

## 2020 Vision

Typically, at the end of the year we write a letter that reflects on the highlights of our ministry. While we have greatly valued our time on home assignment this year, we are much more excited about sharing with you what our ministry will look like when we return to Kenya.



As we prepare to enter our next term we take with us the successes of the first. We will return with the opportunity to build on a foundation of ministry that allowed our field to mature and begin to take form into the vision of what took us overseas in the first place.

From the time of originally being called to Kenya, discipleship was at the heart of what we wanted to accomplish. We knew that sports would be the easy part. Just be available, have a ball, and we will have more kids than we know what to do with. The need we saw was the lack of discipleship within the church and via the church to those who do not yet know about Jesus.

This is what Sports Friends does: We develop local church-centered sports ministries that transform lives and strengthen communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So as we go back, where will this vision take us? There are four areas of ministry we will focus on:

1. **Refugee Ministry:** Pastor William is far from sight of his home in South Sudan. Civil war has chased him, and many of his fellow Sudanese, out of the country. We are teaching William and others how to use sports to create a new and more important citizenship. Upon our return, we will be expanding our refugee outreach. There are over 200,000 refugees waiting.
2. **Coastal Ministry:** Chigo grew up along the Tanzanian coast, raised by a strict religious family, that followed the local dominate belief system. By God's grace he was introduced to Jesus and now knows the Truth. He is passionate about making sure young people in his village also have an opportunity to know the Truth. Sports Friends is developing partnerships with other converts like Chigo that will allow us to begin sports ministries in these hard-to-reach communities along the East African coast.
3. **Nairobi Ministry:** Coach Isaac grew up in an orphanage. His experience is not so different from many other Kenyan children. According to "Light of Hope" a Kenyan child is orphaned every 2 minutes due to disease and other factors. Isaac has taken a particular interest in reaching out to these young Kenyans who are particularly vulnerable to crime, gangs and child trafficking. When we return we will be training more coaches who have the same heart for the "least of these."
4. **Special Needs Ministry:** Paul may be blind but joining a team that is run by a Sports Friends coach allowed a dream to come true. He may not see the ball clearly, but our ministry has a vision to make sure that he and others like him have an opportunity to see Jesus clearly.



*Pastor William*



*Coach Isaac*



*Paul*

It is exciting to be able to see well and clearly the path laid out before us. If you already partner with us, you are a part of this vision. We cannot do this without you. Thank you for being a part of bringing the vision to life so that people will not perish without hope. We also thank you for praying with us and for us. It is by prayer that the message we carry is fruitful; and it is by prayer that the Lord guides, protects, and provides for us.

**Not yet a partner?** As we move toward a new year, we would ask you to consider how God would have you participate in reaching those who are perishing without the Gospel. Would you be a part of our team? Would you be a part of reaching these young refugees, East African Muslims, impoverished, and special needs families?

Would you start the New Year out as a monthly partner? Or would you make a year-end gift?

Laboring for His Harvest,  
Greg, Cambie, Micah and Tiffany

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Micah and Tiffany have had a wonderful time being with family. They are eager to get home to Kenya. We wonder whose kids they are as they anxiously await getting to Rosslyn Academy. This home assignment has helped teach them a lot about their prayer lives, waiting on God's timing, and being patient. Something we can all relate to.



Jesus says to those He appoints as servants and witnesses,

*"I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."* Acts 26:17-18



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