

SPORTSREACH



Autumn Prayer Letter 2019

What a **great** summer it's been! We've had 6 Soccer and Netball Schools run over the 5 weeks of the holidays, reaching **over 370 children** and also their families with the Word of God! It has been great to see how God has answered prayers, how He has worked in the hearts and lives of so many, and also to see Him have the victory. The theme for this year was **Mission Impossible made Possible through Christ**, with the key verse being Matthew 19:26, *"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* We've looked at the accounts of Joshua and the battle of Jericho, Gideon against the Midianites, David against Goliath, and Jesus against death, showing how in all these **God had the victory** and how with God nothing is impossible. **Many** of the children responded and gave their hearts to Jesus, probably the **most we've seen** over a summer, **PRAISE GOD!** It's been amazing to witness the children realising their need of Jesus and then commit their lives to Him. One highlight was seeing a young boy get down on His knees and ask Jesus to come into his heart! God has been and is still doing amazing things!

We want to thank you all for praying for us, for the children, and for the whole programme, as we believe prayer is key and very powerful! We have seen God answer many prayers! We would also ask that you continue to pray for all those reached over the summer, for all those who responded to the Gospel, and also for the Churches as they follow up from our time with them.

"Most exciting this year for me was the Awards Service. It is always a great time of celebrating the week and presenting the gospel to the parents. But it was the time over coffee afterwards that really struck me: I could almost "see" the Spirit of God at work as ordinary church people spoke to a host of ordinary people who rarely enter a church. It felt like a breakthrough: please pray that it is!

Thank you SportsReach for the challenge, the enabling and your partnership in the gospel."
Pastor of a host church



PRAYER POINTS:

LEAGUES

Netball League – 23 teams, Wed nights

Football 5 Aside League – 13 teams, Wed nights

Football League – 6 teams, Saturdays

OVERSEAS

Austria Classics

21st – 28th Sept

Myanmar

21st – 30th Nov 2019

SCHOOLS WORK

Many open doors into local schools for sport and worship.

Walk Through The Bible opportunities

2020 PLANNING & PREP

Many doors for mission trips, including Ecuador, Kenya and Malawi, as well as our regular work in Europe.

Also several new enquiries about Soccer & Netball Schools.

Comments from parents after the Soccer and Netball Schools



"My daughter has had another fab week with you all this year playing netball. Already asking for me to sign her up for next year."

"Thanks to all involved for an utterly fantastic week. My child has loved coming and enjoyed every minute, as a parent it has been wonderful to see. See you next year!"



"My son speaks of you frequently, he had a blast thank you to all of you!"



"After her week at netball camp and your message on the Sunday morning, my daughter gave her life to Jesus!! She has not stopped reading her Bible that you guys gave her...Thank you all so much for everything you did and the example you clearly set of how fun and fabulous it is to follow Jesus!!"



Over the summer we heard some great news from a Church where we held a Soccer and Netball School earlier in the year. This is a message from the Pastor about a guy whose son came to the soccer school:

*"A few days after the SportsReach week he emailed me asking to meet because he had some questions about God and faith. I have just finished a Christianity Explored course with him and he has come through to the Lord. **God definitely used SportsReach in his life.**"*

Since then we have also heard he has been baptised and shared a **powerful testimony** of how God used the message shared at SportsReach to touch his heart!

It's great to know that God is still working in hearts and lives *after* Soccer and Netball Schools!



Bodenseehof Soccer Camp

We had a great week in Germany at the Bible School with 42 youths aged 12 - 16yrs attending the Soccer Camp. It was great to see so many return from last year and to see those who got saved last year come again, **eager** and **excited** for the week! We had an amazing time of football, fun, food and most importantly faith and **praise God** the language didn't even seem to be a barrier! When the week was coming to an end we gave them the opportunity to reflect and to respond to what they had heard over the week and **3** of them **gave their hearts to Jesus!!** We also had a great time chatting to those who are already following Jesus and were able to encourage them in their walk, many of whom were saved through previous soccer camps. It was great to work alongside the team at Bodenseehof and to see God at work!

