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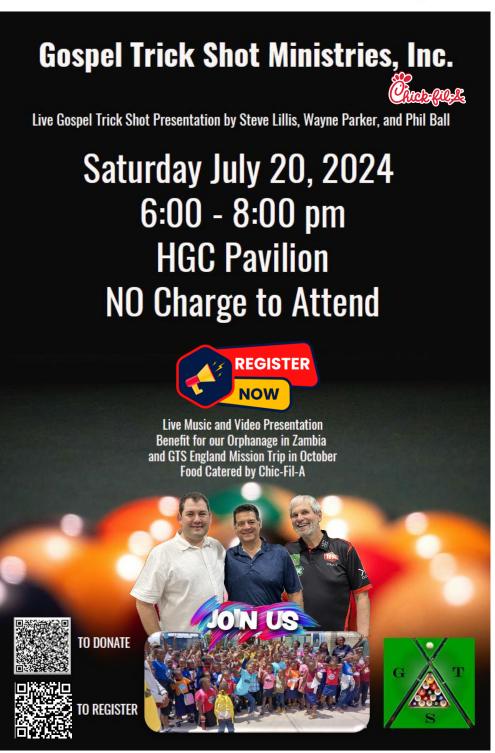
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# GTS ZAMBIA ENGLAND BENEFIT Chick-fil-&

#### GTS Zambia England Benefit July 20

– We have an action-packed line up ready to go on July 20th with Chick-Rick as our featured food sponsor and there is no charge to attend. Former World Artistic Pool Champion and professional pool player and coach Pastor Wayne Parker will be sharing on the pool table with GTS Founder Steve Lillis and GTS Treasurer Phil Ball. Special guest speaker Barbara Kemp co-owner of Allentown Tables with husband Mike Kemp will share her amazing testimony of deliverance from drugs and alcohol to success in the billiards industry with one of the top retail stores in the Northeast region. There will be short videos featuring the GTS South Africa Tour last October, the Zambia Orphanage, and Barbara Kemp's amazing testimony. Amanda DuMont daughter of Steve and Camille Lillis will be featured with live worship songs. It all starts promptly at 6:00 pm with a Chick-fil-A meal catered by local New Jersey stores. The benefit will conclude promptly at 8:00 pm with an opportunity to help support our orphanage in Zambia and help send a GTS team to England to share the Gospel on pool tables at the BI World Blackball Championships and the WPA Artistic Blackball Championships in Bridlington, England. Last year we did a Gospel Trick Shot show on YouTube TV in England with a potential viewership of 2.4 million. Please register to sign up to secure your meal and seat if you want to attend and please donate if you can with the QR Code or link below to help the cause.













JULY 20th 6PM - 8PM





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## NEW JERSEY PORTABLE POOL TABLE TOUR

#### New Jersey Portable Pool Table Tour

– Our GTS New Jersey summer portable table tour with Steve Lillis and Phil Ball and Hawthorne Gospel Church helpers Steve Goitz and Jesus Canela is in full swing with 3 events completed over the past month.

The tour started at New Canaan Society (NCS) May 31st Friday morning breakfast at the Brick House Restaurant in Wyckoff, NJ with about 60 North Jersey business leaders and clergy that was featured in last month's newsletter.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the GTS portable pool table moved on to a HGC Sunday School class picnic with about 50 people at the beautiful home of Jesus Canela in Wyckoff, NJ. The class is taught by Carlos Penada who helped with the Spanish translation of "But You Must! The Steve Lillis Story."

The third and final stop for the past month was on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Market Street Mission in Morristown, NJ. Steve and Phil once again did a Gospel Trick Shot show to encourage and inspire about 60 men to follow Christ all of whom are homeless and recovering from addictions.

Please pray that God would open more doors of outreach for the summer with the GTS portable pool table which travels complete with truck and trailer.







