



Sports . Ministry . Fun!

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Giving students a picture of who God created them to be!

New Schoolyear . New Compassion Focus . New Logo! - Same God!

It's hard to believe but as the summer ends, Skybacher Ministries is entering into it's 10th school year of ministry! Wow! We could've never imagined the journey God would take us on from selling some baked goods at Wal-Mart. As we begin that 10th year we've instituted a new logo that further reflects our goal of using sports to connect others to God! The sports balls connecting to the cloud that is a carry over from our previous logo, and represents the heavenly. We also return with a new perspective and renewed passion for the lost after spending a week in Jamaica. This year we will be looking to not only give students a picture of who they were created to be, but also encourage them serve and reach out to others. We are excited about the changes and refocus and continue to trust in a Savior who never changes!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

New Focus on Compassion. Celebrating a True Servant – Aunt Nancy.



Many of you would know our dear Aunt Nancy Liston who went to be with the Lord unexpectedly late this summer. She was like a mother to us and like a grandmother to our children. She truly showed us an example of what "Compassion" is – setting aside our own wants and desires and leaning into God's desires for how we should live caring for the orphans and the widows and the poor. She was such a partner to Skybacher Ministries, serving at Dodgeball tournaments, helping clothe the director's kids, and bringing countless kids and families to our summer camps and programs. She ALWAYS was looking for ways to bring people into the church no matter their circumstances. What a legacy she leaves with all of us!!!!

Early this spring we began the conversation with Aunt Nancy about how God might have a unique partnership between Skybacher Ministries and the Compassion Ministries, using our monthly tournaments to help with stocking the food Pantry, and help raise money and awareness for families in our community that are in need.

Our tournament season this year will take on a monthly Compassion focus – where there will be opportunities for people to give to specific causes, families or needs for the pantry, and opportunities for our students to serve and take part in helping meet the needs of this community and the ones that surround us. Below are the items we will be looking to collect each month. You do not have to be at the tournament to participate in donating items just drop them off at our office at the church or our home. Thank you, Aunt Nancy for your amazing love and example. You are so deeply missed.

- Pumpkin Blast - a collection for the Compassion Ministries
- Cereal Bowl - we will be collecting food for the food pantry
 - Turkey Volleyball - we will be collecting canned goods.
- Broomball - we will be collecting gloves and mittens for those in need

Dodgeball Pumpkin Blast Weekend!

It's our annual dodgeball tournament with a theme! Dress up your team! Don't come in full M&M costumes that make you an easy target, but maybe you all wear headbands, high socks, or the same t-shirts.

Saturday October 19th @ 6:30p is the Jr High & High School Tourney - (8-10 players)

Sunday October 20th @ 5:30p is the Elementary/Middle School - (4-6 players)

**Cost is \$1 per person, there will also be concession, and a collection for Compassion Ministries
Sign up a team Today!!!**



SPORTS . MINISTRY . FUN . HIGHLIGHTS

- It was another fun filled summer of Skybacher Sports Camps! We put a strong emphasis on “giving students a picture of who they were created to be!” We had a great staff that jumped in on all the fun. The last week was especially hot as the entire week hit the 90 degree mark but that didn’t stop anyone. We just kept spraying everyone with the hose, and even had a day with double slip-n-slides.
- We also held a Kickball Tournament in the middle of the summer with the help of St. Elizabeth Parish from Philadelphia. This was the second year in a row that high school students stopped by to participate and help out. Five teams battled it out for the Kickball Classic Title but in the end it was the Blue Frogs who won it all!
- Finally in the end of July we held our 3rd Annual Rubber Duck Derby. This year the weather once again tried to slow us down, but the the Ducks were ready to swim and even though the creek was a bit higher the race was still fast & furious. It was duck purchased by Jay Bradelnumber ____ that would cross the finish line first and bring home the cash prize.
- Finally the best news of the summer was “changed lives”. Two counselors prayed with John to accept Christ! Praise the Lord!



