

Global Ministries Christian Church Karate Dojo

Annual Report for 2017

The Karate Ministry, now in its eighth year of service to this church and community, was founded at G.M.C.C. on April 28, 2010 by brother Richard M. Scott, a certified 7th Degree Black Belt in Okinawan Gojuryu Karate. Sensei (Teacher) Scott was also founder and teacher for 34 years at his former church, the Twelfth Baptist Church of Roxbury, MA. There are currently 18 active students.

The classes are co-ed and for ages 7 - to adult.

Our General Classes meet in Butry Hall each Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Advanced Training Classes: 7p.m. – 8p.m.

Special Tactics Training: 8p.m. – 8:30p.m.

The class is not for profit. Instruction is free but there's an annual registration fee of \$25.00 (i.e. 25 cents a class). The fees are used for equipment, witness materials for our *N.O.W. Table and to assist hardship cases (No one is ever rejected for financial reasons). Uniforms range between twenty five and forty dollars depending on size.

Our Founding Bible Verse is The Lord's "I Love You note" John 3:16.

In addition to training in the Okinawan Gojuryu Karate system, students are taught the following:

- Jesus is LORD, serve Him.
- Love Jesus, your neighbor and yourself.
- Alternatives to violence.
- Violence is a Last resort and for self-defense only.
- Your body is God's Temple.
- Respect Authority.
- Read the Bible yourself.
- Self Control.
- Pursue Excellence.
- Courtesy.
- Faithfulness.
- Discipline.

Manhood Principles are also taught, i.e. Real Men:

- Love Jesus.
- Take care of their children.
- Don't hit females.
- Have a work ethic.
- Are not selfish.
- Keep their word.

Sensei Richard Scott is a retired Assistant Chief Probation Officer for Boston's Suffolk Juvenile Court Department. He is a happily married, father and grandfather with over 40 years of karate, youth ministry and Bible school teaching experience. He's been studying karate (nonstop) since 1973. He has been training at the Okinawan Gojuryu Karate Academy with 9th degree Master (and Karate pioneer in the U.S.) Anthony Mirakian since 1978. Sadly, Master Mirakian passed away on March 31, 2015. We are thankful that he knew The Lord. Sensei Scott continues his training along with 3 of his 7th Degree classmates under Master Mirakian's Sempai (First Student) Paul Zazour of the Okinawan Academy.

In 2017 we continued in depth Bible verse memorization, studied and learned The Lord's Prayer and addressed students open forum questions e.g. " Is God up in the sky?" and " Where is God?" Tips on how to grow spiritually were taught, along with some karate history, Japanese language and karate terminology.

There are currently 18 active students. At the end of each School Marking Period, students who bring in their report cards receive The Sensei Academic Award i.e. (\$1.00 per "A" received for that term).

The Dojo (Class) had special karate training at G.M.C.C. with Black Belt visitors from the Netherlands. Sensei Richard Scott allowed his Black Belt students to do additional Feeding Crane Kung Fu training in this related system at his Watertown dojo.

On May 20th, the Ministry did a free Karate Exhibition and after the presentation of The Gospel, a number of commitments to Christ were made! The event also featured:

- Common Sense Self Defense tips for women, children and senior citizens.
- How to act when stopped by the Police.
- Kobudo (Karate Weapons) demonstrations.
- Special Karate Exhibits and memorabilia.
- The awarding of Karate Rank Certificates.

Hurricane Relief: In September, the Karate students responded quickly and collected soda cans, bottles and cash. On 9-30-17, a \$100 donation was given to Franklin Graham's "Samaritan's Purse" Relief Program in honor of the Late Karate Master Anthony Mirakian. This helped bring immediate Roofing Tarps, Water buckets and Emergency Supplies to the people of Puerto Rico.

Special Training Equipment Purchase. We'd like to thank all who helped the class obtain our "Century Vs. BOB" training dummy.

A special thanks to brother Ulysses Jacks. Please keep me and this unique Ministry in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sensei Richard M. Scott

*Our "N.O.W." table (N.O.W. stands for "No Other Way" and is based upon John 14:6) distributes free Bibles, Christian books, C.D.s, witnessing tracts, hand sanitizer, pens, winter hand warmers, gloves, hats etc.

See a video about the ministry on YouTube under,
Pastor Bruce Wall and his friend Richard Scott 5-2-16