

# MAUPIN MESSAGE



## Game On!

As the Robinson Senators football team prepares for the playoffs in defense of their 4-A high school football championship, they've begun meeting weekly for student-led FCA-sponsored devotions. Leading with encouragement and his own personal testimony, Defensive Coordinator—and our son—

Brian, motivates the 35 student athletes in attendance by amplifying the testimonies of the student leaders with his own life applications.

The first two sessions wonderfully complimented each other as the Nov. 4 session centered on the student's application of Jeremiah 29:11. He wrapped up his testimony by emphasizing the importance of prayer and that was the topic chosen at our first meeting two weeks ago! I had the privilege to remind them of the connection, stressing that these weekly 20-minute sessions weren't designed to be stand alone, one-and-done meetings but they are fashioned to build on each other and to take each of us deeper in our walk with Christ.

The meetings are closed in prayer by the students and each week a new student is given the opportunity to lead. As many of these student-athletes witness their peers standing up for their faith, sharing the challenges they face and their dependence on Christ to help them navigate these trying times, the student-athletes are getting bolder and bolder to reveal their own beliefs and even curiosity with Christianity. I feel I get as much out of our meetings as I hope they do!

These current times are filled with uncertainty and polarization of views, so speaking up and taking a stand becomes more challenging than ever. The courage these student-athletes demonstrate during our weekly meetings bodes well for their on-field exploits during the playoff run—and for life!

Thank you for your prayers and faithful financial support and expressions of love for me, my family and for this ministry. The best is yet to come and God is in full control—regardless of how dark things appear due to health issues, election fatigue, prodigals, the loss of loved ones, etc. Happy Thanksgiving! I appreciate you!

