



*Global School of Sports Ministry*

# Information Booklet

...The What, How & Why

**Global School of Sports Ministry**

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**FACTS at a Glance**



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## FACTS at a Glance

- **PURPOSE** To train prospective sports ministry leaders in the effective use of sports as a tool of evangelism and discipleship with an emphasis on discipleship.
- **GOAL** To initiate effective, viable sports ministry programs around the world in order to fulfill Christ's command to go and make disciples of all nations.
- **HOW** A distance learning program that is individually paced is being offered over the internet or through traditional correspondence by post. On-site instruction and consultation available throughout the year for all students and churches.  
  
Each potential sports minister will be required to initiate a sports ministry program in his or her region in order to complete the practicum aspect of the curriculum. The student commits to running the program for a period of 3 or more years. Each program must be self-sustaining.
- **FACULTY** **Russ Carr**, former university professor of education and coach, will direct the program.  
  
**Barnabas Mwesiga**, former teacher and National Soccer coach for Uganda will serve as field director for Africa.  
  
Other faculty members including a number of former university professors, teachers and coaches will complete the faculty roster.

- **COOPERATIVE PHILOSOPHY** Global School of Sports Ministry will network with other Christian agencies and organizations to enhance the training program.
- **LIMITED ENROLLMENT** All applicants will be carefully screened before being admitted to Global School of Sports Ministry. The number of students will be limited in order to insure a quality education and allow for individual attention.
- **LENGTH OF COURSE** The basic course will take eighteen months to complete. Students who successfully pass the basic course will have the option to extend their studies in order to obtain an advanced diploma.
- **PRACTICUMS** Each student will be asked to participate in one or more of the practicums directed by GSSM staff. These will serve to help the student better understand the organization and implementation of outreach programs prior to beginning a program of their own.
- **COST** Scholarships for the students from developing countries are available and will cover most of the costs associated with the training program. However, each student must submit a \$25 application fee in order to enroll. This fee will be refunded to all students from developing countries who successfully complete the course of study.
- **OVERSIGHT** A board of directors from Global School of Sports Ministry will provide general oversight for the program. Specific assistance will be provided by board members with expertise in education.
- **NON-DENOMINATIONAL** Global School of Sports Ministry is non-denominational. However, the School is supported by a number of evangelical churches, organizations and individuals.

- **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and in His personal return to power and glory.
4. We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and lost; that they are saved unto the resurrection of life and that they are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

- **MISSION STATEMENT**

The fundamental purpose of Global School of Sports Ministry is to identify and train committed Christian leadership in the effective use and understanding of sports ministry.

Sports ministry, simply defined, is any program or strategy that uses sports as a vehicle to fulfill Christ's command to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. It is using sports to evangelize and disciple with the emphasis on making disciples.

# **Global School of Sports Ministry**

- **18 Month Calendar**
- **Curriculum Outline**

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## 18-Month Calendar

January 1 – July 1	Open enrollment.
January – July 31	Letter of acceptance will be sent to all students who qualify.
August 1	GSSM Textbook and basic instructions will be posted to all students accepted for the current term.
September 1	Lesson 1A sent to students from GSSM office.
September 30	Lesson 1A due. Students send copies to instructor <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors send comments to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
October 1	Lesson 1B sent to students from GSSM office.
October 31	Lesson 1B due. Students send completed lesson to instructor, copies to GSSM office.  Instructors send comments to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
November 1	Lesson 2A sent to students from GSSM office.
November 30	Lesson 2A is due. Students send completed lessons to instructor <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
December 1 – 31	Christmas Break / Practicum TBA
January 1	Lesson 2B sent to students from GSSM office.
January 31	Lesson 2B is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.



February 1	Lesson 3 sent to students from GSSM office.
February 28	Lesson 3 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
March 1	Lesson 4 sent to students from GSSM office.
March 31	Lesson 4 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students and GSSM office.
April 1-30	Easter Break / Practicum TBA
May 1	Lesson 5 sent to students from GSSM office.
May 31	Lesson 5 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students and GSSM office.
June 1	Lesson 6A sent to students from GSSM office.
June 30	Lesson 6A is due. Completed lesson sent to instructor <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
July 1	Lesson 6B sent to students from GSSM office.  Practicum / Special Events TBA.
July 31	Lesson 6B is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
August 1	Lesson 7 sent to students from GSSM office.

