



Ascension All-Stars Tournament History

In August 2006, the Youth Fellowship of Ascension Mar Thoma Church wanted to make an impact in both the South Indian community and the local community in general. We thought of conducting a basketball tournament and use the proceeds to help charities. We pursued our goals and now this March 27, 2010 will be our 4th Annual Ascension Mar Thoma Church All-Stars Tournament. Below is a brief history of the past few years.

1st Annual Ascension Mar Thoma Church All-Stars Tournament – April 14, 2007

We conducted the first tournament on April 14, 2007 at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown, PA. We had 18 mens teams and 5 womens team participate in this event. These teams represented church from around the Tri-State area. It was an all day event and we had over 250 players and over 500 spectators come to the event. We were able to raise \$3000 and we donated the proceeds to Kumta Mar Thoma Mission Field in Karnataka, India which is a Christian mission fields who train locals to become fishermen to make a better future for them.

2nd Annual Ascension Mar Thoma Church All-Stars Tournament – March 29, 2008

We conducted the second tournament on March 29, 2008 at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown, PA. We had 18 mens teams and 6 womens team participate in this event. We had over 25 mens teams interested but could only accept the first 18. It was again an all day event and we had over 260 players and over 600 spectators come to the event. We were able to raise \$8150 which was donated to Operation Smile, which is a charity that gives facial constructive surgery to children born with cleft lips.

3rd Annual Ascension Mar Thoma Church All-Stars Tournament – March 28, 2009

We conducted the third tournament on March 28, 2009 at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown, PA. We had 16 mens teams and 5 womens teams participating this year. Due to the economy the way it was we were able to collect and donate \$2000 to St Jude's Cancer Research Hospital.

4th Annual Ascension Mar Thoma Church All-Stars Tournament – March 27, 2010

We will be conducting the fourth annual tournament on March 27, 2010 at the United Sports Training Center in Downingtown, PA. We will be having 18 mens teams and 6 womens teams participating this year. We will be donating our proceeds to the Navajeevan Center in Mumbai, India. It is a missions center formed by the Marthoma Church to help the children of the workers of the Red Light District of Mumbai.

The Ascension Mar Thoma Church was formed on Feb 1, 1998. The Mar Thoma denomination is a Christian denomination that originates from Kerala, India. For more information about our church, please visit www.ascensionmtc.org