Skybacher Sports Tournament Schedule

October 19th @6:30p
The Pumpkin Dodgeball Blast (7-12 gr)

October 20th @5:00p
Pumpkin Blast Jr. (K-6th gr.)
(Unionville Life Center)

November 9th
Flag Football - Cereal Bowl (2nd - 12th gr.)
(Green Valley Park)

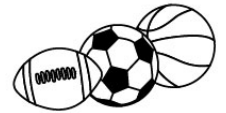
November 23rd
Turkey & Stuffing Volleyball (Family Event)
(Unionville Life Center)

December 13th
Broomball Blizzard (7-12th gr)
(Brady's Run Ice Arena)

January 18th
Arctic Dodgeball Blast (7-12th gr)

January 19th
Arctic Blast Jr. (K-6th gr.)
(Unionville Life Center)

March 23rd
3-on-3 Slam (2 - 12th gr.)
(Unionville Life Center)



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Jamaica 2013



We had lead trips there for 7 years, sometimes going for twice a year. Then came children, and it would be another 7 years before we would even consider returning. God has continued to stir in our hearts a passion for the lost and for others outside of our culture. We felt like maybe He was urging us to explore the possibilities of taking sports ministry overseas. We had a few options, but when YWAM Jamaica contacted us, it seemed that after 10 years we would be heading back to Jamaica together, only this time it would be as a family!

Everything came together very rapidly. We had no funds pulled together but we were trusting that if God wanted us to do this, that He would provide. He provided above and beyond. The plan when we left was that we would spend a few days at the YWAM base in Montego Bay, and then spend a few days in Harmons where we had done missions with Won by One to Jamaica for all those years. When we arrived we were escorted to the YWAM base and dropped off to what look like a small college dorm room with 3 bunk beds and a ceiling fan. The base itself appeared to be empty. The kids looked at us like what next? We weren't sure ourselves so we told them to just "be patient!" Sure be patient we'd been traveling for 8 hours, and the heat and humidity were blazing. We decided we would take the soccer ball and basketball we brought and venture out onto campus. The first thing we noticed was the amazing view! The YWAM base is on the mountainside overlooking Montego Bay. We made our way down to a basketball hoop and 2 small soccer nets. We kicked it around a little and shot a few hoops, and thought about how cool it was we were in Jamaica. Then within minutes, "God" happened! Tyler and Renae became locked in a soccer match with 2 Jamaican boys, and Julia was playing a boy on the way home from school a 1-on-1 basketball game. ("Go easy on em Julz!") And there it was, the picture God had been placing in our hearts; sports opening a door, and providing opportunity for ministry!

In the following days we would visit a school and participate in the morning devotion. We went to an orphanage where the girls were in their glory as they got to hold, chase, and put to sleep real Jamaican babies! We went to pre-school for Career Day, where we learned a new song about the dentist and got to see all of the kids dressed up in their career costumes. We had real Jamaican cuisine; every night of the trip. Tyler and I also had the fun and frightening experience of taking a real Jamaican taxi (10 passengers in a small car) to watch a football (soccer) match.

One of the most impactful moments of the trip came when we were visiting a facility for kids with disabilities. The workers rang the bell for lunch and asked if anyone was available to help feed the residents. Ty and I reluctantly volunteered not knowing what we were in for. I will never forget the picture of our oldest son feeding a man who was unable to feed himself that day. His life and mine were being changed in that moment. We all got to sing songs, dance, listen to jokes, and just wheel around the residents that day. We will all remember it as a day where God showed us true compassion for the "least of these".

The remainder of the trip we stayed with our friends the Hyltons in Harmons. We were able to catch up with so many friends and families we had grown to love over all those years. We got to see and hear about the work Won by One continues to do throughout Jamaica. Our hosts Gloria and Jay were beyond amazing and the 2 kids that they are raising (Mickalia and Hailey) became family favorites. On our way back to Montego Bay we stopped by one of the wonders of the world - Dunn's River Falls and climbed as a family. Wow!!! We returned to have breakfast with Marion Jacobs the director of YWAM -Montego Bay and she spoke a word of prayer over each of our children. It all lead to an experience that our family will not soon forget!

We are still in contact with the people from Jamaica and are praying about and working on plans to return this Spring or Summer and run a sports camp (soccer, basketball). We appreciate your prayers as we continue to seek God's direction for Skybacher Ministries in this area. Also if you or your family would be interested in participating in something like this please contact us.

YWAM Base



Ty & Jay and Dajay



The Hope Hospice



Pre-school Madness



The Kids!

Soccer Match



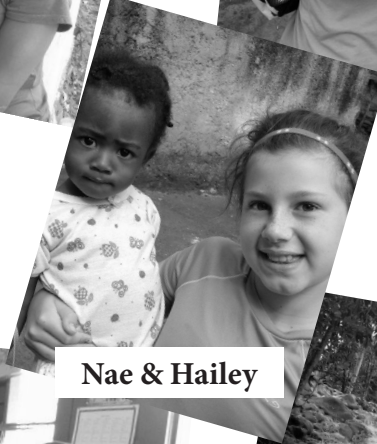
The Hyltons



Jay & Jay



Nae & Hailey



Kristie & Mickalia



No Chance Boys!!



Dunn's River Falls

