



SPORTS QUEST

Spring 2023 Newsletter

YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE IMPACT - THANK YOU!

What an amazing first quarter of soccer ministry it's been for Sports Quest! And, YOU have played an integral part in all that's taken place. THANK YOU for your faithfulness, prayers, support and encouragement. It is a joy to have you on the SQ TEAM!



South Sudan Soccer Mission Trip March 25-April 5, 2023

Sharing God's Word with coaches in the mornings and children in the evenings. Plus, presenting the Gospel at a Sunday worship service



ECFA (Evangelical Council For Financial Accountability)

It is a huge blessing to be accredited by ECFA. Receiving the ECFA "Seal" means that SQ has successfully met ECFA's Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship, drawn from Scripture and which are fundamental to operating with integrity. These seven standards are: Doctrinal Issues, Governance, Financial Oversight, Use of Resources and Compliance with Laws, Transparency, Compensation – Setting and related – Party Transactions, Stewardship of Charitable Gifts. Learn more at [ECFA.org](https://www.ecfa.org)



Enhancing Trust

Homeschool Soccer

Regular season training ended in February, and post-season is currently continuing with over 70 players being disciplined every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-9:00 am



4ONE Program to Underserved Children

Weekly numbers continue to increase as we develop lasting and meaningful partnerships with Champion Forest Baptist Church, Calvary Chapel and Covenant Methodist Church



Special Needs Adults

March 18 saw our two groups come together (Home Place of Texas and Reach Unlimited) in a “Championship” game held at North Oaks Baptist Church. What a match and what a day, with around 300 spectators turning out to support on a chilly Saturday morning! Enjoy a 5 minute highlight reel on SQ’s YouTube page. You won’t be disappointed! Sessions continue weekly with both groups



Donated Soccer Balls

A huge thank you to Blue Engine Marketing for their wonderful (unanticipated) donation of 1,000 soccer balls to Sports Quest in January. They have already blessed countless children (and adults) both in the US and overseas



New Hire

Sports Quest is blessed by the full-time employment of Eric Cowpersmith (“Director of Advancement”). Eric is a terrific addition to our staff, given his love for soccer, missions, ministry, children and (most importantly), his passion to share Christ! He has been married to Ana for almost 7 years!



Eric & Ana Cowpersmith

Summer Camps - Celebrating 27 years!

We have a very busy 2 months ahead of us in June and July, with camps taking place in the mornings, as well as 4 evening camps for underserved children



EVEN MORE EXCITING UPDATES!

Special Needs Children's Soccer Program

A brand **NEW** branch of Sports Quest is opening! In the coming weeks, we'll be launching a program specifically for children with special needs. In fact, we've actually piloted the program with VITAL – a special needs group from Bridgeland High School with once per month training sessions. We've wanted to do this for a long time, and now it is a reality! Weekly practices, camps, clinics etc. will be provided to bring the joy of soccer and the beauty of the Gospel to this amazing group of children. We can't wait to get started!



Soccer Mission Trips

The Lord is opening up doors for soccer ministry not just in Houston, but world-wide. **South Sudan** has been and gone, but in July, Sports Quest will be travelling to **Brazil** to work with impoverished and at risk children. And in early August, we'll return to Byumba, **Rwanda** (third time) to share Jesus with both adults (coaches) and children. What an incredible way to end the summer!





"Sports Quest is a great partner for us in engaging parents in our programs because the kids want to come for soccer! In the fall, we will add Sports Quest soccer during our ESL classes at Covenant Methodist Church, and we will continue to look for more opportunities to combine soccer and adult learning at the church. Parents learn and kids have fun while learning about Jesus! Thank you, Sports Quest!" - Bob Baldwin, Covenant MC.

Next Generation Leaders

Many of our programs rely on young people giving their time, talents and energy to serve the soccer community. Below is a picture of the awesome group who turn out each Thursday to love on our friends at Home Place of Texas



Will You Join Us?

As we continue to reach more and more children (and families) both in Houston and overseas, would you please prayerfully consider supporting our new and existing soccer ministry programs? Our two major fundraising campaigns are summer and year-end, and it would be a joy and privilege to have you on our TEAM. Together we can do so much more as we seek to impact lives for now and eternity!

We are thrilled to announce that Sports Quest is now accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability! This adds another layer of transparency, and can give you even more confidence that your donations are being used for His glory!



HOW TO DONATE:

You may make a tax-deductible donation to Sports Quest Inc. Online @ sqsoccer.com or by mailing a check to:
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