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SPORTS RELATIONS & SERVICES INTERNATIONAL



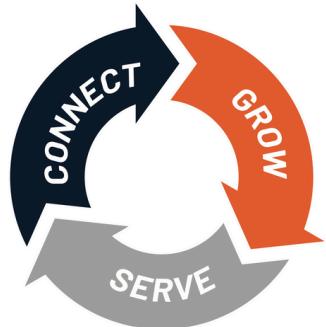
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# LOOKING BACK & MOVING FORWARD

Dear Friends,

The Lord continues to move in & through sport and fitness in ways only He could orchestrate. As we look back on this season, it is a privilege to see how He has allowed SRS International to build meaningful relationships and serve leaders, teams, and movements across cultures. We are grateful for every opportunity He provides.

God is faithful. He is near, active, and speaking. Each Wednesday our team gathers online from various nations to pray, listen, and align our hearts with His direction. These moments keep us centered—reminding us that before we act, we want to be attentive to His voice and His timing. We look to the future with anticipation, confident that the Lord will continue opening meaningful opportunities around the world. As He guides, we follow with joy and faithfulness. What He is shaping in the global sports movement is far bigger than any one organization, and we are honored to contribute to His larger story. We are grateful for partners and projects in more than 20 nations—and excited for what lies ahead.

To those supporting this work through prayer, service, and finances, thank you. To those newly discovering SRS International, we welcome you to consider how God might invite you into this journey.

Our hope as you read this annual report is that you will recognize God's design in all that is happening and find encouragement in the stories of lives and communities strengthened & transformed by the gospel—in & through sport..

With gratitude and trust in His guidance,

Denise Chevron  
SRS International / SRS Foundation President



# HOW WE SERVE

**WE SEEK TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP LOCAL TEAMS THAT ARE STRONG, RELEVANT, SUSTAINABLE AND ARE REPRODUCING IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR SPORT AND COMMUNITY**

## PURPOSE

SRS International exists to envision, launch, build, and develop ministry in and through sport in countries that have little or no sports ministry. We do this in partnership with different sports agencies, local teams, churches, and individuals in the context of the ECSU and the global sports movement.

## VISION

Disciple makers connected to every sports team & community intentionally sharing their lives and faith with everyone around them.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

We come alongside local leaders and partners in over 20 countries by helping them in developing their vision, train staff and volunteers, fundraising and administrative support.

## DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- **Athletes & Coaches** - engage and equip more sport mentors & coaches serving all people of sport.
- **Health & Fitness** - connect and train health & fitness specialists across Europe forming local & regional teams.
- **Action Sports** - camps & seminars as well as holistic support for elite athletes in competition and beyond.
- **Sports for Integration** - marginalized people groups reached and integrated through sport & games.
- **Major Sports Events** - convene and facilitate partnerships with sport-events for increased community impact.
- **Para Sport Development** - start-up support, equipment and growth of para sports where it is least developed.

## CATALYTIC SERVICES

We serve various local & regional sport ministry initiatives, networks & partnerships by offering consulting, practical support and hosting & facilitating trainings and conferences. We also share resources and expertise with our partners to help them achieve their objectives in making disciples in and through sport. We help start and facilitate various communities of practice and connect young local leaders to grow and serve together.

# OUR GOALS & PROJECTS INCLUDE:

Sports specific networks collaborating across Europe  
Monthly online gatherings connecting H&F professionals from across Europe  
IPG 26 bringing together agencies & churches in Northern Italy  
Connect different Roma Sports Projects  
Bringing together Para Sport Associations in Africa  
Strengthen the network of European Action Sports ministries

Encourage more partnerships in winter action sports  
Study Resources for Athletes, Coaches & their families  
Adapted Sports awareness programs in schools & communities  
National vision casting & training conferences  
Supporting City Team Networks in countries hosting Major Sports Events  
Equipping and empowering local churches in Latin America



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All Ability sports camps & clinics  
Support churches in developing local sports ministries for families  
Facilitate communities of practice & develop resources for collaboration around sports events

Sports Mentoring in different women's sports  
Come alongside and assist fitness professionals across Europe  
Mountain bike pro tour support team

# OUR NAME REFLECTS OUR PURPOSE

## SPORTS RELATIONS & SERVICES INTERNATIONAL

For many years, our work has been defined by two core elements: building meaningful relationships in sport and serving leaders, teams, and movements through practical support. The new wording simply names what has always been at the heart of SRS International.

**Sports Relations & Services** captures the way we operate across cultures and contexts—connecting with people, strengthening organizations, mentoring leaders, supporting churches and sports/para-sport initiatives, and offering strategic and catalytic services. Our focus is not on promoting ourselves but on empowering others in and through sport.

The name aligns closely with the role we play within the global sports movement: a relational, collaborative partner committed to serving for God's purposes in sport.

We remain deeply connected to our roots in SRS e.V. Germany, while our name reflects clearly the international context in which we serve.

Thank you for journeying with us. **Your support enables us to continue serving people in sport**—with lasting impact.



# WHERE WE SERVE

## OVERVIEW OF OUR PARTNERS AND PROJECTS



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# ATHLETES & COACHES

## ENGAGE AND EQUIP MORE SPORT MENTORS & COACHES SERVING ATHLETES & ALL PEOPLE OF SPORT

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL IN GERMANY

The purpose of the coach's ministry is to come alongside youth coaches in Germany and help them understand and embrace a more holistic approach to coaching. The main focus is supporting Germans leading youth American football in the Baden-Württemberg region.

Much of the ministry involves attending practices and building trust with the head coaches of the youth teams. This presence has been effective with one team and is opening doors for further opportunities. The ability to coach a wide range of positions has been an asset, often allowing the coach to step in when needed.

A significant part of the work is helping coaches think about the broader aspects of the game—how they lead, communicate, and build relationships with their players. Through this steady involvement, our SRS International team is strengthening connections with local clubs and supporting coaches as they grow in their roles.

SRS International contributes by bringing experienced coaches, mentoring local leaders, and providing access to clinics, training, and development opportunities that help coaches grow both in their understanding of the game and in how they care for their athletes off the field.



