



## SPORTS AND RECREATION

In many places, what stands between youth and the gospel is a shield of post-modern skepticism. In others, it is a wall of cultural and national opposition to Christianity. But there are few barriers a soccer ball cannot breach.

TEAM missionaries use recreational and sports outreach on nearly every continent to share the love of Christ with children and families. Summer camps in Taiwan, basketball camps in Italy, soccer games in Mexico — each opens hearts and minds to discipleship in ways traditional church ministry sometimes cannot.

TEAM sports and recreation ministries often complement and work in conjunction with other ministry endeavors, such as church planting, creation care, education and community development.

## QUICK FACTS:

An estimated half of the global population watches the World Cup tournament, making soccer one of the greatest shared interests in the world.

Service opportunities include Christian camps, school athletics management, sports camps and youth programs.

Many opportunities require a degree in physical education, recreation, or related field of study; formal or informal training plus experience is also acceptable for some opportunities.

*The purpose of TEAM is to help churches send missionaries to establish reproducing churches among the nations to the glory of God. TEAM missionaries establish churches by seeking to make followers of Jesus Christ who learn and obey all that he has commanded. In some contexts, the best means of making disciples is through the use of holistic methods such as sports, camps and recreational activities.*

**As TEAM considers the role of sports and recreational activities in ministry, we follow a set of guidelines focused on our purpose and vision:**

- Sports and recreational activities take place where we see a confluence of spiritual and demographic factors that indicate that God is leading us to serve in this capacity.
- TEAM leadership prayerfully considers how sports and recreational activities fulfill the objective of making disciples.
- Sports and recreational activities are carried out in partnership with local individuals, churches or groups.
- Churches and ministries, started through TEAM's sports and recreational activities, work toward the reconciliation of all things to God through Jesus.

Find out how you can serve through sports and recreation across the globe!  
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