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Attend the 2012 Sports Quiz

No one is just a number, but sometimes it's encouraging to take a breath after a busy period and look back at the incredible way God has been working in so many lives.

Over 650 churches requested a 2012 Sports Quiz between March and September this year, giving sportspeople in their congregations the opportunity to invite their friends to an Olympic-themed sports quiz with a half time gospel talk. The Christians in Sport speaking team delivered over 80 live sports quizzes across the UK, and the anticipated excess demand was met by resourcing churches with a 'DIY-style' 2012 Sports Quiz DVD pack.

As you take a look at a few highlights below, please pray for churches as they follow up with the many who have said they would like to find out more about Jesus Christ through special services and explore courses. Pray also for Christians who invited their friends, that God would give them boldness and wisdom as they continue to share their faith.

The Stats

(Based on a survey completed in September 2012 by 124 churches, c. 20% of all churches that requested the 2012 Sports Quiz)



568 churches received the 2012 Sports Quiz DVD resource pack.



The Christians in Sport speaking team spoke live at 80 quizzes.



On average 50 people attended each quiz, 46% of whom were guests of church members.



An estimated 8,700 people who do not follow Christ heard the gospel.

'We had a good evening - very much enjoyed by everyone and the feedback consistently positive. We had 94 guests attend, around 60% were friends of church members, 20 of whom have asked for more information about the church and/or Christianity. It's a great resource for a local church and served us excellently.'

Rev Alex Harris, Minister at Sandon Road Baptist Church and Beacon International Centre



St Luke's Church, Watford

'One group (who had a thoroughly good time) consisted mainly of men who had never accepted an invitation to anything Christian before. The friends who'd invited them were delighted and came back to say how grateful and happy they were!'

Susan Hall, Cell Pastor for Mission at Acomb Baptist Church, York



Deeside Christian Fellowship, Aberdeen

'It was a great night and my friends and colleagues were pleasantly surprised at how non-criinge and easy it was to spend an evening in a church! Thank God that seeds have been planted.'

Marina Johnson, member at St Michael's Church, Chester Square



Jesmond Parish Church, Newcastle

'There was a good atmosphere, and people enjoyed the variety in the quiz, commenting weeks afterwards how much they enjoyed it.'

Dave Aarons, Youth Pastor at Paulsgrove Baptist Church, Portsmouth

'One person started coming to church as a result.'

Captain Jonathan Hamilton at Bootle Salvation Army

'The gospel talk (One Giant Leap) was excellent. We have held many quizzes and small events over the last fourteen years, and used those events to invite people to Alpha or 'special' church services, for example, but this was probably the most direct 'we' have been at sharing the gospel.'

Rosemary Taylor-Mew, member at St Paul's C of E Church, South Harrow

'6 guys from my hockey team came along which was really good.'

Joel Evans, member at Gilcomston South Church, Aberdeen

Read how the 2012 Games Chaplaincy Team got on this summer.

Andrew Wingfield Digby, Vicar at St Andrew's Church, Oxford, and founder of Christians in Sport, led a team of international Christian chaplains at the 2012 Games. The team were on hand to encourage and pray with those in the village, lead Bible studies, cope with any pastoral crises and hold daily services and prayer meetings in the chapel. Read his weekly reports from the Olympic Village online at christiansinsport.org.uk/wingersupdate.