### SUPPORTING FEMALE ATHLETES

Since February 2024, a dedicated Community of Practice (COP) has been meeting monthly to support women serving female athletes across Europe. Sports mentors, chaplains, and psychologists gather online to share, pray, and grow together in their calling.

Led by four women from different countries, the COP follows a steady rhythm: sharing highlights, discussing relevant topics, and praying in small groups. Simple shared systems keep conversations and resources accessible for everyone involved.

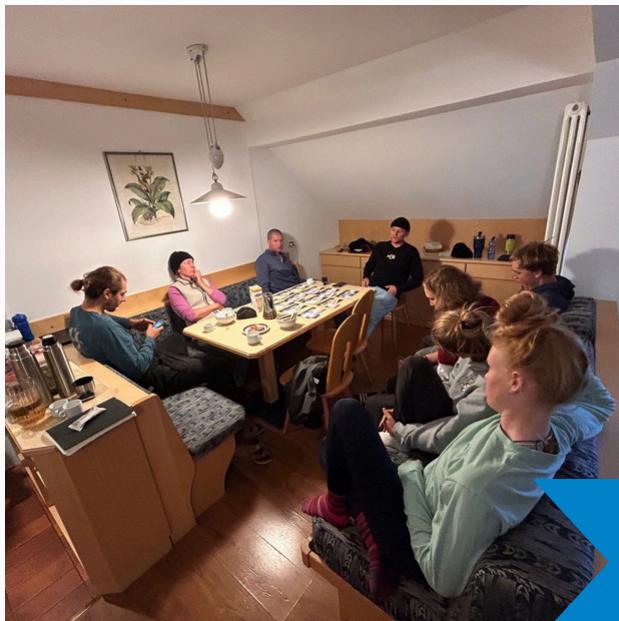
In October 2025, the COP held its first in-person retreat in Switzerland—a meaningful opportunity to connect, rest, and explore new ways to better serve female athletes. The time together deepened relationships and sparked ideas for future collaboration. With regular online gatherings, shared leadership, and growing participation, this COP is becoming a vital space for women in sports ministry across Europe—offering encouragement, insight, and community.

SRS International provides the administrative and resource support that helps make this possible.



# ATHLETES BIBLE STUDIES

## ATHLETES READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER AND BUILDING COMMUNITY



Across Italy, Malta, and Albania, Bible studies for athletes are creating spaces **where faith and sport meet** in powerful ways. These gatherings—both online and in person—are helping athletes grow spiritually, build community, and live out their faith in their teams and clubs.

In **Malta**, a consistent Bible study has formed around the Gospel of Mark, with growing participation and a desire to reach teammates beyond the group. New connections, including with a national team player, are opening doors for expansion.

**"THE BIBLE STUDY HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND MY ROLE IN THE LOCKER ROOM AND GAVE ME THE COURAGE TO SHARE MY FAITH."**

—SOCCER PLAYER FROM MALTA

In **Italy**, despite the challenges of player transfers, Bible study groups have remained active. A young athlete in Milan recently gave his life to Christ and is preparing for baptism. Another basketball player has also been baptized, showing the deep impact of **ongoing discipleship**. A new 12-part study series is being developed to help athletes grow in leadership and spiritual maturity.

In **Albania**, local leaders are beginning to explore similar initiatives, with support from SRS International and regional partners. The goal is to build a network of athlete-led Bible studies that are rooted in Scripture and relevant to the realities of competitive sport.

These studies are more than meetings—they're places of transformation, where athletes discover who they are in Christ and how to live that out in the world of sport.



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# ROWING PROJECTS IN SOUTH AMERICA

## DEVELOPING ROWING AND PARA-ROWING IN BOLIVIA AND URUGUAY

The Bolivia & Uruguay Rowing Project is a long-standing initiative that continues to make rowing accessible to athletes and para athletes across South America. In a region where rowing is still growing and opportunities for para athletes can be limited, this project plays a key role in strengthening the sport and promoting inclusion.

In Uruguay, a dedicated rowing academy serves as a training and mentoring hub for athletes of all ages and abilities. It supports both recreational and competitive rowers, including members of the national team, offering a place where everyone can train, grow, and thrive.

In Bolivia, the project is helping to introduce rowing in regions where the sport is still emerging. Working alongside a local sports school, the initiative supports:

- Training of grassroots coaches,
- Development pathways for young athletes with Olympic and Paralympic potential,
- Community rowing programs at Christian centers and a Bible school,
- Holistic mentoring for athletes, coaches, and sports leaders.

Over the years, SRS International has provided support in practical ways—for example, sending containers with rowing boats and essential equipment to South America. These contributions have strengthened local rowing infrastructure and expanded opportunities for athletes in both countries.

Active in Cochabamba, Tarija and La Paz, the project collaborates with local and international partners to build a sustainable foundation for rowing in South America. It's more than a sports program—it's a movement that fosters inclusion, leadership, and hope through sport.



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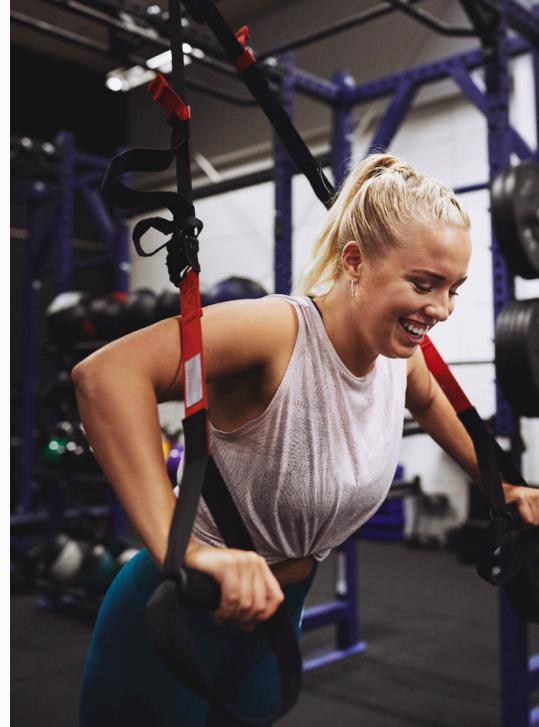
# HEALTH & FITNESS MINISTRY

## CONNECT AND TRAIN HEALTH & FITNESS SPECIALISTS ACROSS EUROPE FORMING LOCAL & REGIONAL TEAMS

### WHY FITNESS MINISTRY MATTERS

In today's fast-paced and performance-driven culture, people are searching for spaces where they can experience wholeness—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fitness ministry creates these kinds of environments, offering meaningful opportunities to connect with people where they are and use movement as a doorway to deeper conversations about faith, identity, and purpose.

