



AMBASSADORS
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Annual Report 2015

FOOTBALL • FAITH • FUTURE



Reflecting back over the past 25 years of football ministry reveals that a lot has changed. Twenty-five years ago we were spending a significant amount of our time giving the Church an apologetic for sports ministry. Now we have churches and, in some cases, large denominations requesting specialized training from us that will enable the church to reach out through football into their surrounding communities.

Our mission, “to communicate the good news of Jesus to all peoples through football” takes on new meaning if we are able to train, equip and mobilize the global Body of Christ to reach their communities through football. Because of the growing interest in using football as a means for ministry, we have developed a goal to direct our efforts over the next ten years:

To inspire and serve a global football outreach that impacts 10 million people annually by the year 2025.

As an organization, we hope to act as a catalyst in expanding football ministry. By partnering with churches, denominations, missions organizations and other parachurch organizations, we hope to reach millions of people with the Gospel of Christ through football.

Thank you for your prayers and tangible support,
Jonathan H. Ortlip
President || Ambassadors Football



To begin 2016, Ambassadors Football has restructured its work into four geographical regions, allowing for greater communication and resourcing between offices.

The four regions are Africa, the Americas, Asia/Oceania and Europe.



144 STAFF MEMBERS

22,229 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

97,629 PEOPLE IMPACTED

REGION I: AFRICA

IMPFONDO, Congo -- In June 2015, Ambassadors hosted the first ever TREC football ministry training course in Impfondo, the capital of the Likouala region in the north of Congo.

Twenty-two representatives came from several different churches and villages, some of whom paddled 14 hours up the Oubangui River to attend.

Ambassadors staff taught classroom sessions on the Biblical Ba-

sis for Sports Ministry, Models of Ministry and several other topics. On the field, the group learned practical coaching techniques and finished with assessments on the final day.

In less than a month following the course, the TREC graduates started more than 12 teams and several other coaching outreaches impacting over 500 children and young people every week in Impfondo and surrounding villages.

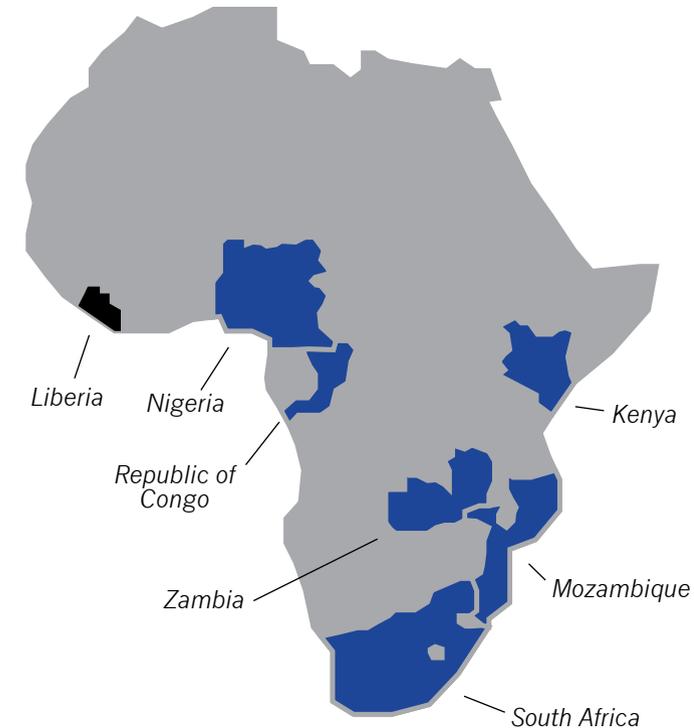


32 STAFF MEMBERS

2,182 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

27,997 PEOPLE IMPACTED

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REGION II: THE AMERICAS

PITTSBURGH, Penn. -- On January 20, 2015, Lenny Muckle, Jr. passed away days after his U-15 futsal team won the Regional Tournament in Akron, Ohio, paving the way to a first ever appearance in the National Tournament. One year later, the team is back in Akron, playing in memory of their beloved coach.

Each member of the Ambassadors team wears a black armband during the tournament in memory of Muckle. Many of the boys even have "LM" shaved into their hair. Not a player on the roster is left unaffected by Lenny's presence in the club, and every one has felt his absence.

And yet, in the wake of Muckle's death, God has worked to open new doors for ministry through football in Pittsburgh. The futsal club has swelled to 20 teams, reaching over 200 children, nearly half of whom

are from refugee families. Four new inner-city communities house weekly clinics. Two new staff members – Muckle's sister and brother-in-law – have joined his father in the Ambassadors Football Pittsburgh office.

Muckle's legacy outlives him, as players and parents tell story after story of his humble and supportive nature. His years of service with Ambassadors have paved the way for God's ongoing work through football in Pittsburgh.



