

Church Partnership Program Standard Financial Support Package

Each church partnership will be built around one or more of Sports Friends' 55 regional sports ministry leaders. For each supported leader, the partnering church agrees to provide the following level of financial support for a minimum period of three years:

Base Level Support:

	Description:	Annual Amount (\$)
1.	Partial support of salary and operating budget of regional sports ministry leader (the Ethiopian denomination also pays a portion).	\$2,250
2.	Training of local church sports ministry leaders and coaches and/or "Week of Champions" regional competitions.	1,000
3.	Sports balls – 50 balls @ \$10 each. In addition, donated uniform sets can be collected and sent.	500
4.	Bibles in local languages – 50 Bibles @ \$4 each	200
5.	Camp Langanos Scholarships – 20 youth @ \$50 each	1,000
	Total	\$4,950

In addition to this base level of annual support, other support opportunities may arise. These situations will be reviewed on a one-off basis and evaluated by the partnering church and Sports Friends. Such situations may include transportation needs of sports ministry leaders and evangelists, support of Muslim youth who have come to Christ and been expelled from their homes/villages, the construction of village churches, additional camp scholarships, etc. While the partnering North American church is under no obligation to fund these one-off requests, we hope that they will be prayerfully considered and evaluated.

Further explanation of numbered items above:

1. The support of the Level IV trained regional sports ministry leader is at the very heart of the partnership. We hope to foster the development of a strong relationship between this Ethiopian leader and his partnering church that is built upon a foundation of prayer and good communication. Each regional leader is responsible for the development of fruitful sports ministry programs at a multitude of local churches. Each regional leader is also responsible for developing a group of volunteer leaders to assist in the development of the ministry.

2. This funding helps cover a portion of the costs of the training (Sports Friends Level II and Level III training) of the local church leaders who will actually implement the sports ministry programs. Training is typically a 3 to 5 day event. In addition, this funding may help underwrite a portion of the costs of a community wide “Week of Champions” sporting event where various churches in a region come together for a competition and celebration of what God is doing in their ministries.
3. Once leaders are trained, it doesn’t typically take a lot of resources to develop a sports ministry program. Balls and uniforms are a constant need, however.
4. There is a huge shortage of Bibles among most of the churches we are working with. Many Ethiopian believers do not have their own Bible. One of the greatest investments we can make is in the distribution of the Word of God.
5. Sports Friends is in the process of developing the only residential youth camp in Ethiopia. Ethiopia has a population of 77 million people (64% of whom are under 25 years old) and not a single residential youth camp. We believe this will be a very powerful ministry and a life changing experience for Ethiopian youth. The camping ministry will be integrated with the ongoing sports ministry of the local churches. The camper scholarship fee is only a general estimate at this time and will be refined once the camp is further established.