Across Europe, churches and leaders are discovering that fitness can be a powerful tool for outreach, healing, and spiritual growth. Whether through group workouts, mindfulness practices, or community events, relationships form naturally, and discipleship grows in ways that integrate faith with physical wellness. At the same time, more and more Christian fitness instructors, gym owners, and CrossFit coaches are recognizing their own training spaces as mission fields—serving with excellence, building trust, and creating environments where faith can be shared authentically through everyday interactions.



### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES THROUGH MOVEMENT

In 2025, the Health & Fitness ministry across Europe continued to grow, supported in part by SRS International. By connecting leaders, offering training, and creating spaces to gather, our team is helping shape a movement that integrates discipleship with physical wellness.

The vision remains clear: to see spiritually, mentally, and physically strong believers impacting their communities through everyday movement and intentional relationships.



### CONTINENTAL COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP

A facilitation team of four, supported by SRS International, has hosted regular Zoom calls with fitness leaders from countries including Romania, France, Sweden, Spain, the UK, Germany, and Italy. These calls foster collaboration, share best practices, and encourage leaders in their local contexts.

At the European Christian Sports Union Gathering 25 participants identified fitness as their primary ministry space—highlighting its growing relevance and the fruit of intentional investment.

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# HEALTH & FITNESS MINISTRY



## FRANCE: BUILDING A NETWORK OF FITNESS MINISTERS

In France, fitness ministry is gaining momentum. A significant milestone was the first national gathering in Toulouse, where 16 leaders from various cities met to explore how fitness can be used as a tool for discipleship and outreach. The gathering included practical workshops, vision sharing, and mutual encouragement—laying the groundwork for a growing network of fitness ministers across the country.

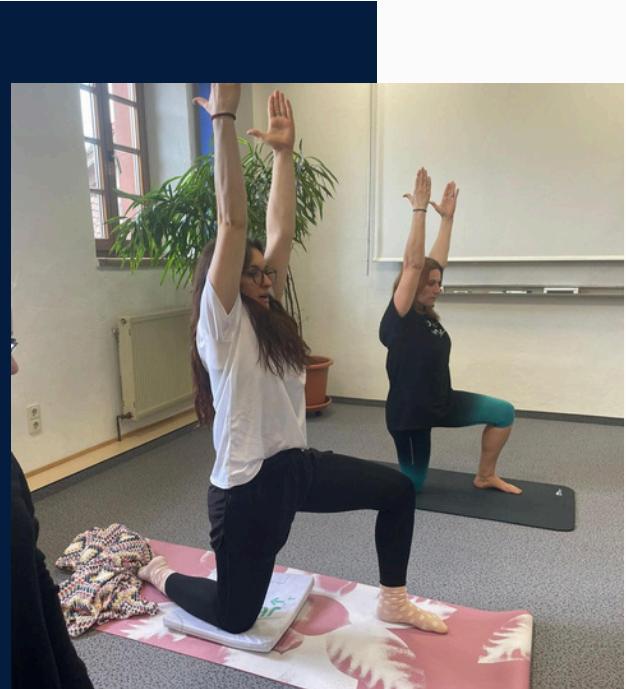
Local leaders are now initiating fitness-based small groups, integrating movement into church life, and using fitness to build bridges in their communities. The momentum from Toulouse is sparking new initiatives in cities like Lyon, Paris, and Marseille, with a strong emphasis on relational discipleship through movement.

## GERMANY: FUNCTIONAL FITNESS IN CHURCH CONTEXTS

In Germany, Functional Fitness is becoming a meaningful tool for ministry within church settings. Leaders are integrating fitness into youth groups, women's ministries, and outreach events—creating spaces where physical activity opens doors to conversations about faith, identity, and purpose.

Churches are discovering that fitness can be more than a health initiative—it can be a discipleship strategy. Whether through small group workouts, community events, or themed weekends, movement is being used to foster deeper relationships and spiritual growth.

While Tikva, a worship-based movement practice, continues to expand nationally, the broader emphasis is on equipping churches to use fitness as a means of holistic ministry—addressing body, mind, and spirit.



# ACTION SPORT - MOUNTAIN BIKE

## SUPPORTING ATHLETES ON AND OFF THE TRAIL

The Mountain Bike Team is filling a meaningful gap in Germany's cycling landscape by supporting young mountain bike athletes—physically, mentally, and spiritually. Unlike other cycling disciplines, Enduro MTB has fewer formal structures, training environments, and financial support. This initiative steps in to offer holistic care, guidance, and discipleship.

In 2025, the team was present at major events like the MTB World Cup in Leogang, offering chapel services, spiritual conversations, and practical care. At the Enduro World Championships in Fiesch, 32 athletes received logistical, medical, and mentoring support. At the XC World Championships in Crans-Montana, young riders joined a Zoom call and received on-site hospitality and direction.

Looking ahead to 2026, the team plans to expand its presence at World Cup events, connect athletes with local ministry leaders, and continue offering chapel services. Strategic partnerships with AIA Cycling, the German Cycling Federation, and industry leaders are strengthening this growing movement.

With travel, training materials, and chapel space still needing funding, this ministry remains a vivid expression of faith in action—empowering athletes to live out their calling both on and off the bike.

