



Luke 1:37  
January 2021

**“For nothing will be impossible with God.”**

Dear Friends,

With year-end giving down 48% from 2019 it would be easy to be discouraged, but, as we have learned – *nothing is impossible with God*. So, we move forward into 2021 trusting that God will provide as we begin training leaders/pastors/evangelists/soccer coaches in evangelism and discipleship through sports – in Haiti and Zambia. *Sharing hope through soccer, Dave Irby*

**“One coach will impact more young people in one year than the average person does in a lifetime.”**

- Billy Graham

**Haiti** – Please pray for us as Josh Westermann will be using Zoom to train soccer coaches in sports ministry (evangelism & discipleship). With the trip to Haiti cancelled three times we are praying the internet will work so we can equip and encourage the coaches - and please pray that Josh can follow up in person in May.

**Date:** Monday - Thursday, Jan. 11th - 14th, 2021 by Zoom

**Participants:** 60 Haitian coaches currently coaching within the Project Living Hope Soccer Academy

**Zambia** – Your prayers are appreciated as Marc Randall (To Every Nation CNET Zambia) and I have started meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 6 am PST by What’s App & Zoom. This month Marc and I are adapting the great training materials from [ReadySetGo.world](http://ReadySetGo.world) for pastors/evangelists/coaches. Pray that internet will work and that we can inspire and teach the leaders in Zambia in how to use sports to share the Christ’s love and to disciple those that come to Christ. Please pray as our goal is to “roll out” the program with one church first, later this month or in February.

**Training Future Leaders in the US** – Finally, your prayers are appreciated as today I signed a contract to co-author a new textbook (**Sports Ministry**) for Human Kinetics. *“Worldwide, Human Kinetics publishes more products—including books, journals, videos, and courses—than any other publisher serving physical activity disciplines.”* University professors and dear friends – Wayne Rasmussen, David Lewis and Bill Galipault and I appreciate your prayers to complete the first four chapters by May 1, with a March 2022 deadline to complete the book – to potentially be used by Christian universities across the US.



**Ready** is the process of gathering and envisioning people to make disciples for Christ in sport and play. **Set** prepares everyone to be a disciple-maker. **GO** gives us strategies to make disciples in the world of sport and play.

**Please Help Us continue to Go**

\*\*And I do closely follow the news and my heart breaks over the current set of affairs in our country and many of the countries we serve – and we are praying for God’s love to break through.