

# SportsReach

Jesus said 'I am the way, the truth and the life...'

What better message to proclaim, than our theme for this year's soccer and netball schools... **JESUS** is the **WAY**, the **TRUTH** and the **LIFE**... **FOLLOW HIM!**



## Soccer and Netball Schools – 'Follow Him!'

Easter saw three soccer and netball schools running. The first at **Battle** then two the week after, **Brixworth** and a new one at **Horsforth**, Leeds. These were fantastic times! Thank you so much for praying for the theme, for numbers and for the weather – all these prayers were answered! One great encouragement was to see some who had made commitments last year really going on with God. One lady, Sue, 62, who was a helper both years, said how since she came back to God the previous year, it had been the **best year of her life!**

## Leagues

All the leagues have now finished for this season and we have had 2 fantastic **League Awards Evenings** at Capernwray Hall. The netball meal saw over 170 ladies (and a few select gentlemen) come along and hear a powerful testimony from **Hazel Lloyd-Williams**. The men's league and 5 aside combined and just short of 120 men came and heard **Jamie Jones Buchanan** (Leeds Rhinos) share about his life and career. Again, although it can be a hard task organising and running all of the leagues, the value of a regular input into peoples lives can never be under estimated and it is a real joy that week in and week out so many un-churched are **hearing and seeing the gospel**. A huge thanks to all who manage teams, officials and those who help with the running of the leagues. Keep up the good work, and keep praying!

## Summer soccer & netball schools and tours

May Austria Tour 16<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

Caton and Stowmarket  
Soccer/Netball Schools  
30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

June France tour 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

July Germany Classics 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

Staines and Wray Soccer  
and Netball Schools

August Clapham, Sandhurst,  
Ashford, Ripon, Gt  
Ecclestone, Carnforth

September Bodensee Soccer  
Camp, Germany 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

Austria Classics 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

### Please pray...

- ❖ Kenya mission trip October tbc
- ❖ New junior staff member
- ❖ New offices

**Diary Date – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
**Sponsored 3 Yorkshire Peaks**  
**Come and join us!!**

*"Becoming a Christian has been the best decision of my life! From the moment I closed my eyes to the moment I opened them again, I felt a wave of warmth rush over my body. The Lord has helped me in moments when I'm struggling or angry or lonely. Learning about the Lord is the best thing ever and I would highly recommend it to anyone and everyone!"*  
10 year old Charlie from Soccer School



## Asia Mission Trip – Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia

This mission was **amazing**, thank you for praying! Such great opportunities the Lord provided! This was my third trip to **Myanmar** and it was great to take our twin daughters, Ruth and Sarah. We really enjoyed our time at the **Wyresdale Children's Home**, coaching sport and sharing Jesus, not only with the children from the home, but also the village children! On the final day we shared the gospel (and sugar strands!) with around 80 young people, many from Buddhist backgrounds. We also had the privilege of speaking at the **Bible Conference and Ladies Meeting**, and travelling to the Delta region to see a new church being built and spent time sharing with the locals.

In **Thailand**, we visited some children's homes in Chiang Rai, and coached football with them and shared the gospel, as well as joining them in worship. We travelled further north to visit an amazing ministry in a remote mountain village, and spoke in the local church. We also met with a pastor who is keen for sports evangelism. It was great to see what God is doing in the different areas and cultures in Thailand.

Whilst the girls and I were in Thailand, Will travelled to **Indonesia**, and then we joined him after a week. This was such a great time!! Will was able to teach **sports evangelism** to the students in the Bible College and equip them to be able to run **sports programmes** for outreach with their home churches and wherever they go in the future in ministry. We ran a couple of one-day soccer schools with a team of students helping and learning. We also joined in with other on-going ministries, and I was able to share testimony in the Bible School with students and staff, and also at a local church. We thank God for opening the door and for everyone who made this mission trip possible. *Sue*



Some of the young adults, football crazy, who we got to share the gospel with in Myanmar



Enthusiastic coaches now equipped to share the gospel in Indonesia, their own country through sport