### The Steve Lillis Story Now available in Spanish!







## GTS IN SPAIN, KENYA AND SOUTH AFRICA

#### GTS in Spain, Kenya, and South Africa in June

Our Spanish translator Yomaira Tarifa who recently completed the translation of "But You Must! The Steve Lillis Story" traveled to Cordoba, Spain with some of her high school students to meet some of our GTS partners and introduce and distribute the newly translated book.

GTS friends and helpers Robert and Alice Tenny traveled to Nairobi, Kenya and met with GTS partner Pastor Kennedy Salano who runs a church and Christian school in the underserved Kariobangi area. Robert and Alice were part of the GTS team in 2022 that went to Morocco! Please pray as GTS and Robert and Alice are planning to help with present needs in Kenya. Steve Lillis and Jason Lynch first went there in 2010 to raise up a local GTS RACK team and help build a kitchen and rec room with a pool table for the school. GTS RACK Team member Wayne Parker went to Kenya to work with Pastor Kennedy Salano after Steve and Jason and evangelized on that pool table and in other surrounding areas and led many young people to Christ.

Wayne also conducted on Zoom a teaching and training clinic from his home in South Africa as he will lead an international GTS team of seven to Quincy, IL this month to participate in the BCA BEF Junior National Championship and the professional Americas Heyball (Chinese 8-Ball) Championship. There will be daily Bible studies with Wayne doing a professional Artistic Heyball demonstration and Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman doing his Dr. Cue shows as the GTS RACK team will be competing in various billiard events.

Please pray for this exciting opportunity.







### **James 5:16**

"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

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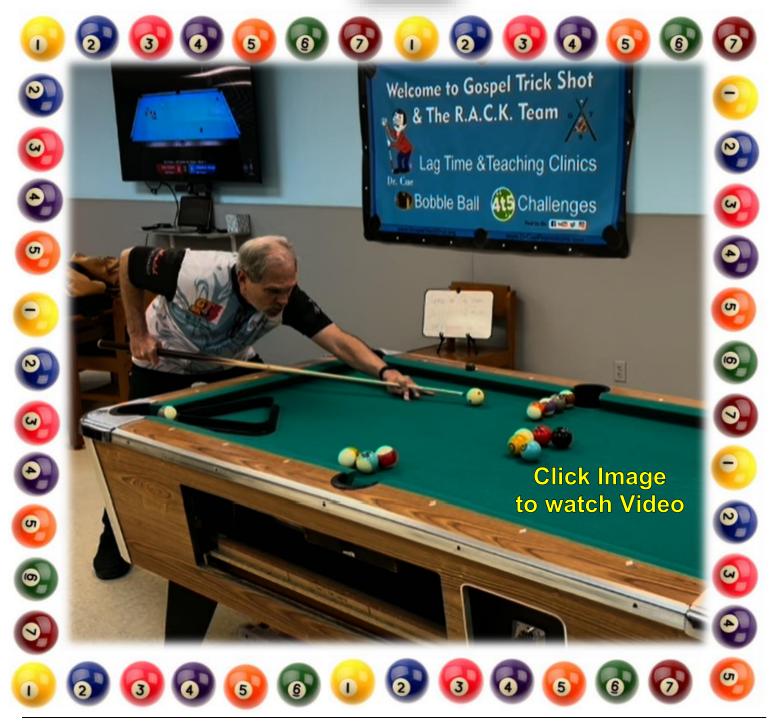
# STEVE'S TESTIMONY GOSPEL TRICK SHOT

Steve Lillis sharing his testimony Gospel Trick Shot of how the Lord Jesus set him free from a life of sin and bondage, and brought him into a relationship! Jesus will never let you down!



#### **REVELATION 12:11**

AND THEY OVERCAME HIM
BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB
AND BY THE WORD
OF THEIR TESTIMONY...



