



17 UNDER TEAM, AAU NATIONALS, ORLANDO, FL. JUNE 2025

Dear Friends,

We hope you are off to a great summer and we want to share with you some of the great stories of hearts turning to Jesus. **One of our coaches, Lauren Heller, told us she wanted to go deeper in her commitment to Christ and get baptized.** Lauren grew up in California and moved to Nashville following her father's passing due to Lou Gehrigs disease. Through a friend of a friend, Lauren heard and joined Uptime Outreach. God is so good to knit hearts together and heal those who have gone through great loss and challenges. Also, she chose to be joined by the players, families, and fellow coaches after practice for her baptism.

Another beautiful aspect of sports outreach is how it can encourage so many people. Recently, we took a team to Orlando for the AAU Nationals. During our last day, we had the chance to **pray for an opposing team right before the match** for two of their players who were injured. Both teams circled up and surrounded the two girls asking God for healing. Tears flowed from so many and it showed the heart of God on the volleyball court. Their coach, Craig Hollidge, sent me an email the following week I want to share:



Coach Lauren Hellers Baptism



Coach Craig

Hello UPTIME family! My name is Craig Hollidge. I am the club volleyball director for Reign Volleyball Orlando. Recently we had the privilege of playing against one of your teams at AAU nationals. It was the last day of the tournament of that helps. I want to say thank you so much. I thank you for one because, I had a player that will never play volleyball again(torn patella tendon) and the coach was gracious enough to let my player come in for a point to serve, because her mom never got that last moment to watch feeling. Second, your coaches and players joined my coaches and players in a prayer before we started, because we also lost our starting right side the day before to a torn medial meniscus. Lastly, thank you for having this club. Being a born again Christian, it was a blessing to see such awesome kids and families.

We play against some teams that are really rude and obnoxious here in Florida. Seeing girls that didn't want to laugh at my team for being newer players and parents that were positive and cheerful no matter what was going on, means a lot to me. As Christians, we should hold ourselves to a higher standard. That standard, to me, was set by your parents and coaches and your players showed that they were being taught how to live in a Godly way. Hats off to your parents and coaches.

Another great blessing of sports outreach is the doors it opens up with coaches and players from around the world. **Cliff Worsfold, an aspiring player from Australia,** came to Nashville and was connected to our outreach while he visited. Recently, he helped coach a practice, attended outreach meetings and shared his love for God and volleyball.

Thank you for praying, partnering, trusting the Lord with us. Together, we are making an impact!



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Much love,

*Hope you had a great 4th!
Thank you for partnering!*

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