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## LEAVING A LEGACY

Many of you wonder “How can I partner with CGF besides supporting the ministry financially?” Joel Hays has been invested in CGF’s ministry for 20+ years and has left a lasting legacy as a volunteer. We hope that Joel’s story ignites your creativity and inspires you to partner with us in exciting and unique ways.

Not long after being introduced to CGF in the 1990s, Joel and his wife began hosting the North Texas Eagles Bible study at their home in Denton, TX. Many young men came to know Jesus in this comfortable and welcoming setting, young men like Marco Scarola, who joined Joel’s home group at church during his time in college.

*“The Hays family’s hospitality has also included over 100 college golfers who were in town for various amateur golf tournaments over the years. They love it, their boys love it, and there are very few things more powerful than bringing young men into a Christian home for a few days. Many of these young men still stay in touch with the Hays family and come see them when in town.”*

*–Marco Scarola Assistant Coach, North Texas University*



*Marco Scarola (L) with Joel Hays (R) at the 2017 CGF Rik Massengale Tournament*

Joel has also consistently and faithfully connected people of faith to the CGF staff through golf outings, vision casting events and even through hosting a Bible study at his country club. These relationships have played a BIG part in CGF’s staff expansion. We had only three staff when Joel began his partnership with us and now CGF has 20 staff members. Knowing how this has provided many more opportunities for young men to respond to the Good News of Jesus and to be discipled by CGF staff brings Joel great joy.

The Hays’ family’s story is not unique. Join us in thanking all of the families who have prayerfully and creatively partnered with us over the years. If this story stirs you to action, please reach out to your local CGF staff and dream with us as we work to relationally reach the world of college golf with and for Jesus.



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# COLLEGE GOLF FELLOWSHIP

A NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING GOLF. LIFE. FAITH.

## MARRIAGE TALK WITH A MASTER’S CHAMPION

Zach Johnson had always been a presence at Davis Love III’s retreat, but this year he opened up his home to 40 college golfers who came to play hard and hear about Jesus.

One-by-one these guys overcame the nervousness of wondering “Will Zach be there?” as they walked into his home and shook hands with the 2-time major champion. People wonder why tour players like Zach open up their homes to these guys, and the short answer is their faith in Christ and their desire to see His Gospel permeate the world, transforming lives now and for eternity.

and that marriage isn’t about being 100% sure you’re with the right one, but being 100% committed to the one you enter into marriage with.



*Playing golf at the Zach Johnson Retreat*

A highlight for many of these young men was hearing Zach and his wife, Kim, talk about marriage. They listened to the good, the bad and the ugly about real marriage. Many in this generation learn about marriage from the entertainment world: pursue your own personal happiness and find someone who fulfills “your needs,” and if that person fails you, find someone else. But in that living room this group had the chance to learn about the sweetness of a Christ-centered marriage

Our prayer for these young men is that as they move forward in a relationship with God through faith in Jesus, they would allow Him to impact every part of their lives, from golf and school to vocation and marriage. The Gospel is more than just the promise of eternal life; it is about life as it will be in heaven being lived out on earth as God transforms us from the inside out.



*Zach Johnson and his wife, Kim*

*“It has always been a dream to get to meet Zach. Not only getting to meet Zach, but to hang out at his home and golf with him was something I never even considered. That alone was incredible. But much greater than that was the encouragement I got in my walk with God. This CGF staff really connects and relates with all of us.”*  
*- Brody Boston (Presbyterian College)*



## A Note From Our Executive Director:

As I reflect on nearly 17 years of working for CGF, all I can say is “God is able to do immeasurably more than we could have asked or imagine” (Eph. 3:20). At that time, we had three people working for CGF trying to reach the nearly 18,000 college golfers. As a relational ministry, we did all we knew how; we poured into as many students as we could and prayed. We asked the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers to send out into His harvest field. And I am excited to say that the Lord has answered that prayer, as we hired our twentieth staff member this year (see inside for more details)!

But we have not stopped praying. In fact, as we have prayed, the Lord has led us to develop a strategic plan to grow our staff so we can have a relational presence on every team in the nation. In order to accomplish this, we are rolling out our **30-BY-30 Staff Expansion Program**, where we would like to hire 30 new staff by the year 2030. You will hear more about this in the coming months, but if you would like to be involved now, please reach out to one of our staff.

Thank you again for your ongoing prayer and support of this life-changing ministry!



*Steve Burdick*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## CGF in Guatemala

In June, 15 college golfers along with CGF staff and PGA Tour pro Cameron Tringale, ventured south of the border to Guatemala with global missions organization NEXT Worldwide. NEXT Worldwide uses short-term missionaries (like our team of golfers) to bolster the relational capacity and evangelism efforts of local churches across the world. Our team went door to door in multiple cities, sharing the Gospel and helping connect those who responded favorably to pastors in their hometown. At least 27 people committed to faith in Jesus over the course of the week, and each one has a pastor in their community who can serve them as they begin their journey with Christ!



