



Sports Quest

Celebrating 20 Years of Soccer Ministry!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thank you for partnering with Sports Quest in 2015 to reach hundreds of kids (and families) for Christ through the game of soccer. Your prayers, encouragement, volunteer and financial support have been a huge blessing not only to us but also to the many others touched by your generosity.

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW...

As we enter our 20th year, we are excited to share a few snippets from an awesome year of ministry. We also want to present a vision for the future – enhancement and expansion – which will see Sports Quest have an even greater impact in the years to come!

Summer Camps 2015

Over 800 kids attended camp and almost 200 made first time commitments to Christ. Praise the Lord! Sports Quest produced its first camp booklet, "Quest for Commitment" and each participant received a hand made wooden Jesus block, soccer ball, T-shirt, Bible, wrist band, POEMA pencil, meal coupons and more!

Competitive Team Training

This year Sports Quest trained a total of 13 teams at Texas United FC ranging in age from U9-U16.

Homeschool Team Training

Sports Quest has played a significant role in the growth and development of Homeschool soccer. This year the HS girls were crowned State Champs and took 2nd place at Nationals. We currently coach 3 boys teams and 2 girls teams.

Soccer Clinics

Sports Quest conducted coaches clinics for Texas United and West Houston Christian League. We also continued our 10 year relationship with Kings Academy from England, coaching their High School boys team when they visited Houston.

Adult Soccer Outreach

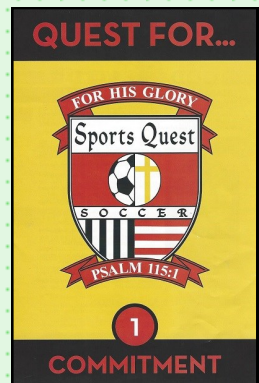
Sports Quest vs. Project Delta - demonstrating faith on the field and sharing the Gospel with over 30 adult players in a competitive game environment.

Personal and Small Group Training

Sports Quest continued to provide training for individuals and small groups upon request.

Writing Ministry

Custom designed curricula were produced not only for camps but also for team training. We are now partnering with Uncharted Waters Sports Ministry to write soccer related devotionals which will be published and used world wide to reach thousands for Christ.



LOOKING AHEAD →

AN EXCITING NEW ERA...

The past 19 years have been an awesome journey at Sports Quest, but it's now time to look to the future. There's much to be done - many lives to be touched, and we dare not stand still. So, in 2016 and beyond, we're trusting the Lord to enhance and expand the ministry in many new and exciting ways:

- ◆ Increase participation in all existing programs
- ◆ Increase the "depth" of ministry through year round intentional discipleship
- ◆ Diversify the range of soccer ministry opportunities
- ◆ Strengthen relationships with churches and para-church organizations
- ◆ Major focus on staff recruitment
- ◆ Create an environment for staff development and spiritual growth



From Guatemala to Houston...God is at work!

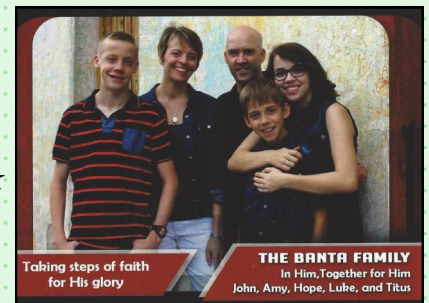
As part of ushering in a NEW ERA of ministry, we are proud and privileged to announce the addition of John Banta and his family to the Sports Quest team, starting January 2016. John brings a wealth of experience from his 9 years on the mission field, including 7 years as President of the Board and Director of Global Soccer Ministries (GSM) Guatemala. In the most impoverished and crime ridden area in Guatemala City, John was used mightily by God to transform whole communities with the life changing message of Jesus Christ through soccer. From a humble beginning of 10 kids playing on a dirt field, 14 soccer academies have been created to reach children and youth for Jesus Christ throughout the city. John also oversaw the construction and development of a state of the art synthetic turf soccer facility (BRIO Futbol Complex). This Christian centered professional soccer facility is not only a focal point in the community but also provides a safe environment for over 3,000 players each week to enjoy the game.



(For more info check out www.gsmguatemala.com)

Believing his work/ministry to be complete in Guatemala, John is now set to embark on a new "season" of outreach with Sports Quest...

