



News Brief

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Global School of Sports Ministry



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**Brief updates on our
student's sports
ministries and where
they are now!**

Recap of the 2015 Student Evaluation Trip

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What an amazing trip! I cannot begin to express how incredible it is to see our students and hear their stories, see what they are doing and how they are reaching hundreds for Christ using sports.

This year due to my mom's health, my dad, Russ Carr, allowed me the privilege of leading my first *Student Evaluation Trip*. We had a team of four: Myself, Larry and Sandie Leatherman (Dean of Faculty and Faculty Development) and our African Director, Barnabas Mwesiga. I couldn't have put together a better team. We each have different strengths to bring to the evaluation team which melded perfectly. (Please check out our website www.globalssm.org under staff and read their bios!)

Check out the next page for a brief overview of the trip>>



“GO
therefore and
make
disciples of
all nations...”

Matthew 28:19

Larry Leatherman with Christopher

Brief Overview

First Stop – Kampala

- One student from last semester, **Christopher**, was able to meet with us that first day and take his final oral and written exams. He is a very dedicated student who wishes to continue his studies “to keep his mind fresh” and expand his understanding of sports ministry.
- That same first day we had the privilege of meeting with one of our graduates, **Franklin** (You can check out last month’s **News Brief** with a special spotlight on this student via our website). I honestly came away from that meeting so excited about what God is doing in just this one student! It is awesome! I loved that he is using something like fitness, Zumba & Tabata, which are so popular right now to reach so many for Christ. The creativity and the vision of his **PRAY FIT** concept will be a great example for our students in the future. Please continue to pray for this amazing young man.

Second Stop – Mbarara

- We had a scheduled meeting with a pastor who Barnabas Mwesiga had contacted who had a group of potential students we were supposed to meet. Unfortunately this meeting was cancelled due to extenuating circumstances. Barnabas will meet with this group of approximately 13 people for the 2015-2017 class soon.



Brief Overview of 2015 Student Evaluation Trip continued...

Third Stop – Kabale

- In Kabale our main objective was to meet one on one with the students from the 2013-2015 class and administer their final oral and written exams.
- During the course of this two-day period we met with almost all our students from this area.
- We were able to meet one on one and administer the oral exam and hear what they have learned and what they are doing in ministry. Honestly, this is one of my favorite things! I love hearing what God is doing in & through them!
- After the exams were completed we had the privilege of seeing a ministry that three students have started together, a soccer league in a remote village outside of Kabale. We were able to observe how they ran it, shared the Gospel and lastly were able to give them some constructive suggestions and encouragement and most importantly pray over them.
 - *Check out the pictures below from their soccer league ministry.*



Pray for our students as they spread the *Gospel* through sports!



Last Stop - Gulu



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- After Kabale, we stopped back in Kampala briefly as I had to return to the U.S. due to my mother's health and the need for me in the office. I have taken over her duties as Administrative head in addition to my duties.
- Before I left we did have the chance to meet with graduate **Jimmy** and had the great privilege of participating in his feeding program. Such a highlight! We also had the opportunity to meet with Jimmy and get caught up with what is currently happening in his slum ministries. **More on this exciting news in the next News Brief!**
- Sandie, Larry and Barnabas continued on to Gulu where they met with the 2012-2014 class who completed the course last year. They were able to hand out their **diplomas** and **sports ministry kits** during a church service. They also had the chance to catch up with many of the students who gave us a wonderful update. **I plan on spotlighting a student monthly in News Brief, on our website and Facebook page (facebook.com/globalssm).**

What an amazing and encouraging trip! It is such a blessing to see what God is doing. Without your help this would not be possible. So thank you for your prayers and financial support, and for being a part of the GSSM team!

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