

More than a Game, It's Something Powerful

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Update from our partner ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes:

This is ALPHA, a small football (soccer) team with very big hearts in Juba, South Sudan.

ALPHA is made up of 18 boys, all under the age of 12. They are still young, still learning about life, but when they wear their jerseys and step onto the field, they feel proud. You can see it in their smiles, in the way they call each other's names, and in how they run after the ball with energy and hope.

For these boys, football is more than just a game. It is a safe place. It is where they laugh loudly, forget their worries, and feel like they belong. Some of them come from families facing hard times, but when they play together, those struggles feel lighter. On the field, no one asks about tribe or background. They simply see a teammate. They see a friend.

Before matches, they bow their heads and pray to Jesus Christ. They ask for strength, protection, and unity. Their faith teaches them to forgive, to share, and to care for one another.

In the picture below, standing proudly with them, is Opiew Gilo. His presence is not just about taking a photo; it is about standing with the next generation, encouraging them, and believing in their dreams.



Boys' team ages 12-18

ALPHA is not just a football team. It is a group of young boys choosing friendship over division, teamwork over hatred, and hope over fear. In their simple joy of playing together, you can see something powerful: the future of South Sudan growing stronger, one match at a time.

Healing of Nations partners with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to give these children opportunities to thrive. Donations of uniforms, balls, and equipment allowed the boys to form 3 official teams!

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