



Colombia-Venezuela Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Ministry Impact Report

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Our Vision

To see Colombia and Venezuela impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

Our 4 C's of Ministry

Coach
Camps & Clinics
Campus
Church & Community

Knowing The Victory

of Staff
Donations \$\$\$
of Commitments to Christ
of Athletes in Discipleship
of Coaches in Discipleship
of Church Partners
of Chaplains Trained
of Camp Attendees

Invitation

We invite **YOU** to be part of our ministry. Together we can see Colombia-Venezuela FCA established in new communities and grow existing ministries.

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From The Director

"There will be Blood!" Those exact words were shared with me by our staff in Venezuela in response to a massive protest that will be held in the city of Caracas on September 1st. The protest is in response to yet another currency manipulation or devaluation of the Venezuelan bolivar by President Maduro. So why would the President further cripple the already chaotic economy and continue to starve the people? It has been suggested that his goal is to wipe out all private business



All too familiar scene in Caracas, Venezuela

owners that are in opposition or critical of his presidency. Whatever the political reasoning is, what I do know is that in the last month we have received additional requests to serve over 20,000 baseball players. One of those requests was made by a Major League Baseball (MLB) academy. This MLB team recently signed a player out of Venezuela for a \$750,000 signing bonus and took him to the United States for orientation. While on the trip the player stole a \$10 watch at a local gas station. The MLB team responded by taking away the signing bonus, visa, and kicked him out of the academy. They realized that they aren't doing a very good job of developing character and for that reason we received the invitation. I urge you to pray for Venezuela and our dedicated staff that continue to serve.

Thank you for the confidence you have put in us! Your prayers and financial support are a true blessing and make a significant impact. You are providing local staff, coaches and athletes with the resources needed to share Christ's love with their peers, teammates and friends.

Your Teammate in Christ,



Colombia-Venezuela
FCA Director
James Oilar

New Church Plant Progress



So what does the guy with the crazy hair have to do with our church plant? Not much really. His name is El Pibe Valderamma and he is a famous soccer player from Colombia who had a soccer complex and building named after him in Barranquilla. In the past we have held soccer camps at this complex but the meeting room was usually

"reserved" for their use only. However, because of the work that we are doing with the Coaches, the Complex Director is now allowing us to use the meeting room **for free**. It only seats about 120 but it does have air conditioning which is perfect since it will serve as a temporary location for the church plant until we can secure more funds.



“FCA has been one of the greatest blessings we have ever received in life. Thank you James and Roberto for showing us what it means to be a Christian Coach.”

Coach Vladamir and Jose
FCA Certified Coaches

Get It, Got It, Give It Away!

Coaches that are authentic followers of Jesus Christ seem to be a rarity these days, but when you have an opportunity to lead a coach to Christ, disciple them, and watch them become faithful, available, teachable, and committed Christians, it is a true joy. Jose and Vladamir are FCA Certified Coaches who now see their position of coach as a ministry and have successfully connected the Bible to their coaching. They “Get It” they “Got it” and now they “Give it Away.” Because of our

confidence in them we helped them start a soccer school near Barranquilla where 120 kids train, compete and receive Bible training on a weekly basis. If you would be interested in providing an athlete the opportunity to be a part of an FCA Certified Team led by coaches like Vladamir and Jose where they will be disciplined on a weekly basis, simply go to colvenfca.org and sign up to be an automatic monthly partner (AMP) for the amount of \$29. Be Blessed!

Meet “Gus Gus”

“It an enormous honor and privilege to serve God through FCA”

Gustavo Rivero
Director of Guarico
Venezuela FCA

If you were once a kid or have ever had one you are probably familiar with the Disney Classic, Cinderella. While she was the heroine of the story always portraying courage and kindness I always preferred Gus Gus. He was the jolly, round in the middle mouse that everyone loved. That’s Gustavo Rivero, our new Director of Guarico in Venezuela and whom I affectionately call

“Gus Gus.” Even before I officially hired Gustavo he organized two baseball camps and mobilized key Christian leaders in the city of Valle de La Pascua to serve nearly 1,000 baseball players. Now that he is on staff full-time with FCA he is expanding the FCA ministry to the entire State of Guarico where we have received invitations to serve over 12,000 baseball players. Please keep “Gus Gus” in your prayers.



Bacano Tu Moto!



Roberto’s New Toy

We have an expression in Spanish that some jokingly say “bacano tu moto” which means “cool bike” and well... yes it is. For quite some time we have prayed that God would provide the funds to purchase a motorcycle for Roberto in order to increase his capacity to serve more coaches in less time. As you can see that prayer has been answered. However, what I should have prayed for was a teleporter. In the last month we have received additional

requests from local coaches to provide Chaplains for their teams. Those teams represent over 6,000 athletes... Wow! We’re not even close to being able to serve that many teams... not even with a new “cool bike” or teleporter. We need **WORKERS**. Please pray that God would rise up enough volunteer workers with a heart for ministry to serve the coaches and athletes.

“the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37