



GLOBAL CHURCH SPORT MOVEMENT

AIA CSM

The Athletes in Action Church Sport Movement (AIA CSM) is a strategy to help fulfill the great commission Matt.28:18-20. Athletes in Action have been experiencing great results working in sport and through sports around the world. Sport is relevant in many nations in the world, it speaks a language that everyone understands. We use sport to connect people, it opens up opportunities for Christians to share the gospel with non-Christians. Church Sport Movement is based on the local church, AIA will intentionally share ministry literature resources to the church. A person does not have to be an athlete to use sport as a ministry. The AIA CSM strategy is built to provide for anyone in the local Church practical tools to reach and help people grow in the Lord in their city through sports, we would love for physical education teachers, sports people (coaches, physiotherapists), athletes, and former pro-athletes in the church to get involved as well.

BUILDING MOVEMENTS

The Church Sport Movement is not an activity, we are building a movement of multiplying disciples, running alongside and encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ to win people for Christ, help them grow in the knowledge and grace as well as encourage these disciples to make other disciples (win, build and send). Our desire is to serve in partnership with the body of Christ.



THE BODY OF CHRIST

God protects His church and He cares about it as His bride (Ephesians 5:25-27). If we are able to work adequately in partnership with the local churches we are serving an organization that has the **LONGEST HISTORY**, past, present, and future! Jesus tells us to make disciples, not converts. If God enables us to lead people to Christ, then how are we going to follow-up with them? Who is taking care of these new believers who can only drink spiritual milk? Who is going to help them to grow and stand firm in the midst of this generation? We need to bring them into the safety and fellowship of a local church. The **GREATEST IMPACT** you can make in this world will be done in partnership with the church. It is so much dynamic, fun and a blessing to work together. In most countries there seems to be no better network than the church. It is the best organized, it has the best connections in the community, it has great influence, and therefore it has the **MOST AND BEST RESOURCES**. God Himself is the Provider for His church.

TO HAVE THE MOST IMPACT CSM IS:

- Volunteer led - We build Missional Sports Communities, by mobilizing groups of people spread out in the city committed to reach non-believers serving their own churches.
- In partnership with and owned by local churches
- Focused on building movements, multiplying disciples

Build a growing movement we **focus on discipleship**: training people so that they can train others. AIA is committed to follow up, work together to build a healthy and sustainable movement in their own neighborhood, city and country. The movement becomes even stronger when AIA Sports Chaplaincy, an AIA strategy joins in on the ongoing movement in the city. We want to see spiritual multiplication throughout the city and country.

CHURCH SPORT MOVEMENT

Church Sport Movement Creates a meeting point between Christians and non-Christians, where trained volunteers use the opportunities to share the good news of the gospel. CSM provides training to all church volunteers committed to run CSM followed by planning and creating the sport outreach activity in the city. This model also calls for a sustainable movement, AIA wants to collaborate in developing new leadership in partnership with the local church.



EXAMPLES OF AIA CSM

Pastor Elisio - A pastor from Rio de Janeiro - Brazil, wanted to reach the youth around his church. As a fruit of partnership with Athletes in Action, many young people were impacted with the message of the gospel, and many other things began to happen in his church. Watch for more!

<https://vimeo.com/754022608>

Marcio' story: Marcio is a former Basketball player athlete. He began to use his skills as an athlete to reach others and share the love of God. As a member of the local church in São Paulo - Brazil, he gathered some young people around and joined in partnership with Athletes in Action. Watch the video.

<https://vimeo.com/757290676>

Pastor Joel - A pastor from the Netherlands, has experienced how sport helped rebuild a local church. Find out more!

<https://vimeo.com/757291065>

Recife Church Sport Movement - The work in Recife began and right away God gave spiritual fruits. One of these spiritual fruits is Luiz Felipe. He is a young guy that came to the Lord while participating in sport outreach events hosted by the local church in Recife. He later joined the church and now is working as a volunteer-associate for Athletes in Action, Luiz Felipe and three other church volunteers are involved with a local basketball club in Recife. There are about 100 athletes participating in bible study. This is fruit of a partnership between a Basketball club and Athletes in Action.

<https://youtu.be/U2yEivkrAx0>

“Movements of multiplying disciples everywhere, in sport and through sports.”



