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AMBASSADORS F O O T B A L L

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Message from the Manager

Ambassadors are not just 'doing' the work of the gospel, but also training local church members to be able to present their faith through football. The recent training is bearing fruit in North London, Aberdeen and Norwich. We are, like Abram, blessed to be a blessing.

On a practical level we visited Calais, playing football with residents of the 'jungle'. Later in the year on British soil we played football with former 'jungle' residents now seeking asylum in the UK. We also welcomed two foreigners to our staff team. Football and the Gospel message knows no boundaries.

Pray with us that we can see more people realising their potential in God's Kingdom as they communicate God's love through the universal language of football.

Martin Bateman
GB Director

GREAT BRITAIN HIGHLIGHTS

Football Schools

- 10 Football Schools with 9 churches
- 334 children attended with help of 42 volunteers

"After John attended an Ambassadors' football school he wanted to attend Sunday School with his friends and pestered his mum Fiona* until she brought him to church. She was keen to teach Zumba so we sponsored her to train and a large number of women from our church attended her class. After a while she became a Christian and was baptised locally in public with many family and neighbours attending - including her estranged partner, John's dad David*. Fiona and David began dating again and a year later they were married with a blessing in our packed church. A wonderful testimony to the power of transformed lives."*

Dave Mann, Bonny Downs Baptist Church



Fathers Football

- In partnership with 8 churches
- 74 fathers attended from 9 ethnicities and 5 different faiths

"Football enables me to get alongside fathers who otherwise would be hard to reach. The project unites different backgrounds and beliefs together and forms real friendships. These friendships provide a way to share love and faith."

James, London City Mission

Community Football Outreach

- 9 churches & 20 leaders trained
- 195 youth being reached weekly
- 6 sets of football & equipment given to churches to start outreach

"The football is a key part of our outreach. It's had a big influence on disaffected boys off the estate like Barry. When he first started he would always be late or not even show up. He had a fight in his first game, would often act aggressively and use offensive language. Through football he has changed so much, he's often early, displays self-control and discipline, he has always been a leader but now he's a positive role model."

James Brown, Youth Pastor Frampton Park Baptist Church



Church Tournaments

- 3 Church Tournaments
- With 87 teams from 67 churches
- Over 880 players attended

"We had a brilliant day and it will be a great base to build future witness on."

Church Leader

"Since the tournament one of our players has started to attend church every week."

Team Captain



Genesis Football

- 58 homeless men taken part in Genesis Football
- 21 attended Bible study ran by church
- 12 now in full time education or employment
- 900 hungry mouths fed

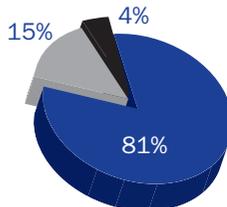
"Neil headed off to University. It is great to see him have the confidence to move into that new sphere of life. The acceptance that he found at our football project gave him a regular bunch of lads to play with and a foundation to launch into this new phase."*

FINANCE

Message from the Finance Director

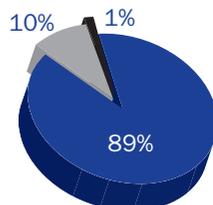
We are extremely grateful to all those who donated to make our work possible in 2016. Keeping our overheads low, we ensure that the majority of our income is spent helping to make a difference in communities through football. We are thankful to God for those who generously support our work.

Sally Prentice
Finance & Operations Director



Income

- Donations
- Charitable Activities
- Activities for Generating Funds



Expenditure

- Charitable Activities
- Management & General
- Development & Fundraising

* Names of people have been changed to protect their identity.

AROUND THE WORLD HIGHLIGHTS

Football Schools

- 61 Football Schools with 63 churches
- 3600 youth/children attended
- 600 coaches & volunteers

"Roberto came with his dad to work on the first day of Soccer Camp at Santa Fe Christian School, since his dad is the groundsman at the school. He asked if his son could attend the camp and after two days Roberto decided to be part of God's team."

US Football School



Training Courses

- We ran 11 Training Courses (TREC)
- In 9 different countries with 337 participants
- These coaches work with over 7000 youth & adults on a weekly basis

"Some delegates paddled 14 hours on a canoe and then had a further 2 hour bus ride to get to Impfondo for the training. We are only 2 weeks after TREC and already the guys have formed a committee to oversee and encourage those who attended. We also have 4 youth teams starting today with plans for a girls team and an annual tournament/outreach where all the teams would come together."

TREC in Congo

PARTNERSHIP

Our Vision

Is to serve the local church, inspiring and equipping it to build Christ centred relationships through football. We have so far partnered with 278 churches. By 2020 we want to serve 500 churches. We thank you for being part of this journey with us and we are excited to see where God will use us for His Kingdom.



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