**"IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT RACING—IT'S ABOUT BEING SEEN, SUPPORTED, AND REMINDED THAT FAITH CAN BE PART OF EVERY RIDE."**

— ATHLETE AT THE MTB COMPETITION

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# YOUNG RIDERS, STRONG ROOTS

## GROWING FAITH ON THE TRAIL

In 2025, the Mountain Bike Team deepened its commitment to investing in the next generation of riders—focusing on holistic development that goes far beyond athletic performance.

Four young athletes received focused mentoring and training, learning not only technical biking skills but also tools for mental resilience and spiritual growth. Through specialized camps and one-on-one discipleship, they were empowered to pursue personal breakthroughs both on the trail and in life.

Across 12 races throughout the year, the team created intentional spaces for spiritual conversations—sharing devotions and offering encouragement to both believers and seekers through their presence and authenticity. A major highlight was their support of 20 German athletes at the Enduro World Championships, providing mentoring and logistical help while modeling servant leadership in a competitive setting.

To broaden their impact, the team produced five professional athlete testimonials—powerful stories of faith, perseverance, and purpose—that were viewed over 70,000 times, inspiring countless young people across digital platforms.

Looking ahead, the team plans to expand its outreach to younger riders, launch new digital storytelling projects, and create more opportunities for youth to grow in character and faith through the transformative journey of mountain biking.

Across this ministry, SRS International contributes by helping leaders connect with athletes and partners, grow through mentoring and shared training, and serve communities through practical support and collaboration. This steady, behind-the-scenes investment strengthens a movement that is shaping young riders both on and off the trail.



# SPORTS FOR INTEGRATION

## MARGINALIZED PEOPLE GROUPS REACHED AND INTEGRATED THROUGH SPORT & GAMES

Across Brazil, sport is becoming a powerful tool for social connection, character formation, and spiritual growth—especially in remote and marginalised communities. This initiative, supported by SRS International and local partners such as ATE (Associação Transcultural Evangélica) and CBE (Coalizão Brasileira de Esporte), focuses on equipping leaders—teachers, pastors, and trainers—to use sport as a means of teaching values and building community.

### Key Areas of Impact:

- **Training & Conferences:** Workshops for educators and youth leaders on value-based sports ministry, including requests from local authorities.
- **Soccer Schools & Tournaments:** Engaging children and youth through regular training and events in schools, community centres, and social programs.
- **Community Outreach:** Sermons, gatherings, and family-oriented activities that strengthen spiritual and social ties in both urban and rural areas.
- **Floorball Development:** Training local coaches in Pernambuco, with ongoing support from “Floorball for All.”

The project began at the invitation of local community leaders from several remote regions that face significant social challenges, including limited opportunities for young people and the pressures of harmful influences. Here, sport offers direction, belonging, and positive role models.

Despite setbacks—such as a dengue epidemic postponing a major youth leader conference—the ministry continues to grow. A new sports ministry base was launched in Pedras de Fogo, marking a significant milestone in outreach and long-term investment in young people.

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**“WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE KINDNESS AND COMMITMENT OF  
THOSE WHO STAND WITH US IN THIS WORK. YOUR SUPPORT HELPS  
US BRING HOPE TO OUR COMMUNITY.”**

—LOCAL LEADER



# ARLÓ PARTNERSHIP

## BUILDING HOPE AND CONNECTION THROUGH FOOTBALL, ENGLISH, AND FRIENDSHIP

In partnership with the **Elfogadlak Alapítvány** ("I Accept You Foundation"), the Arló Sport and English Camps continue to serve disadvantaged Roma children and youth in northeastern Hungary. Led by Franciscan Sisters and supported by Hungarian and international volunteers—including staff from SRS International—the camps welcome around 50 participants each week.

Week one focuses on teenagers; week two centers on younger children. Each morning combines soccer training, fitness, English lessons, and games. Afternoons offer free-choice workshops in the "play zone," nurturing creativity, friendship, and rest. Every camper receives a soccer ball, shoes, socks, and school supplies to support their year-round development.

After years of patient investment and relationship-building, we are now seeing visible transformation—attitudes softening, confidence growing, and some making decisions to follow Jesus. The camps have become a place where young people discover their potential and experience the love and stability of a caring community.

Throughout the year, local partners continue to support families and children through open-house programs and regular activities. To sustain these efforts and strengthen the community, we help the Elfogadlak Foundation raise funds for key needs:

- Heating, fruit, and yoghurt for the community center
- Sports equipment and resources for the camps
- Firewood for families during winter
- Pencil cases and school supplies
- Shoes and socks for children

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Beyond the camps, we are working to connect Roma communities across Europe—cultivating relationships among leaders and volunteers who serve Roma children and families in different countries. Through shared learning, collaboration, and mutual encouragement, we hope to see Roma communities strengthened and empowered as part of a wider European network.



# MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS - PARIS GAMES

## HOW THE LEGACY OF THE GAMES IS SHAPING SPORTS MINISTRY ACROSS FRENCH CITIES

The Games in France were a unique moment—not just for sport, but for planting seeds of long-term impact. Over the past year, those seeds have begun to grow in cities across France, where sport is becoming a meaningful way to build community, serve others, and share hope.

In **Grenoble**, what started with football and volleyball has grown into a diverse mix of weekly activities—basketball, hiking, futsal—and this fall, new programs in badminton and junior football are launching. The team there reflects: "Festivals, tournaments, and regular weekly sessions are helping to grow visibility and deepen relationships in the city."

**Saint-Étienne** continues to build through consistent football training and a local tournament that drew new interest.



The team is small but committed, with a desire to grow into other sports and areas of service.

In **Toulouse**, a new focus on Health & Fitness is emerging. A team is forming to serve not just the city, but the wider country, with a training event planned to equip volunteers in holistic health—body, mind, and spirit.

In **Paris**, pastors are meeting regularly, collaborations have emerged between different churches and ministries, a church is building a multisport stadium including activities for para sports, and a team of ten is preparing to launch sport-based outreach. They're currently in a "look and listen" phase, discerning needs and opportunities before moving forward.

