

GTS News November 2022 by Steve Lillis

GTS World Update

Morocco – The GTS RACK team of Michael Hewitt, Tom Rossman, Mike Massey, Phil Ball, Wayne Parker, and Steve Lillis along with helpers Robert and Alice Tenny of South Carolina attended the 2022 World Blackball Championships representing the USA along with 20 other countries. The team did three Gospel Trick Shot shows with two before live audiences in the main arena and with 8,000 viewing live online. A Gospel invitation and challenge was given along with McDermott and Meucci cue sticks, Masters cue chalk, Horo cue tips, 50 Bibles in both English and Arabic, and 60 invitation cards to go to our new website www.gtsrackrooms.com. Go to our [gtsrackrooms Facebook page](#) for exciting video and photos of the Morocco event. Thank you to all who prayed and supported this massive outreach into Morocco!

Spain – Pastor Michael Hewitt led a team to Spain both before and after our Morocco trip for our first GTS church plant called Café Con Dios. Indiana Rising Hope Church tech support was supplied. This church plant is a direct result of our GTS Spain outreach last fall with GTS RACK Team members Michael Hewitt, Tom Rossman, and Marcell Kaiser of Germany.

Zambia – GTS RACK team member Pastor Wayne Parker of South Africa went to Zambia to preach a revival crusade and represent GTS. He is our lead GTS administrator for the continent of Africa as GTS is in 11 African countries to date from North Africa all the way down to South Africa. Wayne is overseeing the Zambia GTS Pool and Water project at an orphanage for 82 street children working with Pastor Davies Banda. The project consists of a water well, water filtration system, irrigation of crops, and finally the building of pool tables as Zambia has a deep love for pool and billiards. This model will hopefully be used in other African countries to help generate funding for ministries to become self-sufficient. We call this the Business as Mission (BAM) model of ministry. Interesting side note is that two Zambian teams went to the World Blackball Championship in Morocco and the men's team took second place as they lost in the finals to England the most powerful Blackball country in the World! They almost pulled probably the greatest upset in the history of Blackball as they lost 14-11. They will be back! The Zambian ladies team asked Steve Lillis to lead them in prayer before their match! This was a special delight as Zambia was the first country of choice to begin our GTS ministry model in Africa because of their deep love for pool and billiards!

Indiana – As a direct result of the Morocco trip and exposure to the magnetic sport discipline of Blackball, a new Artistic Blackball committee of World Artistic Pool is being formed. Currently there are no blackball tables in the USA; however, Indiana will be receiving a Blackball table in the near future. Tom Rossman of Indiana was the original founder of World Pool and Billiards Association (WPA) Artistic Pool over 20 years ago and Steve Lillis was the first Chairman of the WPA Artistic Pool Division (APD). The WPA is the worldwide governing body of pool and billiards and is connected to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). GTS RACK team member Brian Pauley who is the current President of the WPA APD, together with Tom Rossman, plus GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker, who is a WPA Artistic Pool Champion, will together help develop the new “Artistic” Blackball committee under the WPA APD. One half of the world plays Blackball so now GTS will have more “sport gift” opportunities to serve worldwide using Blackball and Artistic Pool.

New Jersey – Our newest GTS RACK team member and USA Morocco team member Phil Ball did his first solo outreach with two GTS helpers at the Living Waters Church in Parsippany, NJ on October 29th. The GTS portable pool table was used for the outreach as part of the annual trunk or treat community outreach. Phil did Gospel Trick Shots and taught the youth how to play the hand rolling version of Bobble Ball on the portable pool table. Bobble Ball is a great way to introduce people to the pool table as it is similar to bocce ball but played on a pool table. For more information on Bobble Ball please go to www.bobbleball.com.

California – Good Times Family Billiards of Lakewood, CA right outside of Los Angeles has become the home of GTS and Blackball on the West Coast. GTS RACK team members Tom Rossman, Mike Massey, and Steve Lillis were out in the Los Angeles area back in August doing GTS shows, promoting the CSI CA USA Pool League, and promoting Blackball. A blackball table is on the way to LA and plans are being made to stage a big blackball event for all to see live and online! Mike Massey and Steve Lillis are planning to return to LA soon to help continue this effort.

Norfolk, VA – At the time of this writing the annual International Open with 40 countries present is well underway in Norfolk, VA. Mike Massey and Steve Lillis are present with a Gospel Trick Shot/Mike Massey Booth. The GTS portable pool table is in transit with GTS RACK team members Phil Ball and Rusty Barnard delivering the table for a full week of GTS outreach in the GTS booth. Please pray as this is an exciting opportunity to reach the world from right here in Norfolk, VA!

Psalm 33:3 – “Play skillfully with a shout of Joy!”

Enjoy and God bless!

Special Note: Also, please check out our exciting new website at www.gtsrackrooms.com with helpful and entertaining information on becoming a more devoted follower of Jesus Christ!

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