

Windsor FC Nationals World Tour

Our club uniform policy is that we change them every two years; this means that over the past twenty years we have amassed many uniforms. So the problem has always been, what do we do with them? The club board had decided not to hand them out locally, as it could become a conflict. So we decided to send them off to third world countries.

Our first stop on our World Tour took us to Guatemala. This trip was through the efforts of one of our previous players, Grace Turchi. Grace was involved in a Church mission that was doing work in that country, and the area children needed uniforms. So we sent over a couple of sets. This was greatly appreciated, and the idea took place to expand on our World Tour.

Next stop was sunny Mexico. The St Anne's church in Tecumseh was sending people down to build a school. A close friend of the Nationals, Steve Cannon, volunteered to take the uniforms with him. The pictures Steve brought home with him, really showed how much the shirts and tracksuits were valued.

The final leg of our current World Tour started in a roundabout way. One of our board members, Steve Hart, received an email from the North American Liverpool FC Supporters Club asking if anybody knew of a club with extra uniforms, and boy did he. It transpires that an organization in Capetown, South Africa, the Amy Biehl Foundation, was desperately in need of uniforms to start their soccer program. So 16 sets of uniforms left Tecumseh and traveled to Ohio, where they were picked up by a fellow Liverpool supporter and taken on to Florida. From there, they flew to Capetown. The pictures that have been sent back can be seen on our website, at www.windsornationals.ca. They show many happy, smiling faces.

We hope to continue our World Tour and the requests that have come back to us from the organizations we have helped have been asking for used soccer shoes. If you have any to donate, please contact the coach of your son's team, and he will collect them. Together we can all make a difference.



Photographs starting from right and going clockwise: 1) Mexican youth proud new uniforms, 2) South Africans on the pitch in their new colours, 3) Thank you message from South Africa, 4) Proud South African football team, and 5) Thank you from Mexico.



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