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Onside Soccer Newsletter

Coaching in Uganda



In the afternoons we worked with a few other different churches in the Kazo and Luteete areas of Kampala, both of which are extremely poor districts of the city. We also paid a visit to the Uganda Youth Soccer Academy, which is run by Ivan Kakembo, a good friend of Onside Soccer and recently appointed Head of Youth Football in Uganda. Ivan very kindly arranged a visit to the Nelson Mandela Stadium where the guys met the Ugandan national team and Head Coach Bobby Williamson.

Overall our trip to Uganda was very successful. During the course of our visit we coached over 300 kids and gave them all Bibles and tracts, gave out football kits and equipment to a number of local youth teams to help them carry on the fantastic work they have started and also established good links to carry on working in Uganda. Our aim now is to work with two local coaches, Martin and Wilber, and facilitate them to set up a long term coaching academy in conjunction with the Lilly Project, bringing in local kids to play football in a safe environment and to expand the work which we have already started. It is our hope to visit Uganda again next year. If you would like to join us please contact paul@onsidesoccer.com for further details.

In September 2012 Onside took a small team of football and basketball coaches to Kampala, the capital of Uganda in east Africa, to work with street kids in the slum areas of the city. We partnered with a number of organisations during our time there but mainly focussed on working with the Lilly School and Orphanage, where we were able to hire a nearby football pitch and basketball court and set up daily training sessions with the local kids. We held training sessions every morning and had approximately 60-80 children come along each day to develop their football and basketball skills. During the 10 days we also got a chance to share our faith and tell them about Jesus, which they were very keen to hear about.

Dates for the Diary

March 2013 -
Men's Ministry
trip to
Barcelona

May 2013 -
Coaching Tour
to Chennai,
India

Praise Points

Praise God for
the girl at the
Lilly Project
who became a
Christian
during our
visit to
Uganda.

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New Website

We are pleased to announce that we now have a new look website! As well as providing information about all things Onside, it also contains news about upcoming trips, blogs from previous tours and, very excitingly, videos of our work in India and Uganda. This month we have videos featuring Chennai football freestyler Amul Raj, as well as an interview with Ivan Kakembo, President of Youth Football in Uganda. We will be updating the site on a regular basis so please go and check it out at either www.onsidesoccer.com or www.onsideminiestries.com.



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Chennai, May 2013

In May 2013 we are planning on taking a team to Chennai in India to set up a football coaching camp for 10 days. We currently have a project in Chennai, with approximately 80-90 kids coming along every Saturday morning to our coaching academy and our aim for this trip is to develop the academy, as well as setting up a large scale coaching event in the national stadium, hopefully bringing in 200-300 kids every day for football training and to hear the gospel. We will, as always, be working in partnership with the Dr John Joseph Foundation and the Christian Sports Fellowship and are hoping to take a team of 6-10 volunteers from the UK, to help with both coaching and also other social action projects in Chennai.

We are currently looking for volunteers to join us on this adventure and you don't have to be a football coach to come along! We are looking for enthusiastic people with passion to help run the camp and also get involved with various other activities in conjunction with our partner organisations. Our trips are designed to be inclusive so don't worry if you have never done anything like this before. We have a structured itinerary and our team will be on hand to help you with whatever it is you are involved in, whether it be painting the walls of an orphanage or helping develop the next Leo Messi. For further details, including trip costs and dates, please contact paul@onsidesoccer.com

Prayer Requests

- For wisdom for the Onside team, that they remain focused and that they continue to seek God's will in their work.
- For our ongoing work in India and new projects in Uganda, that all will run smoothly and that the projects will bless many people.
- For financial support to allow Onside Soccer and Cross Over Basketball to function and for projects to grow and develop.
- For the on-going work in developing the Onside Coaching manual.
- For the on-going work of our colleagues in sports ministry at Coaching4Christ.

Working in Northern Ireland

In August 2012 Paul and Harold travelled to Kilkeel in Northern Ireland to link up with the team from Coaching4Christ, a Christian sports ministry team from Ballymena, as they conducted their now annual football summer camp in County Down.



Coaching4Christ were formed in 2004 by Stephen Crawford and have now grown to the point where they have over 40 coaches and staff working in various towns across Northern Ireland, using football as a tool to spread the Gospel. The camp in Kilkeel was very successful with approximately 300 children, both boys and girls, coming along every day to take part in the training sessions. Each session consisted of some fast paced football drills to get started, a devotional from one of the team and then some matches at the end of each

session. On the final day a mini 'World Cup' tournament was held, with many of the parents coming along to watch the games. The final evening event was a BBQ in the grounds of Kilkeel Baptist Church, which drew in a very large crowd.

It was really inspirational to see the Coaching4Christ team in action. They are very professional in what they do and also passionate about the kids with whom they were working. It was also inspirational to see how the children responded to what they were hearing. Paul and Harold both had a fantastic week and came home with quite a few new ideas to incorporate into their own training sessions. We are very much looking forward to working with Coaching4Christ in the future.

Final Whistle...

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and also for your on-going support and prayers—we really appreciate it! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Onside Team

