



News From The Common Ground

“Whatever a person is like, I try to find a common ground, so that he will let me tell him about Christ.” 1
Corinthians 9:22 NLT

2011 Camp-Live Like a Champion Today

My name is Mary Miller and I have worked with Sports Crusaders the past two summers as a Team Leader for basketball. However, this semester I have had the amazing opportunity to do my internship with Sports Crusaders. I have been working in the office, working in our booth, and going on recruiting trips to help assist Tricia in preparing for this summer.

We have this years theme set and the devotional material almost completed. The theme for this summer is Live Like a Champion Today, with the theme verse of Philipians 1:27, “Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy

of the gospel of Christ.” We can’t tell you how excited we are to get this summer underway. We are almost fully staffed: however, we are still looking for soccer and basketball staffers. Pray for us, the summer staff that have agreed to work this summer, and the ones who haven’t applied yet, that God will bring us the right students to make this summer amazing as in years past. So, if you have any athletes in mind that would love an opportunity to work for the Lord, play their favorite sport all summer, and hang out with a bunch of kids tell them to check out our website and send in an

application.

They might very well find, like me, that this opportunity will change their lives for good.

Mary Miller



Mission Opportunities for 2011

I am excited to see what God is doing through Sports Crusaders and Camp P82! He is truly at work. With about 150 camps across the Midwest and at least 3 overseas mission projects, the Lord has opened many doors for the Gospel to be shared. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will go before us and open the hearts of the people who will hear it.

Daniel Hale and FBC Millersville are taking a softball/baseball mis-

sion team to El Salvador June 11-18.

Tricia Alberts and Kevin Shelton are leading a team of high school and college basketball girls and guys to Merida Mexico July 2-9. Cost: \$1500. If you are interested in going on this trip or help sponsor a student or leader please contact Tricia by email: tricia@sportscrusaders.org or call the office 573.896.6095 for more information.

Cory Casey is leading a competitive men’s playing team to missions in Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico July 16-23. The cost for this trip is also \$1500. Please contact Cory by email: cory@sportscrusaders.org.

Tricia Alberts

Executive Director



March 31, 2011

Open Camp Dates:

Cheer: Aug 1-5

Soccer: June 6-10,
June 20-24, June 27-
July 1, July 11-15,
July 18-22

Basketball: June 6-10
& June 13-17

Why Host A Sports Crusaders Camp?

- Camps are an exciting way campers learn about or grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Camps are high quality and affordable
- Camps work on developing character as well as skills
- Provides an opportunity for non-churched campers to visit your church

“Camp P82” – In connection with Sports Crusaders

Psalms 82: 3-4 “Provide justice for the needy and fatherless; uphold the rights of the oppressed and destitute. Rescue the poor and needy, save them from the hand of the wicked.”

As believers, God has given us a great responsibility to care for those who cannot, for one reason or another, care adequately for themselves. Camp P82 is an outreach ministry designed for the purpose of sharing the gospel of Christ to those who would fall into the category described in the scripture listed in Psalms 82. There are over 18,000 plus children and youth that have one or more parents who are incarcerated in the state of Missouri. There are countless more that would be considered “at-risk” and lack the opportunities of service and outreach many kids have. Most of these kids don’t receive the opportunity to attend a camp during the summer due to a number of reasons. Camp P82 offers a unique opportunity to reach these kids through outdoor camping and recreation. Here they

will experience a variety of opportunities from organized sports to life-skill lessons. The primary goal is to teach them about Christ and His love for them. Along with this teaching, Christ-like principles and virtues will be modeled, taught and instilled in all things camp related.

This is another outreach designed to reach kids who may not ever find themselves inside church doors, or may not find themselves in a crusaders sports camp due to lack of athletic zeal, money, or knowledge of opportunity; but this camp affords for them an opportunity to leave their environment for a short time and be immersed in one where Christ will be the emphasis, fun will be had, and new things will be learned.