"After much prayer it has become clear that God is leading us to Sports Quest and that the experience God has allowed us in Guatemala with discipleship and mentoring, development, and sustainability in ministry will be an ideal match for what is needed in Houston at this time. We look forward to serving as missionaries along side the Spence family and the Sports Quest board in expanding and deepening the impact to those we come to serve. We anticipate great things as we desire to see lives transformed through Biblical discipleship and the bridge that soccer can create into the lives of children and families." **John Banta**



Taking steps of faith
for His glory

THE BANTA FAMILY
In Him, Together for Him
John, Amy, Hope, Luke, and Titus

We strongly believe that John will challenge and motivate everyone at Sports Quest to build on the foundation of excellence first established in 1996.

LIFE CHANGING TESTIMONIALS...

Stories abound of the impact and power of the Gospel, and we're always amazed at how God can take something as simple as the game of soccer to bring about transformation and restoration. Here are just a few testimonials showing the impact of Sports Quest in peoples' lives...

(full versions at www.sportsquesttraining.com)

"I worked for Sports Quest as a full-time Soccer trainer for 12 years. I am now a Sports Quest volunteer that is ready to serve whenever I am available and/or needed. Over the last 20 years Sports Quest has seen countless individuals of all ages accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. I also had the privilege to see many grow in their faith and character through on the field discipleship. I am most thankful for how God used Sports Quest to reach some of my own children for Christ."
Matt Miller - Cypress Pastor, Second Baptist Church



"At around 8 years old, my parents enrolled me in a Sports Quest soccer camp. During that week one of the trainers told us a story about a man named Jesus. I had heard the story before, how He died to take away our sins and defeat death, but this time it ended

with an opportunity. "If you believe this you can ask Jesus to come into your heart to be your Personal Lord and Savior." I did. At that moment by God's grace the Holy Spirit came into my heart and saved my life. God used Sports Quest to graciously extend the gift of salvation to me that will last forever."

Joseph Lazarine—Previous Camper recently baptized as an adult at HFBC



"I coached with Sports Quest for 10 years. In the summer of 1999 after sharing the Gospel at a Sports Quest soccer camp, I had what I would describe as a "spiritual awakening". It was as if scales fell from my eyes and for the first time ever I could see that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I knew then that I wanted to spend my life listening to Him and following His call on my life. Since leaving Sports Quest I have served as a student pastor for the last nine years. I know the Lord will bless Sports Quest not only for the impact it has made on my life, but also for the life of every person that I am allowed to impact on the journey He continually sets out for me."

Mark Miller—Executive Pastor of Students, Woodlands Church



"I will always remember when I was a camper at Sports Quest. I went one summer when I was about 7 years old because my two older brothers were going and thought it would be fun. I was very shy and kept to myself. Each and every trainer made me feel comfortable. Each day during the middle of camp we would all sit down and listen to our trainer talk about God. I had grown up my whole life in a Christian home, went to church every Sunday, went to a Christian school, but for some reason that week at Sports Quest camp I just got who God really was and I gave my heart to Christ. I invited the trainers to come to my baptism because they were the reason I stepped out of my comfort zone and gave my life to Christ. Ever since then I have loved soccer and being in the Word."
Ashley Teague - Previous Camper/Staff volunteer



Sports Quest has not only been an encouragement for my boys on how to live out their faith on the soccer field, but also a game changer for our youngest son. Last summer he accepted Christ and was recently baptized. We love the fact that he surrendered his life to Jesus on the soccer field and we continue to pray he would shine for Him!
Mr. & Mrs. Young - Parents

**Because of the outstanding support in 2015
Sports Quest was able to:**

- ✓ Share the Gospel with over 1200 children
- ✓ Share the Gospel with hundreds of adults
- ✓ Mentor over 45 staff/volunteers
- ✓ Distribute over 1,000 Bibles
- ✓ See over 25% of campers accept Christ as their Lord & Savior

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Church • Tallowood Baptist Church • Fairfield Baptist Church • Over 100 individuals

***Would you please prayerfully consider joining our
team with an **End of Year Financial Contribution?*****

***This will allow us to finish strong in 2015 and
provide a platform for enhancing and expanding
the ministry in 2016 and beyond.***

Our fundraising goal is \$50,000



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Cypress, TX 77410-1383

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