Nationally, a small group is working behind the scenes to support city teams, share vision, and help leaders grow.

The legacy of the Games is becoming visible—not just in events, but in relationships, local leadership, and long-term vision. **The hope is to continue building teams that combine sport, service, and faith in ways that are simple, reproducible, and deeply rooted in local communities.**

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# THE GAMES LEGACY

## PARIS – A CHURCH TRANSFORMED THROUGH SPORTS

In the heart of Paris's 15th district, a small congregation dreamed of serving its neighborhood despite limited space and resources. With support from SRS International, that dream became a reality. Together, they launched Saturday kids clubs, provided fresh materials for volunteers, and organized sports-themed Sunday services. A highlight was a Paralympic outreach in a local park, introducing para sports and creating an inclusive environment for families. The impact was profound: families began attending church, Sunday services moved to a larger venue, and a vibrant Sunday school emerged. Volunteers discovered creative ways to connect with parents and children, building trust and community. Today, the church continues hosting kids clubs and family festivals—proof that strategic support and sports ministry can transform local neighborhoods.



## SPORT AS A CATALYST FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

In 2025, sports ministry in France continued to grow in depth and reach. Today, **eight city teams**—Grenoble, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Perpignan, Saint-Étienne, Strasbourg, and Toulouse—are actively serving their communities through sport. These teams range from early formation to collaborative strategies that aim to empower churches and transform communities through sport.

The process starts with listening to each city's needs, ensuring resources fit local realities. A **national synergy group** is forming to encourage cross-pollination and partnerships, while **international Communities of Practice** offer expertise in para sport, health and fitness, action sports, diaspora engagement, and local church sports ministry. A **Process Team** provides assistance when needed, helping teams grow sustainably.

**Momentum from the Paris Games** sparked new interest among churches and agencies, leading to fresh networks and partnerships—not only in Paris but across the country. This movement reflects a shared conviction: sport is more than competition; it is a bridge for relationships, discipleship, and community transformation.

SRS International has been instrumental in guiding this process by providing staff and resources and continuing to train, equip, mentor, and come alongside local leaders and initiatives.

**The impact is visible:** stronger collaboration, clearer vision, and greater confidence to serve communities. This support connects local efforts to a global movement, amplifying impact and sustainability.

Our vision remains clear: to make disciples for Jesus Christ in every city, community, and club across France through sport. Together, we believe sport can be a powerful tool for unity, transformation, and hope.

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# THE UPCOMING WINTER GAMES IN ITALY

## PREPARING HEARTS AND COMMUNITIES IN ITALY

As the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games approach, a quiet but meaningful movement is unfolding across northern Italy. Churches, volunteers, and ministry teams are coming together to prepare—not just for the events themselves, but for **the opportunity to serve, connect, and share hope**.

Over the past year, the SRS International team, alongside local partners, has hosted multiple in-person meetings in Arco, Trento, Treviso, and Milan, with more gatherings planned in the coming months. These meetings have helped cast vision, build relationships, and mobilize churches—especially in the valley regions, where much of the Games activity will take place

A **weekly prayer meeting** has become a steady rhythm, bringing together believers to intercede for the venues, communities, and opportunities ahead. Earlier this year, a prayer journey through all competition sites helped deepen understanding of the geography and spiritual landscape, while also connecting with churches near key locations like Bolzano and Val di Fiemme.

A dedicated disability ministry team is also active, working to raise awareness and support inclusion.

To support communication and mobilization, tools like informational flyers, toolkits and podcasts are being developed. **The goal is to equip churches and individuals to engage meaningfully—before, during, and after the Games.**

The Winter Games initiative is more than a project. It's a growing network of prayer, partnership, and purpose. **And it's a reminder that sport can open doors—not just to competition, but to community, compassion, and Christ.**

**"PRAYING TOGETHER AT THE VENUES REMINDED US THAT THE CHURCH HAS A ROLE—NOT JUST TO OBSERVE, BUT TO WELCOME AND WITNESS."**

— LOCAL PASTOR FROM ITALY

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# PARA - SPORT DEVELOPMENT

## FROM PARIS TO WEST AFRICA—BUILDING INCLUSION THROUGH SPORT

The Games in Paris were more than a celebration of athletic excellence—they were a wake-up call. They highlighted the need to raise awareness, improve access, and invest in para sports, especially in regions where athletes with disabilities face significant barriers.

In response, the SRS International team, together with local partners, hosted three outreach events in Parisian parks to promote para sports. These gatherings created space for children, families, and fans to experience adapted sports firsthand—through blind soccer, goalball, sitting volleyball, and inclusive games. The goal was simple: to make para sports visible, relatable, and celebrated.

But the work didn't stop in Paris. SRS International continues to support the development of para sports in Togo, Ghana, and other West African countries.

**"WE MAY NOT HAVE EVERYTHING, BUT WE HAVE EACH OTHER AND WE HAVE THE WILL TO KEEP GOING."**

— AMÉLÉ, A PARA TABLE TENNIS PLAYER FROM TOGO



GOALBALL PRACTICE  
IN TOGO

INTRODUCTION TO  
BLIND SOCCER IN PARIS



In Togo and Ghana, athletes train in disciplines like wheelchair tennis, para table tennis, goalball, amputee football, and para athletics—often with minimal equipment and volunteer coaches. Despite challenges, athlete motivation remains strong.

A strategic plan for para sports in Togo (2025–2029) is being developed to strengthen governance, visibility, and inclusion. International relationships are forming, and local clubs are growing. Yet the need remains: for classification systems, youth engagement, gender inclusion, and adapted facilities.

From Paris to West Africa, the vision is clear: to build inclusive, locally-led para sports communities that reflect dignity, opportunity, and joy. With continued collaboration and shared commitment, para sports can become a powerful tool for transformation—on and off the field.

