



# REACH UP REACH OUT



Dear Friends,

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God is on the move! As you have heard me mention several times, one the most effective ways God has given us to help young students find Christ and “work out their salvation” (Philippians 2:12) is through sports and competition. The last couple months, our volleyball outreach has found great success in the hearts of the players and on the court winning. They recently won three tournaments in a row and I have heard several great reports from the players, coaches, and families involved. The bonds of love and faith that form are priceless and powerful.



Uptime 16U won Regionals in Atlanta w/ over 80 teams.



Wendy and daughter Shannon Archer playing “4 HIM”



Wendy Archer shared, “As a past athlete and a Christian I always knew I would want to raise my children to know God and how He can work through us using our talents and skills to serve Him. UpTime volleyball has been such an amazing opportunity for our daughter and our family to connect with Christ like minded athletes and families to do just that. The connection that our girls and our families have together is so evidently tied by the Holy Spirit both on and off of the court. We cannot thank this ministry enough for proving such an amazing learning opportunity for our girls to grow both as athletes and sister’s in Christ! Reach Up Reach Out!!!”

Another great result of sports outreach is how it impacts coaches. Dave Webber is a local businessman and father of one of the players, Hadley. He recently stepped into the new role of coaching and has made a great impact. Here’s what one of the players shared:



Hi Coach Dave, I just wanted to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to play volleyball with the team again. After my injury I was worried and doubted if I still wanted to play volleyball anymore, and you encouraging me through my phase of doubt and playing for the first time after my injury when coming on the court, helped me realize that all I needed was a push and positive affirmations from you. Thank you for being one of the best coaches I've had. Your support and happiness really brought a light into my life and helped me grow and become happy in the sport but also in general. Thank you for everything.

Happy Independence Day !!

Much love,

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