



SPORTS QUEST ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2008

*"You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High."*

Luke 1:31-32

Staff News

Sports Quest ended 2007 by saying farewell to Dannon Wells as he left for Colorado to pursue his passion in outdoor pursuits. In August 2008 Kevin Dove announced that the Lord was calling him to full time seminary in Colorado. While both staff members will be greatly missed, Sports Quest knows that God has great plans for each of them.

August also saw Sports Quest employ Ivan Ruddle from Austin.

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Corina, will be blessed with a baby girl in April 2009.

In the fall season, Sports Quest hired new contract staff members Lindsey Smith, Henry Barrios and Jackie Mackey who all attended and completed their U12 coaching license.



Juan Ortega and his wife Lizbeth had their first baby Juan Matias on August 15th and on November 5th, former Sports Quest staff member Mark Miller and his wife Jenny had their first baby, Micah Luke.

Summer camp trainer Ryan Gholson and his wife Kristi had their second baby boy, Elijah Brooks on December 8th.

Matt Miller and his wife Marissa become parents for the fourth time (this time a boy!) who is due to arrive December 26th.

Great news for trainer Bethany Gardner. She has been accepted into nursing school at Tomball College, starting 2009.

In August a great step forward occurred for all at Sports Quest as we moved into our first office at the **Impact for Life Campus** on Kieth Harrow Blvd. The Lord has blessed us with so many office furniture donations and we are extremely thankful to all our sponsors. And finally... after



13 years, the office phone has now stopped ringing in the Spence household!

Clinics & Community News

January

- St. Agnes Christmas Soccer Camp
- ST. Agnes I-10 Katy Shootout Tournament

February

- E License conducted by Matt Miller

March

- Awards night at Westside Soccer Club
- Spring Branch free camp for underprivileged children

April

- Second Mile Banquet (Stafford, TX)
- Westside Soccer Blast

May

- U 11 Tryouts at WSC
- Foundry UMC Soccer Blast
- Become members of Houston Christian Chamber of Commerce
- Sign new office lease

June

- WSC tryouts
- Summer Camps begin
- Lord provides office equipment & furniture for the new office
- Jim Spence conducts pre-game chapel service for Houston Dynamo

July

- Spring Branch & Heights sponsored camps reach over 140 kids
- Westside Soccer Blast

August

- Dynamo Family & Faith Night
- WSC / Sports Quest Social
- St. Francis kids & coaches clinics
- E License conducted by Matt Miller & Jim Spence
- Ivan Ruddle joins Sports Quest staff

September

- St. Francis skills training
- Duchesne Coaches Clinic
- 2 independent teams train with Ivan Ruddle
- Memorial Drive UMC Coaches Clinic

October

- St. Agnes tryouts and training starts
- CCS training starts
- Fairfield Movie Night

December

- STYSA playoffs- Several WSC teams advanced to State. Two State Champions!
- Three day Christmas camp in Fairfield

Westside Soccer Club News

The spring season kicked off with team training in mid January. February saw the start of the Tactics and Skills Training Program for players aged 8-10 years.

In the same month Matt Miller conducted an E License course for both Westside Soccer Club (WSC) & Bear Creek Soccer Club (BCSC). In March, Sports Quest conducted its first Annual Awards Night for WSC. Houston Dynamo Chaplain, Chad Jackson was the guest speaker at the event. On March the 26th a new Westside President, Brian Morris, was elected.

In April Sports Quest conducted

its Annual Soccer Blast Fun Day hosted by WSC. May 1 & 2

were U11 tryouts during which several new teams

were added to WSC for the new fall season. Sports Quest conducted another Soccer Blast in Early August for both WSC & BCSC.

Fall team training got off to a very hot start in mid August with a week long fitness camp for Westside Soccer Club players.

The Tactics & Skills Training Program began early September for players aged 7-10 years along with a new program for 5 & 6 year olds.



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The Houston Labor Day Cup was held at Bear Creek Park hosted by Westside & Bear Creek Soccer Club (Aug 30-Sept 1.)

September 12, hurricane Ike hit Houston and flooded the WSC fields for over a week.

Training finished at the end of November with several teams advancing to Regional/State Playoffs. Brian Morris's U14 Girls team took 1st place as STYSA Super 2 State Champions and will go on to play Div. 1 in the Fall '09. David Teague's U16 Girls Div. II team also took 1st place at the STYSA State Championships. They will play Super 2 in the Fall '09.



Summer Camps

- Camps started June 2 & ended August 15
- Conducted 20 camps
- Conducted first adult camp
- Over 1300 children heard the gospel message
- 336 commitments to Christ
- Features included:
 - Same low camp fee as 2007
 - Half priced camps for 5 year olds
 - Special family discounts & incentives
 - Professional camp photography
- 210 children received full / partial scholarships
- Sponsored camp held at Springwoods Baptist Church
- Sponsored camp held in the Heights inner city
- Utilized 19 paid staff and 38 volunteers
- Camp parent survey revealed that 99.2% would recommend a Sports Quest camp to others



The Devotional Theme this summer was "Quest for Victory"

Day 1: Christian View vs Non Christian View of Victory.

2 Timothy 4:7

Day 2: I have Fought the Good Fight.

Ephesians 6:11

Day 3: I have Finished the Race.

Philippians 3:13-14

Day 4: I have Kept the Faith

Ephesians 2:8-9

Day 5: Overview and Invitation to Christ

1 Corinthians 15:57



School News

St. Agnes Academy once again hired Jim Spence as Varsity Head Coach. Tryouts for the 2008-2009 season were conducted in October by Sports Quest and the new season started in early November. Matt Miller and Ivan Ruddle are both coaching at Cypress Christian School for the 2008-2009 season.

Missions News

- Kevin Dove & Juan Ortega visited Ecuador on a soccer mission project in June.
- Sports Quest Men's team played a team of students from Iraq at Rice University.
- One sponsored camp was conducted for underprivileged children during Spring Break and two sponsored camps were conducted during the summer.



Looking Ahead to 2009

Vision, Goals & Objectives:

- Expansion of competitive and school team training programs
- Extensive Houston wide summer camp program
- Year round coaches and kids clinic schedule
- Visit of Kings Academy U18 boys from Middlesboro, England in April
- Establishment of staff internship program
- International Christian Coaching Symposium
- Expansion of the adult soccer ministries
- Establishment of Hispanic soccer ministry outreach programs
- Establishment of home school soccer ministry
- Increased volunteer base
- Seek individual and corporate sponsorship for soccer ministry expansion

Year-End Giving

Would you please prayerfully consider an end of year financial contribution to help make the Sports Quest soccer ministry available to more children?

Donations may be mailed to:
P.O. Box 1383, Cypress, TX 77410-1383

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**Wishing you all a
Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