# GTS SHOT OF THE MONTH

### Gospel Trick Shot #53 - The One who goes before you

History of the Trick Shot: This Gospel Trick Shot is performed on a Chinese Heyball table. A similar version of the shot has been performed by a few of the top players around the world on standard American pool tables and English Blackball pool tables, however this version of the shot is done on a Chinese Heyball table as part of the vision of Gospel Trick Shot Ministries, Inc is to reach the Asian world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is also a sneak peek into the soon to come Artistic Heyball which will pave the way to reach out to the east in the near future.



GTS Name and Why: This shot is called the "The One Who Goes Before You" shot. The significance behind this particular shot is the perfect timing it takes for the red 3-ball to go before the cue ball to clear the path for the cue ball to be made into the side pocket. Despite the many obstacles, God wants us to trust in His faithfulness to go before us to make a way where there seems to be no way. The red ball represents the Blood of Jesus and the New covenant He has for us and through Faith in his Blood we can rest assured to go where He sends us knowing that He will go before us and clear the way for us to carry out His divine will and plan for our lives!

Scripture Reference: Deuteronomy 31:8 – "And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

Cue Ball Placement: About two and a half balls from each cushion as diagramed.

Object Ball(s) Placement: The red 3-ball is about a half a ball from the cue ball. The 14-ball is about a ball and a half from the side rail. The 12, 15 and 14 balls are all touching. The 9 and 11 balls are also touching. The 11, 15 and 14 balls are all in a straight line. The 15-ball is positioned to make contact with the 11-ball at about half ball. The 12 and 15 balls are parallel with the long rails and so is the 9 and 11 ball. The solid balls are positioned so that the cue ball has a clear path between them to the side pocket.



























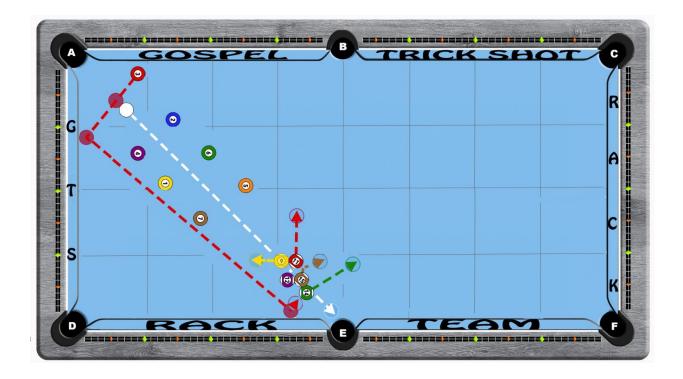


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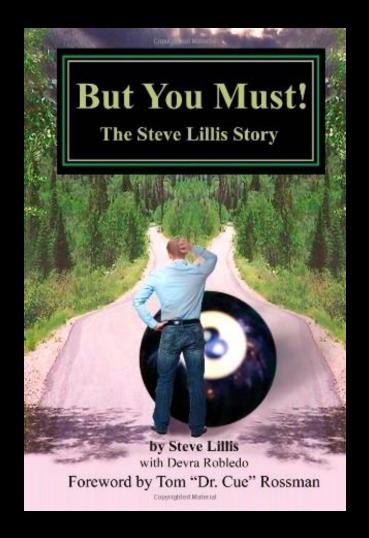
**Objective:** Shoot the red 3-ball into the cue ball cutting it really fine toward the side pocket using quite a bit if bottom English. After the red 3-ball cuts the cue ball, the red ball will be driven directly off the short rail and will overtake the cue ball and then off the side rail and then into the 14-ball clearing the cluster of balls making a clear path for the cue ball to be made into the side pocket.