We are excited about this new ministry and look forward to kicking it off this summer! We welcome your involvement through prayer, volunteer service, and financial giving. To learn more you may visit the camp website at

www.campp82ministries.com or contact

Cory Casey (cory@sportscrusaders.org)

In Him,

Cory Casey

Director of International and at-Risk Ministries

Sports Crusaders

Mark your Calendars!!!

Camp P82 fundraising dinner:

Saturday May 7th , beginning at 6:00pm at Riverview Baptist Church in Osage Beach, Mo

Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 ages 5-12, & under 5 are free.

Join us for a time of celebration, fellowship, prayer, and to learn more about the camp and the ministry.

For more information or to volunteer service for the event, contact Shelly Vaughn at 573-280-2716 or Cory Casey at 479-871-5627



Have you ordered your copy yet? Available in paper back for \$11.95 and in hard back for \$28.95. Call or e-mail us today! 573-896-6095 or amy@sportscrusaders.org

Sports Crusaders Live!

Every Sunday from 8:00-9:00pm

Greater St. Louis area:

AM Radio 630 KJSL

Outside St. Louis area:

www.sportscrusaders.org

Thank you for the contributions to the 2011 Common Ground Fund! We have already made our goal for this year! Praise the Lord!! Thank you for your continued support of the Ministry of Sports Crusaders!



Do you know someone who would like to spend their summer sharing the love of Christ and playing with kids? We are still looking for 3 inner-city basketball players, 3 basketball players for the Peoria, IL team, 1 other basketball player and 6 soccer players. Contact Tricia at 573-896-6095

Ministry Needs

- \$5.00 will put a full Bible in the hands of a child this summer
- \$40.00 will sponsor a child to attend a sports camp this summer
- Our staff will be taking three international mission trips this year and are raising support to offset their cost
- All of our full time staff members raise their own financial support and would appreciate any contributions toward their salaries.

2011 Summer Staff

Please begin praying for the summer staff that have already committed to service this summer: Savannah Page, Arielle Daughtry, Amanda Robertson, Devin Bain, Lauren Bollen, RJ Graham, Troy Rice, Mary Miller, Ashlee Espinoza, Lindsay Carter, Spencer Ayers, Ben Gingrich, Mackenzie Hobbs, Mike Cooper, Kassie Limke, Rebekah McCray, Kevin Gidney, Phillip Turner, and Elliott Allen.



In the spring of 1999, my life changed forever when Bobby Shows walked onto the campus of HLG (now HLGU). At the time, I was a freshman, a cheerleader, and a broken and hurting young lady. My brother had just committed suicide and that sent me spiraling into a depression. That depression led to many poor choices for me. However, because I was a cheerleader, Bobby talked to the squad about doing Sports Crusaders. I did not hear the part about being missionaries and spreading the Word, I heard, "Katie, this is your ticket out of your house this summer! You will get paid to do something you love to do and you do not have to be around your family." I signed right up! I even told Bobby that I was a Christian!! I thought I was. When I arrived at training, I was still the same hurting girl making poor choices. But on June 1, 1999, after hearing of a new friend's family tragedy, I held my head in my hands and cried, sobbed. My heart was tired of hurting, tired of fighting. I had been hearing the knock on the door in my heart for months. I finally answered the door, and there stood God! I let Him in! I became a Christian that day! Since that day, I devoted not only that summer, but two more to Sports Crusaders. It was some of the best summers of my life. I met some great people and shared many good times over a bowl of ice cream! Being a Crusader shaped my life! I will be forever grateful to Bobby for showing up on campus that day and giving me the perfect way to run away. Since then, my life has not been perfect, but I have been filled with a purpose in life. He still has a plan for me even when my life is turned upside down, like it is right now. It is His strength that gets me through everyday. Bobby jumped on faith to start the Crusaders. He jumped on faith taking me that summer. God has a plan for us all, sometimes we know the direction He wants us to go and sometimes, we don't. I know that I will be forever grateful and proud to say that I am a Sports Crusader!

Katie Franke

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Pre-game ceremonies - 5:45 p.m.

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the most tickets receives
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