



Sports Quest Annual Newsletter 2009

"The Lord is my strength and my shield..."
Psalm 28:7

2009 proved to be another great year for soccer and ministry at Sports Quest! The Christian message was presented boldly and unashamedly in every training environment, including camps, clinics, team training, school training & community events. Approximately 2,000 children were reached for Christ in this past year alone, and since the foundation of Sports Quest in 1996, over 18,000 children have been ministered to through our programs. Below are just a few items of interest from 2009!

Summer camps were attended by almost 1,000 children, with over 280 indicating a first time commitment to Christ. Sports Quest provided over 100 full or partial scholarships to campers. During the ten week program, over 34 volunteer staff were "employed". A post camp survey revealed 97.6% of parents would recommend Sports Quest to others and would return next summer. A group of men from The International Gideons attended every camp and handed out around 2,000 Bibles to campers and parents. Houston's First Baptist Church sent staff to each camp to encourage every child who asked Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior. During the last two weeks of July, Sports Quest hosted two young men from England. Praise the Lord that Tom Holt and Nathan Cuttell both accepted Christ before heading home.

Fall season team training staff at Westside Soccer Club (August through December) consisted of Jim Spence, Ivan Ruddle, Juan Ortega, Josh Dolan, Henry Barrios, Bethany Gardner and Maria Estrella. Italo Furieri and Allen Leith also served Sports Quest in a voluntary capacity. Several coaches clinics were conducted at the beginning of the season for many different church organizations and soccer associations / leagues.

In the Spring Sports Quest trainer Ivan Ruddle assisted Houston's First Baptist Church in their "Spring Loaded" event held at Houston Christian High School. Hundreds of kids played small-sided games and tested their shooting speed against the radar gun. In the first week of April Jim Spence attended the NSCAA Premier License in Florida. On his return, Sports Quest welcomed King's Academy High School soccer team from England for a week of training and games. At the end of April, Westside Soccer Club hosted a Sports Quest Soccer Blast in partnership with Houston Dynamo.



Xara Soccer and Sports Quest signed a three year sponsorship agreement in January 2009.

St. Agnes Academy provided the opportunity for Jim Spence to enter his 4th season as Head Coach of the girls Varsity Soccer Team.

God called Matt Miller to Houston's Second Baptist Church as Minister of Evangelism in May 2009 after 12 years of service with Sports Quest.

Sports Quest was blessed to donate many soccer cleats, uniforms & soccer balls locally as well as internationally.

Two Christmas camps were held on December 21-23 (Houston's First Baptist Church and St. John Lutheran Church) with 138 children attending and 32 making a first time commitment to Christ.

Sports Quest Board Member Recognized. David Markley, Austin Aztex U23 General Manager was voted Premier Development League (PDL) Executive of the Year. This is a great honor for David, especially considering there are over 65 clubs in the PDL structure. Phil Rawlins Aztex President said, "I am delighted for David, he goes above and beyond in the cause with players, teams and the League. This is a very well deserved reward for all the hard work he has put in and recognizes the professionalism David brings to all his work".

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