

Archery Club 2022 Vision

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Project Summary

Scott and Isabel Somerville are YWAM missionaries in Michoacan, Mexico working full-time with a people group called the Purépechas. In 2019, together with the local Purepecha Christian church, “Abundant Life church”, they began an archery club ministry, as an attempt to involve children and youth in the community of Capacuaro in a healthy sports program and to teach values, discipline, and focus. Their goal is to help these kids discover their inherent value as children of God, and encourage them to be agents of change within their community. Historically, the Purépechas are remembered as being expert archers in warfare as well as hunting. This ministry has generated a lot of interest in both children and youth.

Vision

Engage generations, model the transformation

Mission

To lead Purepecha adolescents and teens to Christ and model life-skills and christian character through Archery instruction.

Where we are now

In the first year and a half of ministry, we had been working with 10 - 15 kids every week using DIY equipment. In March 2021, Centershot Ministries, a Christian archery ministry based out of WI, USA, partnered with the Somervilles helping them train and certify local ministry members as Basic Archery Instructors and provide them with a few Genesis Bows and targets. Darell Freeman, director of the Royal Rangers Shooting Sports Program, has also partnering with the Somervilles, and helped them acquire donated archery equipment. Highland Community Church based out of WI, also supported the Archery club in the summer of 2021 and sent a donation that helped them acquire a trailer for hauling equipment in, grade a suitable field where they could practice archery, and purchase other sports equipment needed.

As of fall 2021, we have a working Archery club ministry with a BAI certified trained staff of 5, adequate equipment for 20 archers at a time (Genesis bows, re-curve bows, Easton 1090 aluminum arrows, Morrell Targets), a graded sports field, and an archery trailer to bring the equipment back and forth from the field and to other villages in the area. This ministry is working well, and we are very happy to see the excitement and enthusiasm in the youth from the village as they continue to train in this sport with the new equipment. We are also very encouraged as we continue to share 5-10 minutes per class about a Christian value that we discovered through the Archery class. In this way we are able to

begin to prepare the way for evangelism and discipleship as we gain more trust (we are not able to openly share the gospel at this time, but are working towards this goal).

We are ministering to 15 - 20 kids per every week.

Where we are going. Year 2022 vision

The “Abundant Life” church in Capacuaro, Michoacan is currently in the process of building a new church building on a church owned piece of land. The property is 2.5 acres and is large enough to build a compound of a church building, sports area, classrooms, and more. In December 2021, together with the church, we gathered funds and put in a perimeter cyclone fence with a lockable gate, and started laying the foundations of the new church building that by faith we will finish in 2022.

Our 2022 vision for the Archery club ministry is to raise funds for and build a roofed basketball court (similar to the village court), where we can run the Archery club and offer other sports outreach classes to the youth of Capacuaro such as; basketball, soccer, volleyball, Uarhukua (Purepecha ball game similar to field hockey), etc. This would be a private court in a gated compound, where we could operate without interruption from political changes, village party seasons, and with certain safety measures. This multiple-purpose roofed court would be used by the village christian church for a variety of ministries in 2022 and beyond; sports ministries, christian youth rallies, a children’s soup kitchen, indigenous pastor’s alliance meetings, medical outreach clinic, and we would hold church services there until the new church can be built later on in the year.

Detailed Time-line 2022

January - February: Fund-raise, lay rock/concrete foundations.

March 1st - 25th: pour concrete slab, and install roof.

April 25th: Run the weekly Archery club for the remainder of the year under the roofed basketball court just in time for the yearly rainy season.

Anticipated Outcomes

With the construction of the roofed sports court, we will be able to provide more privacy and safety to ourselves, and those who we minister to on a weekly basis. We also anticipate that we will be reaching record numbers of children, youth, and adults who are ministered to through the various church run ministries. Our anticipated attendance growth for 2022 is roughly 32%,

Contact Information

Thank you for reading this vision for the archery club in 2022, and for praying for us as we continue to operate and push forward into 2022 for the glory of God and the expansion of His kingdom among the Purépechas of Michoacan, Mexico.

For tax-deductable donations towards the archery club 2022 vision project, please see our online project page below.

<https://www.givetransform.org/hmexico-archery-program.html>

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