

“Sports Quest...Developing Leaders For Christ Through The Game of Soccer Since 1996”

Hello Sir!

I don't know if you remember me, but this is Benjamin Gilmore. I used to attend your camps up until I got too old, and then helped work as an assistant trainer at camps as well as with some teams at Bear Creek.

Back in 2006 you reached out to me regarding my trip with Missionary Athletes International to Czech Republic and a sports paper you were putting together. I never responded. It was a difficult time of uncertainty and transition. I didn't respond mostly on account of I needed to do some growing up. I'm sorry for not contacting you back.

It may seem trivial, but I thought it best to apologize.

After my time with Sports Quest I continued pursuing soccer whole-heartedly. I played at my high school, for the Texans, and went on to play in college. As I pursued my dream of playing professionally as well as seeking to spread the Gospel using my sport, I traveled all over the world with Missionary Athletes International and Athletes In Action. It was my involvement with Athletes In Action that led to my being able to work as the assistant chaplain for FC Dallas for over 3 years.

As my time as a player came to a close, and professional door after door closed, in spring 2012 I found myself at a crossroads: I didn't know what to do with my life. I had spent everything of myself pursuing soccer, chasing after a dream. It seemed to come to nothing. Almost unintentionally, I had over the years become a minister.

I now work for a church in Dallas as a Ministry Coordinator. Recently married and so thankful for it, my life has been a crazy road to be sure, but I wouldn't change a bit of it.

Thank you for sewing into me and being the first to show me how sport and faith can work together. It was your time and effort that God used to set me off on a very cool path.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving!

Benjamin Gilmore
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