TYPICAL CHURCH SPORT MOVEMENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

Day 1

Travel day

Day 2

Hang out with Country Leader, help preparations for the training, prayer.

Day 3

- 08:30 - 08:45 Arrival
- 08:45 - 09:00 Prayer and worship
- 09:00 - 09:30 Welcome, introductions / expectations
- 09:30 - 10:30 Designers heartbeat
- 10:30 - 10:50 Icebreaker: The clock
- 11:00 - 11:50 Why sports Ministry
- 12:00 - 12:45 What is Sports Ministry
- 13:00- 14:00 Lunch** - Experiencing 2 elements of missional sports community:
 - Having a meal together in small groups (3 or 4 persons) - get to know each other
 - Pray for one another
- 14:30 - 15:30 What is a missional community - EXPERIENCE
- 15:45 - 17:00 Practical Training**
 - Introduction and sharing responsibilities /AIA team preparation
 - Start with prayer on the field / AIA team preparation
 - Make teams and play / outreach interaction
 - Break: sports parable/ testimony / devotional / gospel presentation
 - Play game 2 - Frisbee
 - Finish with prayer
- 17:15 - 18:00 Introduction Outreach Day 2
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner

Day 4

- 08:45 - 09:00 Prayer and worship
- 09:00 - 09:50 Support in the church
- 10:00 - 10:50 Research neighborhood
- 11:00 - 11:20 Icebreaker: Get the cone
- 11:30 - 12:30 Build sports movement
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch** - Experiencing 2 elements of missional sports community
 - Having a meal together in small groups (3 or 4 persons) - get to know each other
 - Pray for one another
- 14:30 - 15:30 Introduction: Sharing testimony
 - Bracelets - with AIA logo
- 16:00 - 17:30 Outreach with elements of missional community
 - Activities
 - Testimony
 - Evaluation
- 17:30 - 18:30 Evaluation
- 18:30 - 20:00 Dinner
- 20:00 - 21:00 Evening: Q&A 1 hour **Team**



Day 5

- 08:45 - 09:00 Prayer and worship
- 09:00 - 09:50 Why to do follow up & Discipleship
- 10:00 - 10:50 Planning
- 11:00 - 11:20 Dynamic ‘How to get the most?’
- 11:00 - 11:50 Ministry sustainability (church partnerships)
- 12:00 - 12:15 Introduction afternoon activity
 - Program afternoon
- 12:30- 14:00 Lunch** - Experiencing 2 elements of missional sports community
- 14:30 - 17:00 Outreach with elements of missional community
 - Activities
 - Testimony
 - Evaluation
- 18:00 - 20:00 Dinner**
- 20:00 - 21:30 Evening: Evaluation

Day 6

- 08:45 - 09:00 Prayer and Worship
- 09:00 - 09:50 100 Days Plan
 - What do you want to accomplish?
- 10:00 - 10:50 Commission participants
- 11:00 - 11:20 Assignment – Develop a plan to start CSM in your country
- 11:00 - 11:50 Online Follow up Zoom Call
 - Date:
 - Time:
 - Who:
- 12:00 - 12:15 **Lunch Time** / Dismiss

Day 7

Travel day / goodbye



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HOST COUNTRY PREPARATION FOR THE AIA CSM

Accommodation (for AIA CSM Trainers)

- Meals
- Transportation in country

For the Training sessions / Meeting Room

- Projector
- Microphones
- Translation (if necessary)
- Pens
- Coffee
- Sportswear for all the participants

For practical training

- Facility for Sports Activities: field/gym/green area/playground
- Sport equipment (Soccer Ball, Volleyball, Frisbee, cones, sports vests)
- Cost - Cover in country costs

For a Practical Model / Vision Casting Experience

- The goals, give a model to the CSM trainees and also vision casting to a local church
- Contact local church – Run an Outreach Sports Activity neat their church.
- Duration of the activity approx. 3 hours
- Who can participate? As many as possible from the local church
- Ask the church to invite their neighbors to come and have fun, play sports.

AIA CSM PREPARATION

- Handbooks, pen, stickers, sport bible
- PowerPoint Presentation in Drive / USB
- AIA evangelism Bracelets (If available)
- T-shirt (If available)
- Jesus Film Projector + Soccer Goals + Balls (If available)
- Certificates / Baton
- Timetable/Schedule for the week
- Follow up: 1 week after conference?
- Travel arrangements

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