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GLOBAL SCHOOL OF SPORTS MINISTRY

Information Booklet

…The What, How & Why

Global School of Sports Ministry

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IN BRIEF

GSSM is a training program that uses online instruction coupled with selected practicums to equip dedicated men and women to become sports ministry leaders.

In order to successfully complete the course, each student must initiate and maintain a sports outreach program through their local church for a period of three of more years. All programs must be self-sustaining.

GSSM will continue to monitor, encourage, consult and, when appropriate, send mission teams to assist and give credibility to the new programs initiated by the GSSM students.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Successfully complete the 18-month online course.
2. Participate in one or more practicums organized and supervised by GSSM personnel.
3. Initiate a sports ministry program through the student's local church and maintain it for three or more years.

SUPPORT FOR GSSM

Financial support for GSSM comes from several evangelical churches, foundations, organizations and principally from individual donors.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Global School of Sports Ministry is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a non-profit organization and is designated as a 501 (c) (3) under the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code. Donations are tax deductible.

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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.

COOPERATIVE PHILOSOHPY

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 by enrolling in additional courses designed for GSSM graduate.

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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

Full scholarships are available for most students from developing countries who complete the application process and meet all of the GSSM standards/requirements for admission to our training program. The application process includes the following:

1) Application packet completed and submitted by September 1st.
2) Positive recommendations from at least 2 references including a pastor from the applicant's church.
3) Approval by GSSM's admissions committee.
4) Successful completion of GSSM's first three lessons.
   Once these requirements are met, prospective students will be admitted, awarded a scholarship and given an official GSSM textbook.

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 and is supported by a number of evangelical churches, organizations and individuals.

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ADMINISTRATION

President and Founder – RUSS CARR
Former University professor of Education, Administrator, Hall of Fame Soccer Coach, 50 years of sports ministry experience

Executive Director – ALYSSA CARR MAHONE
B.A. in Biblical Studies, minor in Missions, certificate in sports ministry leadership from *International Sports Ministry School* (ISLS) South Africa, 22 years of sports ministry experience

Director of Finance – DEBBIE SIPES
IT Software, Bookkeeping, and Management & Leadership Certificates, 20 years of Bookkeeping and Office Management Experience

Field Director: Africa – BARNABAS MWESIGA
Former coach and player, Ugandan National Soccer team; University graduate, teacher, professional soccer coach in Ugandan Premier Soccer league, 25 years sports ministry experience

Director of Student Relations – AIMEE BLANKS
B.S. in Communication, Worked in Church Administration for 6 years

Co-Deans of Faculty – LARRY & SANDIE LEATHERMAN
Former teachers and coaches. Both awarded teacher of the year in their school district. Larry has also served as a pastor

Associate Director – SEQUOI PHIPPS
B.A. in Geography, Minor in Urban Studies, Women's Volleyball Player, High School and Club Volleyball Coach

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FACULTY

GSSM'S faculty consists of former and current university professors, teachers, coaches and pastors. Most are volunteers.

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.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

We believe that, for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

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.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

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Mr. Steve Sampson **Angora Hills, CA**
Former U.S. National Soccer Coach, Costa Rican National Soccer Coach, University coach and player

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The Journey of a GSSM Student

FROM MATRICULATION TO THE HARVEST FIELDS

1. Students apply on-line or by post.

2. Applicants are carefully screened, references checked.

3. Admissions Committee prayerfully reviews each application. Prospective students meeting GSSM's high standards are admitted, given a GSSM textbook and set of instructions that will guide them throughout the 18 month training program.

4. Instructors are assigned and introduced to each of the students.

5. Online lessons are then sent to instruct students, one lesson per month. Lessons are graded by instructors and comments are sent to the students with a copy to GSSM's administration to be filed in the students folder. Information is also charted by GSSM's administration as a tracking device. Students without computers use the postal system as in most correspondence courses.

6. Students successfully completing their studies and all other graduation requirements including the passing of oral and written final examinations, the verification of the establishment of a successful sports ministry program through the students local church or a church "plant" will then be eligible to graduate.

7. The final step in the progression of a GSSM student is the awarding of a diploma which is generally presented at a church service in the students church. In addition a sports ministry starter kit is given to each graduate. The kit contains a study Bible for

the graduate, Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels of John, Gospel tracts, discipleship materials and some sports equipment.

THE RESULTS

1. Graduates commit to running their sports outreach programs for 3 or more years. All programs must be self-sustaining. GSSM will continue to serve as consultants for our graduates, offer independent study courses to meet special needs or interests and will, on occasion, send short-term mission teams from the U.S. or other locations to help give additional assistance and credibility to the students program.
2. Exceptional students who develop extraordinary model programs will receive further training and some assistance as warranted. One example follows and is featured on our website by using the link listed below:

   Uganda: Jimmy Kalyango - Slum program, Farm Project

   http://globalssm.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/2014%20June%20Newsletter.pdf

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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