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Germany Sand Soccer Tour!

From June 4th-14th, fourteen players came together- some from Germany, one from Moldova, and a couple from the U.S. - to participate in the North American U.S. Open Sand Soccer Championships in Virginia Beach, VA. The tour was a huge success, and God opened doors in the most unlikely of places to do ministry. The local news station in Tidewater, Virginia did their whole morning live broadcast segment on our team and asked us why we came all the way from Germany to play in this tournament and let us share briefly that we were here to represent our Lord and to encourage others. That opportunity lent itself to a local Christian radio station, which, in turn, had our team on their morning program for two days! Our players were able to share their testimonies and the challenges of living for Christ in Europe over the airwaves! The best part of the trip for me was the ministry we were able to do with my home church- London Bridge Baptist Church. After one of our players gave a talk to the high school ministry of the church, we received this email from a girl that was clearly impacted:

I just want to thank you so much for having the German Soccer players speak to us. They made a real difference in my life. I used to consider myself a Christian but I was just not acting like one. If being a Christian was like playing a sport I was defiantly sitting on the side lines. I root them on but I would never be the one in the game. I don't know what happened. Tonight it just hit home for me. I want to make a difference, just as they have. I want to shout to the world just how much I love God and the amazing difference He has made in my life. But it was going to take some action on my part to get there. I realized that my profession of faith may be enough to get me to heaven but I'm not the only one God wants there. It is my job is to get up and get active. I no longer want to be a side line Christian...I was also wondering if you could tell the Germans thank you so much for coming and making such an impact on my life and all the lives of the students at LBSM.

How awesome is that! Thanks be to God and to you all for your prayers and faithful support. Lives are being touched.



Sand Soccer team at airport



Diana (my girlfriend) and me at Sand Soccer outreach



Me in goal for a youth clinic!



Our team praying before a game



Group photo in uniforms

Current Support Update!

You all must be praying overtime for me! In two weeks God raised up 11 new supporters, and I have seen my gap shrink from \$1,100 in monthly support still needed to just **\$250!** I had such a great time in Virginia Beach for pretty much the whole month of June and was able to connect with so many current supporters that God used to really encourage and motivate me to keep the fire and press on towards the goal! So often I feel you all are the missionaries to me instead of the other way around! I also would describe it as the best time I have ever had with my family, and I saw God open all of our hearts to a deeper intimacy with each other.

Other Cool News

The Sports Complex has opened and I wanted to share a brief story on how God has worked. Back during Christmas-time I went to a Christian Conference and gave a talk to students on "Giving Your Whole Life to God." While there I met a young man named Jonathan Limm who stayed in contact with me over the rest of winter. He applied and was accepted as one of our first interns this summer for the Sports Complex. I was supposed to disciple him this summer but, due to support needs, was unable to. I had not seen him since Christmas Conference when I received this email from him in his intern role with us in the Sports Complex:

Zach, I just want to thank you for challenging me to give my life to Him and be used by God. I really could not think of a better place then working here at AIA this summer and I have already seen God change my life in huge ways. All of this would not have been possible if you did not take the time to listen and challenge me to step out in faith to come.

As a missionary, I constantly give talks and network with people, and sometimes I'm unsure if my work has made a difference; so praise be to God that He chose to use me to impact this young man's life and allowed me to witness the fruit of my efforts! What an awesome job that I get to do with you all!



Jonathan Limm (all the way left) and the rest of the Interns!

Praises Galore!

I have looked back over my last two months of prayer requests, and the Lord has shown up in major ways with every one! Thanks be to you all and your prayers.

- For sand soccer and the lives that were changed on our team and the open doors God provided
- For the incredible open response I have had in talking to people about my ministry. For the new supporters and the continuing ones!
- For my new relationship, and for this woman through which God has challenged me to a deeper intimacy with Him!
- For the blessings of my home church- London Bridge Baptist Church.

Prayers

- For encouragement and safe travels, as I head to Fort Collins, Colorado for two weeks in mid-July for the Campus Crusade National Conference held once every two years.
- For the rest of my support to come in. Do you know anyone that would like to hear more about our ministry?
- For my heart and mind, so that I might continue to be a man of God who will lead my committed relationship with honor and integrity.

In Him

Zach

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