



<http://www.justgiving.co.uk/footballgambia>

1st Gambian fundraiser hailed as a success!



Back in the UK and reminiscing about the trip, James Hennser comments: "It was an amazing and unforgettable experience." TJ said: "Thank you for that experience of home...it's opened my eyes about so much and will only make me a better person."

These quotes are testament to how successful the trip was. Forty two supporters of FG travelled to Gambia to see from themselves the good work of FG, to help the people of the local communities and to play a few games of football in their spare time. The communities of Lamin, Brikama, Sittanunku, Gunjur and Serekunda cheered as the football games took place.

A considerable amount of commitment, by 20 members of the Group, went into fundraising to support the work of FG. This money has enable FG to send 3 shipments of much needed items to The Gambia.

Gerry Mansey said: "A truly humbling and authentic experience; well organised with a great bunch of people. I loved every minute of it and the Gambian guys, Alex, Ninja and Raggy were great hosts. Giving away the football kit and opening the office was a perfect finale."

FG founder Ian Stapleton sums up the trip: "The detail is in the preparation and I wanted everyone to enjoy their experience. It was when I saw the guys dancing in the burning heat in Sittanunku, North Gambia with all the village members was when I knew that they were having a good time!"

Experience the trip for yourself through pictures and videos. See FG's website:

<http://www.footballgambia.org/gambia-trip-2011.html>

<http://www.footballgambia.org/videos.html>

FG gets mentioned on Sky Sports courtesy of Afrikitt

Ian Stapleton was in the Gambia when the report was aired. Football Gambia was referred to on Sky Sports and this was all down to Jack Hands from Afrikitt, who was introduced to FG by Derrick Williams from Kit Aid. See the report here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNmckvolj8U>

Billy Wingrove embraces The Gambia



International football freestyler Billy Wingrove who also works for Tottenham FC, dazzled local kids and coaches in Gunjur, Sittanunku and Brikama with his intricate ball work. Billy comments: "I have never been on a trip like this before. It was great to dance with the locals and sample the food. I am amazed at how quick and skillful these young players are."

<http://www.footballgambia.org/billy-wingrove.html>

FG coach 'Scouse' Munro shares his expertise



A UEFAA Licence coach 'Scouse' Munro, successfully ran 3 coaching courses in The Gambia as part of the trip to grassroots and Division 1 and 2 coaches. Feedback from the participants was very positive. The only negative point was that they wanted the course to last longer! Well done Scouse and we hope to see you out there again soon.

The success of the trip would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of: **Ian Stapleton** (Founder); **Phil Rostom** (Cameraman); **Christian Tailor** (Art Teacher); **'Scouse'**, (UEFAA Football Coach); **Clive Offer** (Goalkeeper Coach); **Billy Wingrove** (Freestyle Footballer); **Bakary 'Raggy Road' Bojarg** and **Yahya Manneh** (FG in The Gambia)

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