

Martial Arts for Missions

Panama City, Panama

Martial Arts is often associated with eastern spirituality and is often written off by the Christian community as ungodly. While true in many circles, I argue that Martial Arts are not unredeemable by God's People. I am and have been a member of a worldwide organization called World Youn Wha Ryu Associaton. One of the primary goals of the founder and leader, Grandmaster Man He Han, is to train up Christian Missionaries in Martials arts. He desires for the Martial Arts to be redeemed for the Glory of God.

In light of this Goal, an organization – dubbed **Martial Arts for Missions** - was founded. In an inaugural effort of this organization I was sent to Panama to lay the groundwork for future missions to this area. While I was there, I spoke in front of a coalition of pastors from 30 or more local churches and church groups. I taught a demonstration class to over 30 young people from the local Panamanian church. The interest for our program was huge. I received contact information from nearly a dozen pastors interested in bringing our program to their churches. They desire a way to reach out andconnect to their youth.

The primary purpose of this organization is to use the martial arts to reach out to troubled youth. We desire to build relationships and disciple young people all over the world. It is a tool to win souls to the Kingdom of God. This program is still very much in its infancy. We have the interest, we have the people, the main thing that we lack is financial support. We have open doors in Panama, Uganda, Mexico, Nicaragua, South Africa, and Tanzania. For more information about our program, you can visit our facebook Page (Martial Arts for Missions.) or Donate through Jubilee International in Little Rock at www.thejube.org

-John Saunders

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