



JESUS Film Harvest Partners Success Story

- Project:** GOL 10,000 Soccer Ball in 2010 for worldwide soccer camps
- Originator:** Greg Nash, Children's Pastor
Gallatin First Church of the Nazarene
Gallatin, Tennessee
- # Participants:** 20 Children
- Purpose:** To engage children in global ministry of the church while instilling the knowledge that they can make a difference for others around the world by helping others to know Jesus



Paper soccer balls on windows of church

The Story:

Celebrating 100 Years with 311 "GOL" Soccer Balls

Paper soccer balls, each representing a \$10 donation, decorate the windows of Gallatin First Church of the Nazarene in Gallatin, Tennessee. The children of the church are learning what it means to love Jesus and love others. Twenty children raised \$3110.62 and contributed the first funds toward purchasing soccer balls for global distribution to reach children and youth. These aren't just any soccer balls as the Gallatin children can explain. The multi-color ball is used to share the gospel: dark represents sin; red is the pure blood of Christ; gold represents the holiness of God; white is a pure heart before God; and green is growing in God's way. The concept is so simple even a child can share the message. Children's Pastor Greg Nash said, "One second grader, explained how and why the soccer balls are needed by sharing the meaning of each color when asking for a donation."

Pastor Nash said, "The focus of the project was to teach kids that even at their age, they can make a difference." The kick off included a contest for the child raising the most money and for the child getting the most individuals to participate. A main emphasis was to let others outside the church know about the project. By the end of the contest, one child said, "It's not about winning. I did my best. I have to get these balls in the hands of people to tell them about Jesus." These young world changers celebrated their success by praying over the paper soccer balls which hung on the church windows. They know the balls will have a global impact on lives changed for Jesus.

JESUS Film Harvest Partners, Children's Ministries International, Nazarene Youth International and World Missions are joining forces to make the Evangelism Soccer Ball a global outreach to children and youth. Plans are in progress to coordinate soccer camps using the evangelism balls around the world. The goal is to distribute 10,000 by mid 2010.

Keys to Success:

- The units were small: \$10 = one evangelism soccer ball
- Kids were able to understand the concept
- Paper soccer balls were hung in a visible location for the church body to see
- The focus of the promotion was to tell people inside and outside the church about the project
- The kids prayed for the people who will come to know Christ as a result of their work.



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