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Discouraged but not deterred after only 4 of 15 players showed up to T-Ball practice, Cobras' Coach Casey Baeslack and RBI Austin Director Matt Price spent an hour visiting the homes of the 6 families (11 kids) who didn't attend.

As Casey and Matt climbed the stairs to the third floor apartment in northeast Austin's St John neighborhood, a lively gang of little ones ran up, greeting them with hugs while saying, "Sign me up!". Relieved to hear from a coach, their father, Gary, explained that the home phone was disconnected earlier that week. Talking with him, Casey and Matt learned that he had been without a job for a few months and was thrilled to have a fun activity for him and his three youngest kids, Laysha, Marcus, and Tommie, to do together. Last Saturday, Gary and his kids were the first to arrive at the Reagan softball field for their game, and he readily served as an assistant coach. Gary hopes to get more of his neighbors involved in RBI, realizing the impact it can have on families and communities.



Angels T-ball team celebrates their win on Saturday, June 25.



Reagan High School Field, home of RBI Austin clinics and summer leagues.

## What's going on with RBI Austin?



Learning how to be "baseball ready" at April 16 clinic.

### Summer Leagues:

- T-Ball
  - 4 teams
  - 60 boys & girls ages 5 – 7
  - 11 elementary schools
  - 1 game per week, 1 practice per week
- High School
  - 5 teams
  - 80 players
  - 9 local high schools
  - 15 games, 20 practices

### Clinics:

- 3 clinics this spring (January 30, April 16, May 22)
- 250 total players served: boys and girls ages 5 - 18
- Instructed by:
  - 9 former Major League Baseball players
  - 2 current professional players

### Mentoring:

- Weekly dinner & Bible study for RBI high school players throughout school year
- Pool Parties, Bowling Nights, Camping Trips, Texas Rangers/RR Express games
- Testimony sharing by coaches/volunteers
- One-on-one, coach-player mentorships



July 1 trip to the Blue Bell Creamery in Brenham.

We are blessed to have 60 faithful summer volunteers from all walks of life and vocations serving as coaches, assistants, mentors, grounds crew, and more. Through relationships built on the field, RBI Austin strives to develop participants athletically, intellectually and spiritually.

*Developing Austin's next generation of athletes and leaders through the game of baseball and gospel of Jesus Christ.*