

Our work is guided by nine priorities.

- **By Prayer**
Since 1893, SIM's motto has been "By Prayer." We, as a people and a ministry, are wholly dependent on God.
- **Church Focus**
We believe that God's primary means of relating to and transforming the world is His Church.
- **Church-Planting & Missions**
We train and equip local churches and church planters to cross barriers and proclaim the gospel through sports.
- **Relational Disciple-Making**
We believe that sports provide natural opportunities to build relationships and make disciples of Jesus.
- **Sustainable Ministry**
We encourage churches to develop sustainable and ongoing ministries.
- **Grassroots**
We focus primarily on sports at the recreational level.
- **Multi-Sport**
We train local church leaders to use whatever sports are appropriate in their culture and context.
- **Leader Development**
We are committed to identifying, training, and building leadership capacity for sports ministry in the Church.
- **Ongoing Commitment**
We seek to come alongside leaders in order to mentor and disciple them.

Ways To Get Involved



Prayer is the foundation of all that we do. Join us: sports-friends.org/pray



We have opportunities for short-term ministry trips, internships, and long-term service: sports-friends.org/go



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Making disciples through sports



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Sports Friends is a ministry of the international mission organization, SIM. As such, we affirm SIM's purpose, core values, and statement of faith.

Our Vision: To see a global movement of churches using sports to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Mission: To equip churches and church planters to use sports to make disciples of Jesus Christ among young people, their families, and their communities.

Our Motivation: We are convinced that no one should live and die without hearing God's good news.



Many young people around the world face enormous challenges.

Poverty, conflict, gangs, addiction, abuse, broken relationships, mental illness, questions about their identity... and so the list goes on.

What can the Church do to help?

We believe that sports ministry serves as a powerful tool for the Church to build relationships with young people and share with them the hope of the gospel. Much more than a sports coach, these "life coaches" are mentoring and loving young people, walking with them through life's challenges, and helping them to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ. By God's grace, lives are being eternally impacted, new churches established, and entire communities transformed!

Our Approach

We equip churches and church planters to use sports to make disciples of Jesus Christ among young people, their families, and their communities in four key ways:

- **Share a vision** for local churches and church planters to use sports as a ministry tool.
- **Train Christian leaders** to start up sports ministry teams in their local church or as part of a new church-planting effort.
- **Equip coaches** for sustainable ministry through ongoing support, encouragement, and trainings.
- **Develop leadership** capacity of sports ministry coordinators, who will provide vision and management of the local sports ministry movement.

Camping Ministry

Camping is a critical element of the overall Sports Friends mission and a powerful tool for coaches to further minister to their players. During Sports Friends' camps, many young people encounter the love and good news of Jesus through crafts, dramas, games, and the relationships they build with camp staff and their coach who accompanies them. As the Holy Spirit works in their hearts, whether at camp or with their coach back home, many young people respond in faith to Christ, changing their lives as well as the lives of their families and communities.

