

News Brief

MANY ARE INVITED FEW ARE CHOSEN

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A number of years ago when I was coaching

Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, I embraced a rather **unusual coaching philosophy**: **Anyone turning out for soccer would not be cut if they stayed the course**. I even personally invited every male student at

Westmont to turn out for the team if they so desired. Amazingly, 105 men showed up for our pre-season training in the fall eager to be a part of the team and share in the success our teams were enjoying.

After just one day of our 3-A-Day pre-season workouts, only 75 reported for Day #2. By the end of our 3rd day we were down to 50 aspiring athletes. Two days later our numbers had dropped to 30 and about now I had the kind of players I wanted for our varsity and Jr. varsity teams. These were the ones who were serious and willing to pay the price to be part of our team. They were a little like the Navy Seals. Tough, determined, wouldn't give up...men you could count on.



I have a somewhat *similar* philosophy when it comes to **Global School of Sports Ministry.**

GSSM is open to all students

who desire to be trained to become sports ministers. But not all are willing to pay the price to become part of this calling.

Recently we had to dismiss a handful of students who could not keep up with their work or simply found it to be too difficult.

However, those who were willing to go the distance are moving forward and will soon graduate. Following graduation they will move into the harvest fields of a dangerous world to represent our Lord.



But they will be ready.

They will be equipped. They are committed. They are willing to pay the cost of being representatives of the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. And I can honestly say that I am very proud of each one of them. Take a look at an e-mail sent to me by a recent graduate and you will understand why:

THANK YOU DAD

Monday, 6/13/16

To: rcarr@globalssm.org

Sunday the 12th June 2016 was the greatest moment of my life and family and church as I was rewarded with a Diploma and honor with (GSSM's) Steve and Bryan Burke in attendance. We owe it all to Christ Jesus and this has really inspired me to work extra hard and am prepared to make the vision of GSSM spread across the southern Africa. There is no school of Sports in this region that compliments evangelism and discipleship.

Let me thank you so much for your encouragement and support you have given me in the past years we have been in touch. Extend mu heart felt gratitude to Mama Sue and our humble Alyssa for her unfading committed service to the GSSM and to us.

Let me plead for further studies under your guidance and i am willing to continue to serve and study even more as we spread the vision and focus of GSSM in Africa.

Be assured GSSM has come to stay and it will impact and impart the region for Christ Jesus is the Lord.

Until the last person has heard the love of Christ Jesus,

MACGEOFREY

Not only did Macgeofrey

send me this e-mail but several days later, he and his friend, Pastor Banda, another GSSM graduate, submitted an *exciting plan to reach 13 other African nations* with the Gospel as well as training others to be sports ministers to **“GO and MAKE disciples of all nations”**.



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THANK YOU for your prayers and support for the next wave of missionaries who are willing to **give their all** by proclaiming the Good News to people desperately in need of our Saviour.

Equipping these dedicated individuals is costly but well worth the investment as these graduates **bravely march into places unknown** to us but known to the Lord who directs them to those hungry for the truth.

May the **Lord bless you and your family** as you prayerfully consider whether or not you can assist us with the cost of training some of our students who are eager to share the grace, mercy and love of our Lord. **Thank you for your prayers and support as God leads and enables you.**

Blessings!

Russ Carr