

# Now a Pastor, Former Soccer Player Turns More Than 18,000 World Cup Fans on to Jesus

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A former professional soccer player-turned-pastor is on a digital mission to reach World Cup fans with the gospel.

Jesse Bradley, a preacher at Grace Community Church in Auburn, Washington, told CBN's Faithwire he's seen thousands of soccer fans embrace Christ since launching his effort.

"We're able to create content where we share the gospel. I share my story, and people are making decisions to follow Jesus," he said. "We're reaching millions of people. We're seeing over 18,000 already make first-time decisions."

But it's not limited to simply counting decisions made. The effort also has a discipleship element, with Bradley partnering with Global Media Outreach, a company leveraging technology to spread the gospel, to ensure people are connected to a Christian community.

"They ... follow up, and we help those people find a church," he said. "So, it's not just decisions; it's disciples."

Bradley said the stunning results from the campaign are indicative of a "massive hunger across the world now for God, for hope, for faith, for Jesus." He said the interest levels are high.

That's why Bradley and his team are telling his story and using his testimony to bridge interest in soccer and Jesus in unique ways.

Watch him explain the ministry outreach and his testimony:

“We all know there’s something much more significant than soccer that we need,” he said. “And I discovered it myself later in life, but our souls are content, and we have joy in peace when we discover relationship with [God].”

Find out more about Bradley and his testimony [here](#).

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