Practicum / Special Events TBA

August 31	Lesson 7 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructor <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students and GSSM office.
September 1	Lesson 8 sent to students from GSSM office.
September 30	Lesson 8 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.
October 1	Lesson 9 sent to students from GSSM office.
October 31	Lesson 9 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
November 1	Lesson 10 sent to students from GSSM office.
November 30	Lesson 10 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
December 1 – 31	Christmas Break / Practicum TBA
January 1	Lesson 11 sent to students from GSSM office.
January 31	Lesson 11 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructors <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.
February 1	Lesson 12 sent to students from GSSM office.
February 28	Lesson 12 is due. Completed lesson sent to instructor <u>and</u> GSSM office.  Instructors comments sent to students <u>and</u> GSSM office.

March 1 – 31

### **Final Evaluation of all GSSM Students:**

- Written and oral examination
- Evaluation of sports ministry program initiated by students.
- Awarding of diplomas and sports ministers starter kit.

### **Other Benefits of GSSM Graduates**

- GSSM's field staff will continue to serve as consultants.
- Outside teams to help with special projects/outreach will come to assist when invited and if available.
- Graduates will be eligible to enroll in a variety of elective courses offered periodically by GSSM.



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- Textbook: Sports and The Great Commission

## *Curriculum Outline*

<u>Chapter/Lesson</u>	<u>Course Description/Title</u>
1	Survey of Sports Ministry
2	Foundations of Sports Ministry: The Essentials
3	Constructing and Launching a Sports Ministry Program in Your Region.
4	Strategies, Methods and Techniques of Sports Ministry
5	Organization and Administration of Sports Ministry Including Principles of Fund-raising
6	The What, Why and How of Sports Ministry
7	Sustainability
8.	Creative Games and Sports Activities Requiring Little or No Equipment
9.	Special Programs Using the Themes of Major Sporting Events
10.	Large Scale Outreach Programs
11.	Counseling Techniques & Sports & Games Therapy Targeting Traumatized Youth & Adults
12	Discipleship Expanded

### PRACTICUMS

Each GSSM student will be asked to participate in one or more practicums organized and directed by a GSSM staff member.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide each of our GSSM students with a “hands on” experience while working with one of GSSM’s representatives. This will allow for the practical application of the principles and strategies being taught with the added benefit of reaching an entire community with the gospel using sports as a vehicle.

Practicums will take place in strategic locations accessible to each student. In some instances an outreach will be scheduled in the student’s home city at which time a GSSM representative will come to that location and assist the student or students with the organization and implementation of a program suitable for that locale.

In other cases, practicums could be major outreaches involving many students. These programs would target a specific village, city or town and run from a single day to a full week or even longer depending upon the type of outreach being planned.

Four outreaches will be scheduled during the 18 month term. These will take place during the Christmas and Easter holidays, summer break and in conjunction with a major sporting event such as the Olympics or World Cup of Soccer.

### **EVALUATION**

Following successful completion of coursework, a Global School of Sports Ministry representative will visit each student.

The GSSM representative will administer a written and oral exam. Following the exams the representative will review and evaluate the outreach program initiated by the student.

Students who successfully complete all course requirements will receive a diploma along with a sports ministry starter kit.

## **ELECTIVES**

Special courses will be offered at selected times. A sampling of those being developed follows:

### **Department of Research and Development**

Principles of Research and Development: Developing your own programs  
Developing a Children's Ministry  
Developing ministry to the elderly  
Independent Study

### **Department of Theology**

How to Study the Bible  
Preparing to be a Lay Pastor  
Special Topics: Independent Study

### **Department of Health and Hygiene**

Essential First Aid  
Coping with Common Diseases  
Teaching Basic Hygiene  
Understanding and Ministering to those with AIDS  
Independent Study

### **Department of Mental Health**

Basic Counseling Techniques  
Working with Children with Special Needs  
Becoming a Lay Counselor  
Independent Study

### **Department of Economics**

Preparing a Budget  
Developing a Self-Sustaining Ministry  
Independent Study



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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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