

RAIN MAKERS CHRISTIAN SPORTS MINISTRY



Greetings and Blessings to all from Rain Makers Christian Sports Ministry,

Through the grace and provision of God, things are going incredibly well for Rain Makers. The outpouring of thank-you cards and kind words seem to be at an all-time high. At the beginning of 2011, the Rain Makers staff sat down and committed ourselves to a stronger year spiritually than ever before. More God, more gospel for the kids and us as a staff. Since January, we have been meeting 3 times a week for a staff bible study and have increased our emphasis on prayer with the kids in the program.

The fruit has been amazing.

No doubt the attacks and obstacles have been stiffer than ever as well. But this only proves that our work is from the Lord. We have chosen to stay faithful to: God over winning. Christ above trophies. The Gospel over the admiration of the basketball world. Don't get me wrong, I like to win. But there has to be something greater. To be honest, it gets hard sometimes. We have kids leave our program to go play with one that wins more games, has the Nike contracts and the more talented players. As a long time basketball player and coach, sometimes it hurts. You feel like you're doing the right thing, but the results don't always show...on the court, in the newspaper, etc... At those moments, God sends a messenger my way...

One boy's father called me on Monday (April 25) to thank me for the change he had seen in his son's life. As he closed the phone call he said, "Please don't ever change". To which I responded, "We have no plans to..."

Some days you think about building an "Elite" traveling team; then you think about the kid who had no where to go, found a home and family with Rain Makers, and found freedom from the pain he had carried for so long. I guess we'll continue to trade in plastic trophies for a "crown that lasts forever". And without the Nike contracts and corporate sponsors, we depend on help from you to keep this ministry moving forward in Christ. The time has come again for our 2011 spring/summer basketball teams to begin play. And as usual, we have many kids who are in desperate need of scholarships in order to participate. I reach out to you today to ask for your help in creating a spot for these kids to play. A scholarship for the spring/summer program is \$400 per kid. I ask that you would pray and consider sponsoring one child. We have need for 25 scholarships (\$400 x 25 kids= \$10,000), so any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Donations should be made payable to:

Rain Makers
P.O. Box 1411
Joplin, MO 64802

All donations are tax-deductible.

We thank you in advanced for your prayers, consideration and support

Through Jesus Christ
Isaac Edwards
Matt 6:33

P.S. Please pray for God's favor as we try to help kids get to college. It's hard to do without the big connections, but we know that God is faithful and stronger than any shoe company and can open doors for our kids. Please pray and believe for the open doors.

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