33 STAFF MEMBERS

2,694 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

19,893 PEOPLE IMPACTED

US FACILITY: AMBASSADORS ARENA

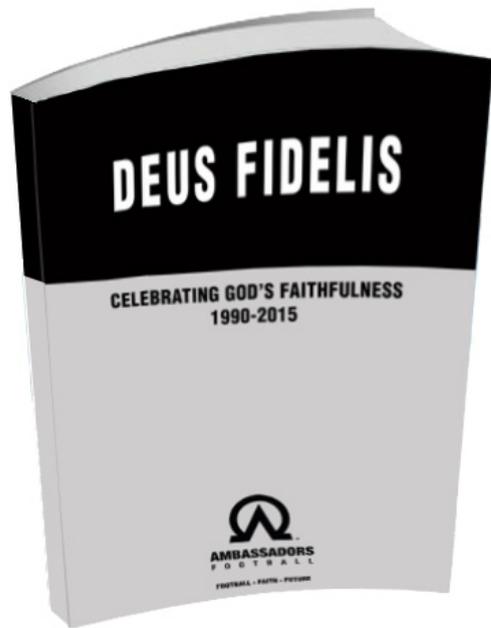


CLEVELAND -- On Mar. 7, 2016, Ambassadors Football cleared the property in preparation for building an indoor facility in Macedonia, Ohio in order to open in Nov. 2016.

The facility will feature a 35 yard by 70 yard 3G turf field, as well as 4,000 square feet of multipurpose space. This space will include observation areas, office space and a cafe. The facility will be equipped with state-of-the-art training and coaching equipment.

Ambassadors will use the facility to house the youth club, train churches and individuals for sports ministry and generate revenue for the mission.

Initial estimates suggest that over 20,000 people will come through the facility annually, including around 350 children each week that will participate in club activities. This facility will provide a space for Ambassadors to welcome athletes and their families from northeast Ohio and around the world.



25TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK: *Deus Fidelis*

In September 2015, Ambassadors Football published *Deus Fidelis: Celebrating God's Faithfulness 1990-2015*. The book contains over 90 stories of God's work through Ambassadors over the last 25 years.

To get your copy, send a donation of any amount and a note requesting the book to:

*Ambassadors Football
PO Box 847
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087*

REGION III: ASIA/OCEANIA

KATHMANDU, Nepal -- The earthquake that hit Nepal in April shook everyone.

However, the disaster opened doors for Ambassadors to minister to many people. Ambassadors distributed tarps in May at Ryale VDC, a small village west of

Kathmandu, and partnered with other ministry organizations to purchase water tanks and organize trauma relief camps at several locations. Ambassadors worked not only to spread the Gospel of Christ through football, but it also provided for the practical needs of so many who suffered during the earthquake.

God gave the staff of Ambassadors Nepal the opportunity to minister to different people, families and children. The staff very grateful to all those who supported Ambassadors in prayers, by giving financially or writing a word of encouragement for the staff in this time of disaster in Nepal.



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**44 STAFF
MEMBERS**

**6,684 PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS**

**22,061 PEOPLE
IMPACTED**

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REGION IV: EUROPE



PRAGUE -- Samuel first came to Ambassadors Soccer Camp in the Czech Republic in 2014. Throughout the week of camp, Samuel had trouble focusing, following camp rules and treating campers and coaches with respect. The coaches soon found out that Samuel's birth parents had abandoned him, and after bouncing around an orphanage, a Christian family adopted him.

At this year's camp the coaches noted a significant change in Samuel and the impact of Christian parents and God's presence was evident.

He was touched by the Bible time in camp and responded to the challenge, prayed with a coach and decided to get baptised in his

home church. The coaches look forward to witness the continued transformation in Samuel's life at Ambassadors Soccer Camp 2016.



35 STAFF MEMBERS

10,669 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

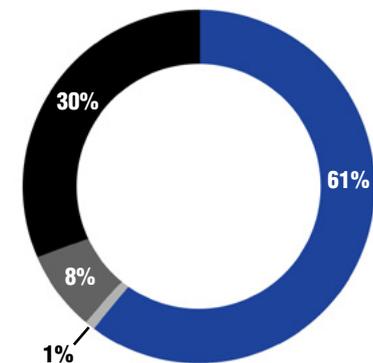
27,678 PEOPLE IMPACTED

GLOBAL FINANCE REPORT

Thank you to all those who contributed to the work of Ambassadors Football in 2015. We praise God for the thousands of donors who have joined with us in our mission to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through football.

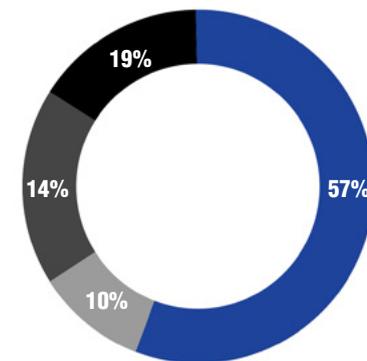
Total Revenues \$3,520,907

Contributions	\$2,155,807
Ministry Activities	\$1,057,791
Centers of Hope	\$292,458
Other Income	\$14,851



Total Expenses \$3,563,048

Ministry Activities	\$2,073,787
Administration	\$711,533
Centers of Hope	\$443,823
Development	\$333,904





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