

Gospel Trick Shot July 2021 - LIVE, Hybrid, and Online all in June!!!

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Dear Gospel Trick Shot Friends:

It is with incredible joy and thanksgiving that GTS has gone live, hybrid, and online all at the same time in June!

Please read our exciting newsletter below to see all that God is doing! Also please check our packed calendar of events below to pray and thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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Thanks, Steve Lillis, President and Founder www.gospeltrickshot.org

July 2021 News by Steve Lillis

Gospel Trick Shot Goes Live in Person, Hybrid, and Online in June!!!

For the first time ever, GTS was running on all cylinders in the month of June. In the past we traditionally specialized with in person live shows with some video recording. Online has been around for years with the internet and expanded tremendously for GTS during the pandemic with hundreds of thousands of new viewers through our social media platforms and other online releases with publications like AZBilliards.com and SPM Magazine. GTS hybrid basically began with our GTS_RACK_Rooms Live Facebook page spearheaded by Pastor Mike Hewitt, our GTS Vice President in his basement with his GTS RACK room setup for recording. Tom "Dr. Cue " Rossman, our GTS RACK Team member and originator of RACK (Recreational Ambassadors for Christs Kingdom) partnered with Pastor Mike in many of the initial presentations.

This past month of June live presentations were booked in New Jersey, Ohio, and Indiana with Steve Lillis and GTS RACK Team member Walter Oppermann from New Jersey heading west to Indiana. Live GTS shows and outreaches were done over a period of two weeks in towns and cities like Oceanport, NJ, Youngstown, Warren, and London, OH, and Muncie and Marion, Indiana. GTS RACK Team helpers and members Rusty and Vicky Bernard, Brian Pauley, Mike and Kim Hewitt, World Champion Mike Massey, and Mike Martin all had a part in the outreach. The Hewitt boys Luke (13), Caleb (15), and Andrew (17) also participated in the GTS shows and spent 5 days of training with Steve Lillis in preparation for the BEF (Billiard Education Foundation) Junior National Championships in Las Vegas later this month. The boys will be going with their Father Pastor Mike Hewitt and their Grandfather Jerry Hewitt to Las Vegas. This is the fourth generation of pool (billiard) players in the Hewitt family as the boy's great grandfather on their grandmother's side of the family owned a billiard room in Maryland over 100 years ago. The boys are sponsored by Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc., Dr. Cue Promotions, McDermott Cues, and their home church Rising Hope in Muncie, Indiana. The response to this recent Midwest trip went so well that GTS has invitations to come back to all locations visited with the portable pool table including extra stops in Kentucky and West Virginia.

Some of the highlights of this past month involved people who were touched by the Gospel. One young man named David, age 13 was touched by the Gospel Trick Shots done by Steve Lillis and Luke Hewitt who also happens to be 13 as well. After the show his adoptive parents came over and explained privately that "this show was for David" who

came out of abusive home situations and recently came to Christ two months ago and loves the game of pool. In yet another show, a young man named Brody just 12 also participated in the Gospel Trick Shot show and afterwards his parents were elated that the show demonstrated to their son a very positive side to pool and life. At our Monmouth Park GTS show outreach earlier in Oceanport, NJ, eight people raised their hands to receive the message of the Gospel for the first time. This GTS show was done as a part of the chaplaincy program at the Monmouth Park Racetrack with Chaplain Donny Christopher of Down the Stretch Ministries, Inc. These workers present at the GTS Show had come up for work at the racetrack from central America on work visas. GTS helper and Spanish translator Steve Lopez did an amazing job of translating and communicating the Gospel into the heart language of these Spanish speaking people.

Other major highlights of the month of June include hybrid platforms. On Sunday 6/27 Steve Lillis explained GTS ministry to the Rising Hope Church of Muncie, IN and commissioned Andrew, Caleb, and Luke to go as GTS RACK Team members to Las Vegas to reach young people for Christ through Bible studies and personal interactions while competing in tournament competition. This church service was broadcast live on YouTube and Facebook. Then after the service the church emptied out into the church community center across the street for a live GTS show with Steve Lillis and the Hewitt boys. Pastor Mike Hewitt and wife Kim were on the cameras broadcasting live to the Rising Hope Facebook page and the GTS_RACK_Rooms live Facebook page as well. Hundreds of people were able to attend both live and online. Then two nights later GTS RACK Team member Brian Pauley in London, OH over 100 miles away from Pastor Mike Hewitt in Muncie, IN coordinated efforts to broadcast a live Gospel Trick Shot show with Steve Lillis from Big Money Billiards Parlor in London, OH on Big Money's Facebook page while it was also live streamed on the GTS_RACK_Rooms Live Facebook page as well. More people have now been reached with the Gospel using these GTS RACK hybrid models than ever before. Praise God!

Our GTS online ministry continues to thrive. Gospel Trick Shot #17 article by Steve Lillis with a video by GTS RACK team member Brian Pauley was published in the June issue of AZBilliards.com which is the largest online billiard publication in the world. Also, in AZBilliards.com another article by GTS helper and former GTS board member Roger Long was published in his "Sharing the Light" column on Christian pool player Robin Verner. Then the Albanian Snooker and Billiard Federation released in June 2021 a video of a live presentation by Steve Lillis from 2006 that was seen by millions live in Albania in 2006 on their network television station called Telesports. Steve went to Albania to train twelve professional pool players and twelve coaches on the Albanian National Team in Artistic Pool back in 2006. All of these recent online releases for June can be viewed below at the following links:

"The Christian Way" with Brian Pauley (one minute and 5 seconds) Gospel Trick Shot #17 featuring an Artistic Pool competition shot. <https://youtu.be/JgN3908Apvo>

AZBilliards.com article "Sharing the Light" with Rodger Long with an article on Christian pool player Robin Verner. <https://www.azbilliards.com/sharing-the-light-robin-verner/>

Video (52 minutes and 22 seconds) on Artistic Pool with a GTS show by Steve Lillis in 2006 telecast on live network television in Albania in 2006. Released by the Albania Billiard Federation in June 2021. https://youtu.be/6A_ogIAMJLU

Most recent book (2019) "What's That in Your Hand? God and Pool - The Gospel Trick Shot Story" and the first book (2013) "But You Must! The Steve Lillis Story" are available in paperback and as ebooks at www.amazon.com. Just type in the words "Gospel Trick Shot" or "Steve Lillis" to order.

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