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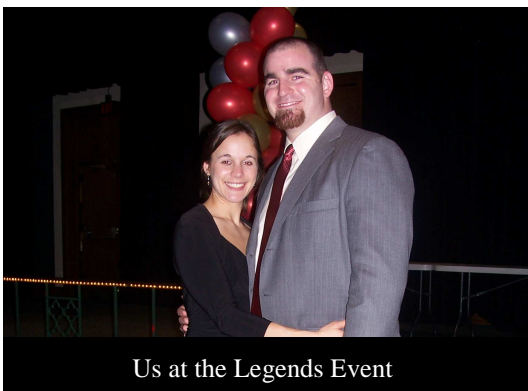
April was a month full of Planning, marketing and of course, travelling.



Joel as the Emcee at the Legends Event

## Legends Event

During the middle of the month was Central Ohio FCA's annual Legends Event. This dinner and silent auction of around 800 people is held at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Easton. The event serves to raise money and increase awareness of FCA. Outstanding Christian High School and College athletes were honored, as well as the new 2008 Legend, Jerry Lucas. Joel was able to emcee the event and keep things running smoothly. In the future we hope to invite more of our support team to this special event. It is a great time to catch FCA's vision " To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches."



Us at the Legends Event



## Perfecting the System

April brought several opportunities for us to hold full school assemblies followed by evening "comeback" events. We have found that the combination of Joel and Ryan at the assemblies brings more people back to the evening events than just having Joel alone. Ryan's musical talent is apparent to all, but he especially relates to the more creative and artistic types. I know it's hard to believe but not everyone is a HUGE sports fan! This makes Ryan's job especially difficult as he is expected to travel and serve as Joel's booking agent. We are in the process of transferring Ryan's administrative tasks to me, which will free him up a bit. Please pray for this transition. Our goal would be for Ryan to be able to focus on his music, travel, and phone calls.

## The Future

When we look into the future of our ministry, we see the need to broaden our traveling radius. This past month we took steps toward that goal. Joel and Ryan travelled to Follansbee, West Virginia. We were excited to see the potential in this area, but also to add a new state to our repertoire (yes, I had to look up how to spell that one). Joel and Ryan were able to minister at an evening event and also a church service. The events very well considering the non-buckeye area. Speaking of non-buckeye areas, next month we will bring you up to speed on and event Joel and Ryan did in that state up north in the first week of May. Don't worry, they made it out unharmed. Very recently, we also sent out mass emails and mailings of brochures to the states bordering Ohio. Hopefully this will give us more chances to minister out of state.

Until next month, God Bless.

*-Bethany Penton*

## Please Pray For...

- Fall school bookings
- FCA Golf Outing (May, 16th)
- The Main Event, Lima (see below)

## Message From Joel

Teammates,

Please pray for The Main Event. We are entering our final week of preparation for The Main Event, Lima. There have been a few obstacles along the way but at this point it looks like all the pieces are falling into place for a great event. Please pray for the people that will come to the event. Pray that many non-believers will come and that God will be working right now to prepare their hearts to here the Gospel. Please pray for the players as they prepare to share their stories. Pray also for the partnership of churches as they prepare to follow-up with those who make commitments at the event. You may also be interested to hear that we have begun to plan The Main Event 2008 to be held in Columbus, OH. I have met with Coach Tressel and the Athletes In Action staff at Ohio State and we are full-steam ahead for another great event. I will update you further in months to come.

God Bless,

*- Joel*