

# SportsReach



## Winter Prayer Letter 2020

*Dear praying friends,*

**Thank you so much** for all your prayers and support over this last 12 months. It has been an amazing and blessed year and we **praise the Lord** for all His goodness to us and for all that He has done.

**'Oh, magnify the Lord with me. And let us exalt His name together.'** Psalm 34:3

**We praise Him** for lives changed. Everywhere we have gone we have seen people respond to the gospel and set free. Others have recommitted their lives and deepened their walk with Him.

**We praise Him** for all the volunteers that have joined us at Soccer and Netball schools, come on overseas mission trips with us, run teams in the leagues each week, without all of whom we couldn't run all the programmes we do.

**We praise Him** for safety and good health as we have travelled many miles and run many events.

**We praise Him** for His provision and for His faithfulness.

**We praise Him** for open doors. It has been amazing to be able to go to so many places and be able to share the gospel with so many people and also for the schools work that has opened up.

**We praise Him** for our prayer warriors who hold SportsReach up in prayer and are so vital to the ministry.

**So thank you for praying, but our request is...please pray on!**

As we go into 2020 we don't want to rely on the blessings and provision of 2019 but want to seek Him for more.

**Please pray** that we will continue to magnify the Lord in all we do.

**Please pray** that more than ever would hear the gospel in 2020.

**Please pray** that God will continue to provide all that is needed as He has done in the past. 2019 saw a strain on the finances – please pray that we would have all that is needed for the work for 2020.

Yours in Christ, as we serve Him on the **mission field...**

*Will, Sue and all at SportsReach*

## Myanmar

This was my fourth visit to Myanmar, and what a great time it was! It was a blessing to be able to take our eldest two daughters with us, Jen and Grace. Whilst there we coached football and netball most days with the children in Wyresdale Children's Home and with local villagers. Then we shared the Gospel with them through drama, Bible stories and illustrations, while Ginzi translated. It was fantastic to hear that some of the local village children we shared with in 2018 had become Christians and got baptised! God is definitely at work in Burma!



We were privileged to be able to give quality kit to the children in the Home, and also to an U14's team who came asking to play a match against the boys from the Home. This was probably the highlight of the trip for me! We transported both teams to an army camp which had a full size grass pitch, and played an 11aside match which the Wyresdale Childrens' Home team won. Then all the children, including the U14 team who would be mostly Buddhist, sat and listened as we shared Jesus with them. You could have heard a pin drop, they were fixed on my every word. Please pray for these lads to open their hearts to Jesus. And then there was more! While the two lads' teams were transported back, we played football with the girls and younger children (who had already played an hour's netball with Jen!) while we waited for the truck to return. We played until well after dark, then formed a big circle and started singing and praising God together...this continued during the 30 minute truck journey...at the top of our voices! What a day that was! Please continue to pray for the work in Myanmar, as we have been asked to return to the Delta region for more children's work, and also to head north up to the Putao region to work amongst the youth.

God is GOOD! Sue



### Highlight from Jen - Myanmar

It was such a privilege to visit Wyresdale Children's Home in Myanmar, on my first trip to Asia! I loved seeing the children enjoy themselves, throwing themselves into the football and netball, and showing their personalities when we played games with them. But a real highlight was hearing them sing, **their worship and praise to God** was so precious to witness. The children and workers there really are **a beacon of light amongst a community** and country that knows very little of Jesus, but the open doors we encountered was amazing. One day we had opportunity to visit the **delta region**, a 4 hour mini-bus ride, followed by over an hour on a little boat down the river, arriving in what felt like a **completely different world**, to meet a community who have suffered real hardship, but it is amazing to see how **God is at work** in their village and in their hearts.

## Schools Work

Praise God for the open doors into schools!! Only God could give us so many chances to share the Good News of our Saviour.

Before Christmas, Ruth & I went into St. John's Primary School at Silverdale and completed our first 'Walk Through The Bible' course with the year 5 & 6's. Some comments from the children at the end of the 5 weeks - 'please come again soon'...'I don't go to church but I've loved doing WTTB with you and I've learnt so much'.

We are currently in Halton St. Wilfred's & Arkholme CE Primary School with WTTB, as well as Caton St. Paul's doing football, netball and RE.

Thank you for your prayers, we really appreciate them!



## Ecuador

14<sup>th</sup> Feb - 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Hola!** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Valentines Day, and Will and I are flying to Paris! But not for a romantic weekend! Along with Ruth we leave home at 3am on mission to ECUADOR (via CDG airport, Paris!) We arrive in Quito that evening, and catch a few hours sleep before being up at 3am again for a short flight to Loja, our final destination. Then commences two weeks of FOOTBALL, FUN and FAITH...soccer camps and a training weekend, working alongside the Vogan family, OMS. We are really excited about seeing what God will do, but do **ask that you would pray**. We are away for 18 days, much travelling, high altitude, some unknowns - please pray that God will use us for His glory to spread the Good News at every opportunity, and pray we will encourage and equip the believers too, in **their walk with God** and in **sports evangelism**. Thank you so much!

## Prayer Points

- **Weekly schools work with WTTB & Assemblies**
- **Monthly Classics Matches**
- **Netball & Football League & Cup Matches**
  - **7<sup>th</sup> March - Netball League Meal**
  - **8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April - Brixworth S+N School**
  - **15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April - Battle + Horsforth S+N Schools**
  - **23<sup>rd</sup> April - Football League Meal**

*Please pray for the right teams to come together for each tour and mission trip.*

*Thank you for all your prayers and support, we really appreciate it!*

### France Tour

28<sup>th</sup> April - 6<sup>th</sup> May

Soccer School & Adult Football Matches

### Germany Classics Tour

14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May  
(Over 30's)

Football Matches & School's work

### Bodensee Soccer Camp Germany

2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May

Football coaching and tournament and Bible teaching

### Kenya Mission June 2020

Schools Work, Sports Tournaments, Bible Conferences, Open Air Evangelism, Church Services