



Dear Friend,

July 31, 2026

As we continue to reach out, we want you to know how much **we appreciate you**. Your faithful partnership in the gospel gives us the opportunity to reach so many families and young people around the country — sometimes volleyball players, sometimes military service members, sometimes parents, coaches, or neighbors, and so many others the Lord places in front of us. Every day, God is faithful to remind us of His love and open doors for us to share it.

As we continue to build, we praise God for the wonderful people He graciously places around us to impact young people. **We want to highlight Ryan and Ellen Santoso**, who welcomed their baby boy, Callahan, this past March. Ellen is one of our coaches and, even with a newborn at home, still desires to be part of our sports outreach. God is so good to bring hearts like that to us. Ellen played volleyball at Marquette University, and her husband, Ryan, played football at the University of Minnesota and later in the NFL. They were both deeply impacted through college ministry and met at an athletes' retreat. Together, they sense a call to impact others through sports just as they were impacted. Here are some of Ellen's thoughts on how coaching can be such a great opportunity to glorify God:



Ryan, Ellen & Baby Callahan Santoso

I'm excited to be a part of Uptime Volleyball and to invest in the lives of the girls both on and off the court. My hope is to encourage each girl to grow in her faith and live out His love in everything they do. I want to help them compete with confidence and excellence while always remembering that their true worth and identity are found in the King!

Ellen will help oversee the teams and coaches this year, implementing small group discipleship for the coaches and encouraging all the players to seek first the Kingdom of God, or, as we say, "***Reach Up, Reach Out!***"



Olivia
DeRocher

In other exciting news, another one of our coaches (who happens to be our daughter), Olivia, is going into her senior year at Lipscomb University. Through her outgoing nature, she invited two other Lipscomb classmates to help coach this past season, and they've all made a tremendous impact. We love how sports ministry can impact college students as well and train them in practical ways to serve and lead younger players and their families.

We want you to know how much impact you have each day through your partnership in the gospel. You are truly an answer to prayer, and we pray God continues to encourage and bless you for your kindness and sacrifice.

Much love,

*Together we make
a great impact*

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