CGF staff Karsten Majors along with six members of the ministry team

Partnering with NEXT Worldwide hits several key points of interest for our own ministry. First, we want to see the local church grow and thrive. NEXT has this same vision, making sure people reached on short-term missions have a church to call home. Second, we know that evangelism is an important aspect of life with God, and mission trips offer a unique space to push people beyond their comfort zone in order to stretch their God-given capacity to evangelize. In short, we see these trips as another means of discipling the young men we interact with and NEXT has an excellent curriculum to train them not just for short-term missions but also for life back home. If you have any interest in supporting our future teams or going yourself, please let your local CGF staff member know!



## Rivers of Living Water

### ANNUAL TRIP TO WHITEWATER RANCH

Staff member and former PGA Tour pro Jason Allred once again hosted college golfers on his family's beautiful property on the Scott River in Northern California. Jason's dad, Gene, has generously allowed CGF to use "Whitewater Ranch" for over 10 years, and unfortunately this was the first year that he was unable to join in the fray. Gene has been battling stage four cancer for the past two years and was dearly missed; his generosity, joyfulness, love for the river and for God has greatly impacted hundreds of lives through the years on this CGF retreat alone. We are praying for you Gene, and we ask all of you to join with us.

As always, God's creation allowed for a special type of vulnerability as these young men opened up about the deep struggles in their own lives and experienced a unique type of community where God's love felt real and tangible. Even the parts we hate most about ourselves can be redeemed and transformed by the God who gave His only Son. Dominic (William Jessup University) found a safe place on this retreat to open up about thoughts that frequent his mind: that he is worthless, a failure, a sinner beyond saving, or even worse.

*"Over the course of the week I have realized the love and worth God has for me regardless of how much of a sinner I am. Over the past few months I have especially started sinning at a rate that leads to death in the form of an unfulfilled life. I would go so far as to say that this week has changed my life in a way that can only lead me closer to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and a happier more fulfilling lifestyle."*  
- Dominic (William Jessup University)



Dominic on the rafting retreat

We helped him recognize that many of these voices came from outside of him — things spoken over him by people. Since the retreat he has confronted some of these voices and found God-given reconciliation and restoration within his family. Dominic still has a long road ahead of him, but we have great hope in Jesus that He will continue this good work which He has started in him!

## New Regions, New Possibilities

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW HIRES AT CGF

Jason Allred joined the CGF team on February 1<sup>st</sup> and lives in Scottsdale, AZ. He spent the last 15 years playing professional golf and had a very successful career finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2014 L.A. Open and playing in four U.S. Opens. Jason has always loved building relationships and sharing his faith through the platform of golf, and he is now using that gift full-time as he pours into the next generation of college golfers. Jason has also hosted our CGF Rafting Retreat for over 10 years where we have seen several college golfers come to know Jesus for the first time.



Jason Allred and his family - Southwest Region

Jacob Hicks lives in Mebane, NC and has been around CGF for many years. As a recent grad from ECU, Jacob attended many retreats, our mission trip to Kenya in 2014, and spent hours with local staff Korby Kemp. After serving in South Africa as a missionary this summer, Jacob joined the CGF team on August 1<sup>st</sup> and will serve as an intern for the next year and discern whether the Lord calls him to full-time vocational ministry with CGF long term.



Jacob Hicks, serving kids in South Africa - Southeast Region

Matthew Crane joined the CGF Team on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and lives in Santa Clara, CA. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Liberty Theological Seminary in 2009. He then worked his way up from an assistant golf pro in Southern California to the Director of Golf at Lake Merced Golf Club in San Francisco. He and his wife, Valerie, have actively ministered to college students at their church for years, recognizing the critical nature of those formative college years. After seeing the impact of our ministry, God cultivated in Matthew a desire to see CGF expand to all the campuses in the Bay Area.



Matthew Crane and his wife, Valerie - Bay Area Region

## Partner with College Golf Fellowship

*CGF Exists to make Disciples by investing relationally with the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world of College Golf.*

We are a non-profit ministry which relies on the faithful financial support of friends and family like you. If you would like to learn more about our organization, please visit our website at [www.CollegeGolfFellowship.com](http://www.CollegeGolfFellowship.com).

Know that each of our staff need to raise their salary and ministry budget in their respective regions. If you would like to come alongside and support our new staff and/or current staff, simply go online to make a tax-deductible donation or join the monthly support team. You can also send a check using the enclosed envelope. Thank you in advance for helping us see the whole world of college golf transformed by the Gospel!

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" - Phil. 1:3-4*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for opens doors of ministry across the nation.
- Pray for student leaders to be raised up on every campus.
- Pray for funding for our new staff and our 30-BY-30 Staff Expansion Program.
- Pray for our staff to love, serve, and lead their wives well.
- Pray for our staff to shepherd their children's hearts in Gospel-centered ways.
- Pray for our staff who are considering marriage that they receive clarity and confirmation from the Lord.