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# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

## COMING ALONGSIDE LOCAL LEADERS & TEAMS TO CULTIVATE SUSTAINABLE, REPRODUCING SPORTS MINISTRY

We come alongside trusted local leaders and ministries in more than 20 countries, engaging with them in person & digitally, investing in long-term relationships that strengthen vision, leadership, and organizational health. Our goal is to empower locally led, sustainable sports ministry that multiplies disciples and impacts communities. Together, we clarify direction, develop strong ministry teams, and grow systems that support long-term flourishing. We also provide practical help in areas like fundraising, administration, and operational support — always with the aim of equipping leaders to thrive in their context and lead with confidence. Ultimately, we journey with our partners not only as collaborators, but as friends in ministry, praying, discerning, and learning together.

### HOW WE SUPPORT LEADERS & TEAMS

- **Vision & Strategy:** Helping to develop long-term ministry plans, mission structures, and expansion roadmaps
- **Leadership Development:** Coaching leaders to build systems that identify, equip, and empower future leaders
- **Equipping Workers:** Tailored capacity-building for ministry staff and volunteers, helping each group grow in its unique role
- **Organizational Development:** Supporting governance, financial stewardship, planning, and operational systems
- **Fundraising & Partnership Growth:** Helping partners mobilize support, strengthen donor relations, and expand local networks
- **Administrative & Back-Office Support:** Providing guidance and tools for reporting, communication, project management, and compliance
- **Ongoing Support & Mentoring:** Offering encouragement, accountability, prayer support, and shared discernment across seasons of ministry



# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

## FAITH ON THE FIELD: NEW PARTNER PROJECT IN COLOMBIA

In 2025, a dynamic sports ministry in Colombia joined the SRS International network, led by seasoned leaders Jairo and Doris. With over 30 years of experience, they have harnessed the power of sport—especially soccer—as a transformative tool for evangelism, discipleship, and community development. Their ministry reaches across diverse sectors, including at-risk youth, local churches, and professional athletes.

- Church-Based Sports Outreach: Collaborating with 15 churches in northern Colombia to integrate sports into spiritual growth and outreach.
- Football Academies: Providing mentorship and training to youth in marginalized communities, offering alternatives to crime and violence.
- Disaster Relief Through Sport: Rebuilding hope and community spirit in areas affected by natural disasters.
- Professional Chaplaincy: Supporting athletes and coaches in Colombia's professional football leagues.

SRS International supports the ministry administratively, allowing Jairo and Doris to focus on mentoring, leadership development, and sharing the Gospel through sport. Their work exemplifies the mission to bring Christian identity into the world of sport and fitness, offering hope and transformation.

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## SOCcer ACADEMY IN ANGOLA

In Lubango, Angola, soccer is more than a sport—it's a lifeline for over 250 youth from underprivileged backgrounds. Led by Graciano, a local leader with a vision to use soccer for faith and transformation, the program offers mentoring, community engagement, and discipleship. His dream is to grow a sustainable sports ministry that empowers leaders and impacts lives across the country.

To ease administrative burdens, SRS International partners with Graciano by providing support in funding processes, strategic planning, and networking. They also assist with applications, manage resources, and offer prayer and guidance. This partnership allows Graciano to focus on what matters most: being on the field with the kids and investing in their lives.

The soccer school organizes weekly practices and participates in local leagues, giving young players structure, purpose, and a sense of belonging. Through these activities, faith is shared naturally—on the pitch, during team talks, and in everyday interactions. For many, soccer becomes the doorway to hope and a new perspective on life.

The impact is tangible. Young athletes are not only improving their skills but also discovering values that shape their future. Some have made decisions to follow Jesus, while others are stepping into leadership roles, coaching younger players and serving their communities. These stories show how sports can spark transformation far beyond the game.

Challenges remain—poverty, lack of facilities, cultural barriers, and sustainability—but the vision is strong. Plans for 2026 include strengthening the soccer school, expanding to new locations, and developing a nationwide network of sports ministries. With continued support from SRS International, the dream of a movement that empowers leaders and transforms lives across Angola is becoming reality.

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## DISCIPLESHIP THROUGH SPORTS IN KENYA



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SRS International, in collaboration with four local and international partners, continues to see transformative impact through its Discipleship Training Program in Ukunda, Kwale County. This initiative uniquely combines theological education with sports ministry, equipping young Kenyan leaders to live out and share their faith in practical, community-based ways.

Since its launch in 2023, the program has empowered graduates to serve in churches and ministries across Kenya and even into Burundi, using sports as a relational bridge to reach youth and model Christlike leadership.

A major milestone in 2025 was the launch of a new outreach in a village previously resistant to Christianity. Through respectful engagement with local elders, the team was granted permission to run Saturday sports sessions for children and youth—offering games, meals, and spiritual encouragement in a context marked by poverty and skepticism. This ongoing work demonstrates the power of holistic discipleship to break barriers and bring hope across borders.

## ITALIAN SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Over the past year, the Italian sports ministry has been steadily growing its presence in local churches, fostering relationships among leaders across different ministry areas. While social media engagement has been limited, meaningful connections have emerged through personal interactions and shared vision.

The Fitness Ministry has seen the most activity, particularly through the Tikva course, helping believers recognize the deep link between faith and fitness. This initiative has opened doors for ministry opportunities and raised awareness in several congregations.

In anticipation of the Winter Games, the Action Sports Ministry—including snowboarding, parkour, and skateboarding—has begun expanding across Italy. After years of groundwork, the team is now focusing on growing this area locally, building on existing activities and momentum.

The ECSU conference played a pivotal role in shaping the team's understanding and experience of sports ministry, providing inspiration and clarity for future steps. Monthly calls continue to be a vital space for learning, encouragement, and prayer. The team is grateful for the addition of two young members eager to grow in their calling and contribute to the ministry's development.

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## SOCER SCHOOL IN ARGENTINA

In Rosario, Argentina, Leandro — a former professional soccer player whose earlier ministry in Germany sparked Bible studies across multiple clubs — is launching a new soccer academy with a clear mission: to use the sport not for talent scouting, but as a tool for holistic child development and sharing the Gospel. The academy offers mentoring, training, and spiritual guidance in a safe, inspiring environment for children from diverse backgrounds. It's not just about teaching soccer skills—it's about shaping character, building confidence, and creating belonging.

