Dear Friends and Family,

I hope you and your family are doing well! I have been presented with a unique opportunity to join Athletes In Action at Georgia Southern on a mission trip to Colombia to provide clean drinking water, share the Gospel, put on outreach events, equip their staff and leaders in ministry, and play sports with the surrounding communities. Athletes in Action is the sports ministry of Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ) and they have provided me with the opportunity to grow spiritually as a college athlete. In Colombia, we will be working in impoverished communities with families who are suffering in many different ways. For example, most people where we are going  have no access to clean water to drink or cook with. Many people are collecting their water from rivers and streams that are full of bacteria, parasites and other contaminants; people with piped water in their houses are even facing similar challenges. According to the World Health Organization, one child dies every 20 seconds due to water related illnesses, and the vast majority of these deaths are caused by diarrhea and can be prevented with clean water. While children are the most at risk, keeping adults healthy so that they can work full time to provide for their families is also a high priority. Each filter will produce up to 150 gallons of clean water, everyday, and will last at least 10 years when cared for properly. While delivering clean water is a big part of what we hope to accomplish, we will also use the filter as a tool to share the Gospel at each house.

In order to go on the trip, I have a goal to raise $1600 by March 15th, 2026. This money will go to cover all of my travel expenses plus filters that will provide whole families with clean water. Would you consider sponsoring me to go on this trip? All donations are tax deductible and 100% of your donation goes directly to providing me the opportunity to go on this trip to distribute water filters and share the Gospel through Sports.

You can donate online through https://give.cru.org/1364284 or by making a check out to Georgia Southern Athletes in Action and mail it to me or GS AIA at PO Box 1416, Statesboro, GA 30458. (If giving online, please add in the comments that it is for me. If giving via check, please include the number "0837396" and my name in the memo)

If you would like to learn more about Georgia Southern Athletes in Action, you can check out the website https://georgiasouthernaia.com/ or follow on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/georgiasouthernaia/ Thank you for considering partnering with me, I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Grace and Peace to You

Natalie Heckathorn

Please pray for our "Eagles in Colombia 2026" trip!

*"How then will they 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? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!..." Romans 10:14-16*