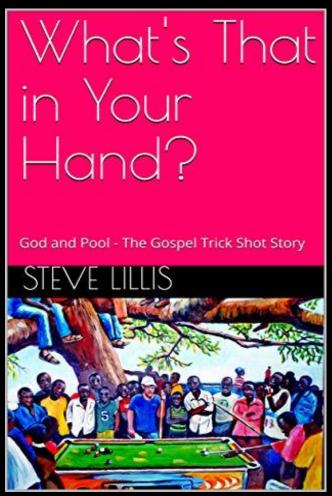
**Special Notes:** If the cue ball makes impact with the cluster of balls before the red 3-ball makes its way around to clear them, try cutting the cue ball finer resulting in slowing it down a bit and allowing the red ball to have more speed to clear the cluster of balls. You might need to adjust the position of the red 3-ball and the amount of bottom English to change the angle of the 3-ball into the side rail to contact the 14-ball full in the face.

Crowd Reactions Through the Years: This is a new Gospel Trick Shot adapted to the Chinese Heyball table. The setup creates an element of surprise for spectators as it's not easy to figure out what is going to happen, especially using the red 3-ball to shoot into instead of the cue ball. The message behind this shot is very relatable to many Christians and is a great encouragement for those who have struggled with the obstacles of life. This shot is not an easy shot and will require a lot of practice. But once this shot is made, expect a loud cheer and a roar of applause.



### **Books by Steve Lillis**





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# GTS CALENDAR

GTS Calendar 2024: Changes and additions are forthcoming! BILLIARD INDUSTRY events are confirmed as GTS participation is TBD (To Be Determined) as noted until confirmed officially.

>7/2/24 – Monmouth Park Racetrack GTS PowerPoint presentation called "Bridges in the Middle East and Beyond" at 6:30 pm in the Jockey Club.

>7/8/24 – 7/13/24 – Pro Heyball (Chinese 8-Ball) event and the Billiard Education Foundation 36th Annual Junior National Championships sponsored by the BCA in the Oakley-Lindsay Center in Quincy, IL with GTS Bible studies with GTS RACK Team members.

>7/12/24 – 7/20/24 – Dr. Cue Promotions tour with Tom "Dr. Cue" Rossman doing clinics and meet and greets at the Varsity Club in Monmouth, IL, youth clinic in Faribault, MN, and VNEA Juniors in Sioux City, IA. For more info go to drcuepromotions.com/tour-schedule-travelogue/.

>7/20/24 – Steve Lillis, Phil Ball, and Wayne Parker live Gospel Trick Shot presentation in the Pavilion of the Hawthorne Gospel Church from 6:00 – 8:00 pm with a Chick-fil-A dinner and live music and videos included. Special guest Barbara Kemp! Free admission.

>8/9/24 – 8/11/24 – SA Classic Artistic Pool Championship with the "Steve Lillis Trophy" directed by GTS RACK team member Wayne Parker at the Sessions Pool Room in Cape Town, South Africa with a GTS show and booth.

>8/19/24 - 8/24/24 – WNT 2024 U.S. Open 9-Ball Championships at Harrah's Hotel in Atlantic City, NJ with Gospel Trick Shot portable pool table shows in the South Jersey area.

>10/7/24 – 10/21/24 - WPA Blackball International (BI) World Championships and the Hawley Cup in Bridlington, England with a team of five A players (pros) and a team of five B players (juniors or amateurs) in international competition with the 2024 WPA World Artistic Blackball Championships and GTS shows. GTS shows at various locations in and around Manchester, England before the event.

>11/9/24 – 11/17/24 – CSI Predator Caribbean Championships in the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. GTS shows at the event and other San Juan billiard locations.

>11/18/24 – 11/26/24 – International Open at the Renaissance Resort, St. Augustine, FL. Various billiard events with a Gospel Trick Shot booth and Bible studies.

>11/30/24 – 12/4/24 – Mosconi Cup at the Caribe Royal Resort, Orlando, FL with the World Nine-Ball Tour with GTS shows in and around the Orlando area with the GTS RACK Team.

>GTS World Tour 2024-25 (TBD) – ministry & billiard federation invites: India, Turkey, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Japan, Indonesia, Portugal, Serbia, Hungary, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Swaziland, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

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