Rosario is passionate about soccer, yet deeply marked by poverty and violence, and many children grow up without secure spaces or positive role models. This project seeks to change that narrative by providing stability and hope. Beginning with a pilot phase in late 2025, the academy will partner with a local Christian school to form strong community ties and a foundation of faith-based values. Over time, the vision is to grow into a locally led, sustainable sports ministry that equips young people to become responsible, value-driven leaders in their families and neighborhoods.

The academy will integrate life-skills workshops, team-building activities, and Bible-based lessons alongside soccer training. Each session becomes an opportunity to teach perseverance, respect, teamwork, and responsibility—qualities that last beyond the field. Parents are also encouraged to engage, strengthening family connections and reinforcing the positive impact at home.

Current needs include committed volunteers, financial support to cover operational costs, and proper sports equipment. Each contribution—time, funds, or gear—directly impacts a child's future. Every practice is a chance to bring hope and transform lives.

SRS International supports Leandro by providing strategic guidance, training resources, and assistance with fundraising and partner connections. By helping link local leaders with global partners for long-term impact, we are cultivating the foundations of a sustainable ministry. Together, we believe this initiative can become a model for how sports can be a powerful catalyst for community transformation and spiritual growth.

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# SERVICES

## EQUIPPING AND SUPPORTING LEADERS & TEAMS TO LAUNCH AND GROW SPORTS MINISTRY MOVEMENTS

We provide catalytic services that seek to spark, strengthen, and accelerate sports ministry movements. Rather than running every program ourselves, we equip and empower local leaders, churches, and organizations to develop sustainable ministry where they are. Long-term transformation happens when local believers are envisioned, trained, and released to serve their communities — not when outside programs take center stage.

### HOW WE SERVE LEADERS & TEAMS:

- **Vision Casting & Missional Clarity**

Helping leaders and churches understand the biblical foundation of sports ministry and discern mission and strategy.

- **Leadership Training & Coaching**

Delivering workshops, mentoring, and learning journeys that cultivate capable, spiritually grounded leaders and teams.

- **Conference & Event Facilitation**

Hosting gatherings that inspire, equip, and connect people across regions.

- **Movement Education & Resource Sharing**

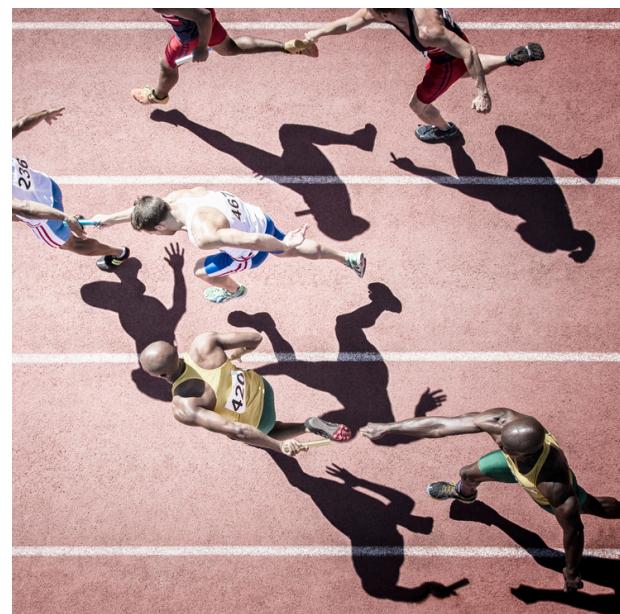
Providing tools, guides, curriculum, and best practices that accelerate learning and implementation.

- **Network Development**

Initiating and nurturing communities of practice, learning cohorts, and regional ministry networks.

- **Project Launch Support**

Helping leaders begin new sports outreach programs, discipleship initiatives, camps, leagues, or community service programs.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

At SRS International, we help ministries stay healthy and sustainable by taking care of the essential administrative work that often slows leaders down. Our support includes bookkeeping, donor reporting, scheduling, document preparation, and compliance management. We also manage website maintenance, database systems, and communications so ministries remain connected and can operate in a more professional manner.

By carrying these responsibilities, we free leaders and teams to focus on people instead of paperwork. Whether it's coordinating events, preparing monitoring and evaluation reports, or setting up internal communication systems, our team provides steady, reliable solutions. This service strengthens ministries by improving transparency, saving time, and building trust with donors and partners.



## PRAYER COORDINATION

Prayer is at the heart of SRS International. We provide regular prayer meetings for staff and partners, and we help facilitate prayer initiatives for the ECSU and other networks. Our services include developing prayer guides, coordinating prayer networks, hosting online and in-person gatherings, and creating digital prayer rooms for real-time intercession across nations.

We also support strategic prayer efforts, multilingual prayer resources, and 24/7 prayer chains for key events. By equipping prayer leaders and connecting communities, we help cultivate a global network of intercession that strengthens ministries and opens doors for spiritual breakthrough. Prayer is not a program—it is the foundation of transformation.

## FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

Many ministries face challenges when it comes to fundraising or have limited experience in this area. We offer practical help with campaign creation, grant research and applications, donor communication, and impact storytelling through photos and videos. Our team also supports budget planning, corporate sponsorship outreach, and training local teams to build long-term donor engagement.

We help organize fundraising events such as charity runs or sports tournaments, and we manage digital campaigns to increase online giving. By combining clear strategy with creativity, we help ministries overcome financial barriers so they can focus on their calling and grow in sustainability.

# SERVICES

## PROVIDING SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Many sports ministries struggle to begin or grow simply because equipment is unavailable or too costly. To help remove this barrier, SRS International works with partners to collect, source, and ship sports gear to places where it is most needed. Over the past year, shipments included rowing boats, para-sport equipment, soccer balls and shoes, and other essential materials that allow local teams to start programs with confidence.

These shipments often include starter kits for new initiatives, guidance for navigating customs and logistics, and basic training on equipment care. By collaborating with manufacturers, we also help secure donations and discounts. Each shipment becomes a seed—opening opportunities for inclusion, teamwork, and spiritual growth, ensuring every child has the chance to play.



