

PRESS RELEASE

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SPORTSPOWER TEAM VISITS LIBERIA – APRIL 7 – 15, 2009

Monrovia, Liberia

Sportspower Ministries arrives in Monrovia Liberia today, April 8, 2009, for a week long visit. In cooperation with Friends and Supporters of Liberian Basketball, Liberian Basketball Association, the Ministry of Sports, and Greater Grace Church of Liberia the Sportspower team is in Liberia to carry out clinics, play exhibition games, perform basketball clinics, and share the Gospel of Christ over the Easter holiday period.

Sportspower founded Bill Alexson, who is a part of Greater Grace World Outreach in the USA says “It is an honor to be invited to share the sport of Basketball and the Gospel of Jesus Christ over this very important Easter season. We are simply a ministry which uses the avenue of basketball to reach the world with the message of hope in Christ. We are grateful for the invitation and support of all the ministries and federations who has made this opportunity available. This trip has been in the works for nearly a year and is finally coming to fruition, thanks to the initial invitation by Vice President Boakai and the hard work of many people. “

As chaplain for the Boston Celtics during the 1980's, and founder of the chaplaincy program in the NBA, the Sportspower team has traveled the globe bringing encouragement and hope to many. The Sportspower team of former NBA, European, College, and international players will conduct clinics and play against the Liberian National Team and other club teams in Liberia. This will also serve as an opportunity to visit several of the 20 Greater Grace World Outreach churches in the country.

The program will be held at the Sports Commission basketball center. The program will include clinics for coaches and players on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday from 10:00 – noon. The Sportspower team will play against such teams as Uhuru Kings, LPRC Oilers, NPA Pythons, and the Liberian National Team at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday.

Sportspower Team Roster includes:

Bill Alexson - Founder of Sportspower, founder of the NBA Chaplaincy and Boston Celtics Chaplain, Professional in Greece, **Anthony Bonner NBA** – NBA Sacramento Kings, NY Knicks, Orlando Magic, **Jay Brantley** – NBA – LA Clippers, Brazilian “La Hooptainers”, Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas, **Ramall Goodrich** - Pro German League, Brazilian “La Hooptainers”, Valley College, **Bruce Crevier** - Basketball showman, Guinness World Record for spinning most basketballs at one time, **Kenny "K-Ups" Crudup** - Cal State San Bernadino, Mexican Pro League, Brazilian “La Hooptainers”, **Jontae “Now U Know” Vinson** - Cal State Los Angeles, Pro Argentina, CBA, Brazilian “La Hooptainers”, **Deng Duwall** – 7 foot player from Sudan, USA professional league, **Joe Udejai** - NBA Draft prospect, San Jose State Univ., **Ryan Hymes** - NBA Draft prospect, Georgia State Univ., **Tacory Benton** - Georgia State, European league prospect, **Chuck Heidenreich** – Team Liaison.

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