

RIO 2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS



5 - 21 August 2016

First Olympic Games to be hosted in South America



207

NATIONS

11,551
ATHLETES



306 EVENTS



28 SPORTS

OLYMPIC REFUGEE TEAM



Rio 2016 is the first games to have a team made up entirely of refugees - acknowledgement of the more than 65.3 million displaced people in the world

10 ATHLETES from 4 NATIONS in 3 SPORTS

"Sport gave me a sense of belonging. Even if I don't get gold or silver, I will show the world that, as a refugee, you can do something." - Yiech Pur Biel, athlete from South Sudan

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH AT THE OLYMPICS

Various Christian ministries make the most of outreach opportunities at the Olympics



PAST RESULTS IN SYDNEY 2000

SOME REPORTS FROM RIO 2016



500,000 gospel tracts distributed



1,000,000 gospel tracts to be distributed

10 new churches started



Chinese booklets presented to Chinese table tennis team

Growth of Australian Fellowship of Bible-believing Churches

8 32



Portuguese booklets presented to Brazil's National Broadcasting TV company

PAUL'S OLYMPIC ANALOGIES



The Apostle Paul used athletic analogies a number of times in his writing in the New Testament:

"... anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules..."

2 Timothy 2:5



"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

ERIC LIDDELL: ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CHRISTIAN OLYMPIANS



At the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris, Liddell refused to run in the heats for his favoured 100 metres because they were on a Sunday (which he saw as the Sabbath). He instead competed in the 400 metres, which he won, breaking Olympic and world records.



In 1925, Liddell went as a missionary to China, where he served until his death in 1945.

Famous quote:

"I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast! And when I run I feel His pleasure."