## TRANSLATION SERVICES

Language should never limit ministry impact. Through translation services, SRS International helps make key resources accessible across cultures by providing document translation, video and audio subtitles, and live interpretation for events.

We support translation for German and Italian within the Global Sports Movement and contribute to the Global Translation Team, strengthening worldwide collaboration. By removing language barriers, ministries are able to connect more deeply, share learning freely, and communicate with clarity. Translation is more than words—it allows every voice to be heard.

## THE EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN SPORTS UNION

SRS International serves the European Christian Sports Union (ECSU) through a blend of practical and strategic support. As part of the Convening and Process Teams, we help guide direction, strengthen communication, and encourage collaboration between nations.

Our role includes financial administration, communication and coordination, and assisting with planning and hosting strategy meetings, conferences, and leadership gatherings. This partnership played a key role in supporting events such as the 2025 ECSU Gathering in Germany, helping ensure leaders from across Europe could be equipped and mobilized to cultivate healthy sports ministry in their own contexts.

# THE ECSU GATHERING

**MAY 23–26, ALTEKIRCHEN, GERMANY**

180 participants from across Europe gathered to explore how sport can be a space for discipleship and mission. The theme "Europe – Bible – Sport – Together" shaped a program of devotionals, workshops, and collaboration. Scripture anchored the event through reflections on Jesus' "I Am" statements. National and continental sessions addressed local challenges and encouraged cross-border partnerships. Workshops explored coaching, movement building, family engagement, and elite athlete discipleship, while "Go" initiatives offered practical outreach opportunities.

Prayer continued throughout the Gathering through a dedicated room, evening worship, and the ECSU Prayer Channel. The event affirmed sport's ability to build community and share Christ—from gyms to playgrounds to stadiums.



## COUNTRY TABLES

A major highlight of the ECSU Gathering 2025 was the introduction of country tables—spaces where national teams met to reflect, plan, and set goals together.

Delegates assessed sports ministry in their context, identified challenges, and often, for the first time, formed a shared national vision.

Since then, many countries have launched working groups, follow-up meetings, and new partnerships. These tables sparked ownership and momentum, shifting the ECSU from a continental network toward a catalyst for locally led movements rooted in prayer, collaboration, and strategy.



## MALTA: A COUNTRY TABLE STORY THAT INSPIRES OTHERS

Before country tables were launched, Malta had already begun strategic work with early support from SRS International. This partnership helped lay the foundation for a national sports ministry rooted in prayer, inclusion, and local leadership.

Since then, Malta has formed a prayer group among professional athletes, appointed two part-time sports ministers, and started para sport initiatives in schools.

Their progress—driven by intentional planning and local ownership—now serves as a model for other nations, demonstrating how vision can become action and spark lasting impact.

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# PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING

## WE ARE THANKFUL FOR

- **Growing Momentum in Sports Ministry:** Give thanks for how God is stirring hearts across Europe, Africa, and Latin America—strengthening leaders, churches, and communities to use sport for discipleship and outreach.
- **New Doors for Community Impact:** Praise God for the many opportunities where sport has created safe spaces for connection, belonging, and hope—especially in schools, clubs, and neighborhood initiatives.
- **Youth Transformation:** Celebrate stories of young people finding purpose, friendship, and spiritual growth through camps, academies, fitness groups, and team gatherings.
- **Strengthening of Local Leaders:** Thank God for leaders who are faithfully serving in their context—coaches, pastors, volunteers, and athletes who are modelling Christ through sport and fitness.
- **Movement Collaboration:** Give thanks for the unity, shared learning, and partnerships forming across nations as leaders support one another and carry a shared vision for sports ministry.
- **SRS International's Opportunity to Serve:** We thank God for the privilege of walking alongside leaders and teams around the world—supporting, equipping, and encouraging them as they cultivate healthy, locally led ministry.



# PRAYER REQUESTS AND THANKSGIVING

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

- **Wisdom for Local & National Leaders:** Pray for clarity, courage, and God's guidance as leaders discern how to grow sustainable sports ministry in their churches, communities, and countries.
- **Next-Generation Discipleship:** Ask for God's blessing over efforts to mentor children and youth—whether through soccer academies, after-school clubs, fitness groups, or camps.
- **Leaders Working in Challenging Contexts:** Pray for those serving communities facing social pressure, instability, or limited resources, that they would be strengthened and encouraged.
- **Healthy Teamwork & Collaboration:** Pray for unity among churches, ministries, and volunteers as they work together and support one another across borders and cultures.
- **Upcoming Events & Initiatives:** Ask for God's favor over gatherings, training spaces, new projects, and outreach moments planned for 2026.
- **Wisdom for SRS International as We Serve:** Pray that SRS International would continue to listen well, serve wisely, and support leaders and teams in ways that cultivate long-term, locally rooted sustainable impact.





# BECOME PART OF OUR TEAM

## THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Thank you for your faithful prayers! **Your ongoing support is the foundation of everything we do.** Each prayer strengthens the work, encourages the team, and opens doors for God's transforming power in sport and beyond. We couldn't do this without you—thank you for standing with us!

Champions are people who are a **local point of contact**. They help, welcome, find host homes, set up appointments and are a basic support unit for when our staff and other travel to the US.



Whatever your skills—coaching, organizing, media, mentoring, or simply encouraging others—you can serve in meaningful ways. Opportunities range from:

- **Short-term:** A summer project, a couple of weeks or months
- **Long-term:** A one-year internship or even a few hours each month

There are many projects to explore—locally and internationally. Every role matters, and every gift can help build community and share Christ through sport.

Partner with us through giving! Your generosity fuels the mission of SRS International—supporting staff, funding projects, and strengthening our general fund to keep ministry moving forward. **Every gift helps build communities and share Christ through sport.**



**CONTACT US**

**Want to learn more or get involved?**

Visit [our website](#) or reach out to us at [info@srsinternational.de](mailto:info@srsinternational.de). We'd love to connect and explore how we can make disciples through sport—together!

