals, media and peers with his grace and unselfishness amidst pain and grief. During that time he also helped John minister to three players who were dismissed from the team and the completion of another successful basketball season.

REPLICATED MINISTRY

FCA's, Ohio State FB, Ohio Christian U. BB, Pro baseball, Military Chaplain

Our original vision involved four steps. **1) Model** ACTUAL discipleship ministry in specific lives of high school students at local high schools. Our understanding of Scripture calls us to do MORE than provide meetings or events. We desire to meet tangible needs in their lives and teach about Christ and how to apply the instruction so that it TRANSFORMS their lives into mature, responsible spiritual leaders. **2) Assist** area leaders and coaches in learning how to make meaningful relationships and provide spiritual direction through **Christ!** **3) Train** ministries and area churches how to have the same impact and **4) Teach** colleges and the next generation of leaders, educators, & execs.

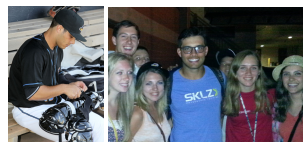
Originally, stories shared of lives transformed thru Christ were primarily the result of John's efforts. Now, and for the past decade, numerous additional ministry efforts have evolved on their own. **Tony Stockman** uses his position as head basketball coach to lead to Christ, disciple and mentor college students at Ohio Christian college. TEAM JAM Board member **Dante Booker** constructively uses his visits to Ohio State to see his son play football, impact his son's teammates & families, and by hosting others in his game visits. **Tom Jones** was a legendary basketball coach at Cuyahoga Falls HS who ran the FCA there for years. After he retired, it gradually died out. Once he began working again as an Alumni director, he revived the before school meetings with the help of only his grandson. One year later, they number 30 participants regularly! *Even John's daughters (Hannah and Brianna), caught the vision. Hannah started and continues to lead the FCA group at Western Reserve Academy (a secular boarding school), and Brianna started an FCA mtg at Streetsboro HS.* Associate TEAM JAM director **Shawn Lazarus** continues to lead the Akron Rubber Ducks baseball chapels, leading to numerous relationships and life transformations. Now we are watching players minister to each other. And Captain **Mike DeRienzo** is a military chaplain who continues to minister to countless soldiers. We are proud of these men and many, many more!



Cuyahoga Falls FCA – Tom Jones



Nicole, Nia, Dante Jr., Dante Sr.



Alex Lavisky – Akron Rubber Ducks Chapel Participant

And visits with Hope CC Youth Group