

Soccer School Argentina

Supporting children in Argentina through sports and spiritual development

Vision of the project

Leandro and his team are founding a soccer academy in Rosario, Argentina, with a clear and hopeful mission: soccer should not primarily serve as a means of talent scouting, but rather as a tool for the holistic development of children and for spreading the gospel.

The project aims to help children grow into responsible, value-oriented individuals through mentoring, training, and spiritual guidance in a safe, inspiring environment for children with and without a Christian background.



Project context

Rosario is a city that loves soccer—but it is also marked by poverty, violence, and a lack of prospects. Many children grow up without safe leisure activities, stable role models, or guidance. This is where the academy comes in: a place of stability, community, and hope, founded by people from the region, for the region. Leandro, a former professional soccer player with roots in Rosario, wants to offer children more than just training with his brother: mentoring, values, and the gospel – made tangible through soccer. The project is being launched in collaboration with a Christian school. The goal is to nurture a generation that takes responsibility and carries hope forward.



“More than just soccer—it's about shaping lives, bringing hope, and accompanying children on their journey.”

– Leandro Grech



The soccer school in action

- **Regular training:** Wednesdays and Fridays, in the mornings
- **Participants:** Around 12 children currently attend the regular training sessions
- **Location:** A rented soccer field in a disadvantaged neighborhood of Rosario
- **Training:** Soccer skills, personal development, community, and Christian values
- **Spiritual input:** Each training session includes time to engage with God's Word



Sustainability & Outlook

The vision is to gradually open the soccer school to more children from the surrounding neighborhood and offer training for different age groups. As the project grows, additional coaches will be needed. Two young people from the local church have already volunteered to support the work, and the church leadership has expressed its full support for the project.

The soccer school also seeks to build relationships with the children's parents and families, creating an impact that extends beyond the training field.



Prayer requests

- **For the children and their families:** Pray that the children continue to grow personally, athletically, and spiritually, and that trusting relationships with their families develop.
- **For spiritual impact:** Pray that God's Word shared during training and special events touches the children and that they experience God's love through the soccer school.
- **For people and resources:** Pray for committed coaches and helpers, as well as the finances, facilities, and equipment needed.

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