



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

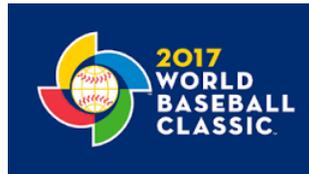
We invite **YOU** to be part of our ministry. Together we can see Colombia-Venezuela FCA established in new communities and grow existing ministries.

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From The Director

If you are a baseball fan you have had plenty to cheer about already. We have been treated to some great games in the 2017 World Baseball Classic



and for Colombia, history was made. Colombia not only qualified for their first-ever Classic, they won a game against Canada. They played inspired baseball despite losing to both the USA and the Dominican Republic in extra innings. Venezuela on the other hand had a roster full of All-Stars but despite advancing to the second round they just didn't play up to their talent. But that isn't the real story. The real story for us at Colombia Venezuela

FCA was watching players that we know who have been impacted spiritually either by FCA or satanic witchcraft. You have heard me before speaking about Tayron Guerrero. He pitched the 8th Inning against the Dominican Republic. In the same game Sugar Ray Marimon pitched in the 9th Inning. Sugar Ray helped serve in our FCA Baseball Camp last October in Cartagena. Both pitchers from Colombia are Christians whom have been influenced by FCA. On the Venezuela roster, it was great to see Jose Altuve and Robinson Chirinos play well. Both players at one time were disciplined by our FCA Director in Valencia, VZ Dario Ortega. Unfortunately, many of the players on the Venezuela Roster who members of our staff know practice satanic witchcraft, i.e. "brujeria." Keep us in your prayers! **#InTheBattle**

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 coaches and athletes with the resources needed to share Christ's love with their peers, teammates and friends. Be blessed!

Your Teammate in Christ,



**Colombia-Venezuela
FCA Director
James Oilar**

New Church Plant in Venezuela

It may not seem like much but the empty space you see is our first-ever FCA church plant in Venezuela. Our FCA Director of Community Ministry, Eli Samuel has been working hard to engage the Christian community to reach coaches and athletes in the city of Barquisimeto. As a result, one of the leaders

was led to loan us (free of rent) a 2-Story business location complete with bathrooms and smaller rooms for childcare and small groups. The space will seat about 150 in the main area. We are so blessed to have received this unexpected gift. Even more blessed to begin the journey where every member is a

Is a new believer impacted by the ministry of Venezuela FCA.





Future Leaders for FCA

Reaching coaches and athletes at the University (Campus) level in Colombia has not been an area of strength for us. We just didn't have the time, resources, or leaders to invest in that "C" of FCA ministry. But Venezuela is a different story. Pastor Dario Ortega who serves as our FCA Director for Valencia, VZ has had deep connections to universities in the area for years including University of Carabobo and University of Jose Antonio Paez. Those connections have allowed us to cut through 2 years of red tape and officially start FCA ministry on both

universities to the coaches, athletes, and physical education students. That's over 1,500 students-athletes and 300 coaches. More good news could be on the way. We have a meeting with the President of Metropolitan University (UNIMET) in Caracas later this month seeking approval to begin FCA there. Please keep our FCA Campus Ministry in your prayers as we seek to impact a new generation of leaders in Venezuela. So far the response from the administration, coaches and athletes has been nothing short of inspirational... We are going to need more resources to keep up with demand.

Micro It Is...

"We're so happy that FCA is co-sponsoring this tournament with us to impact men for Christ..."

Pastor Enrique

When you have been doing ministry as long as we have you start to see some trends. Initially we were all about basketball because that's where we had relationships and credibility. Moving to the coastal area, we started in soccer and it continues to be the dominant sport, but sometimes a new window opens up and we just run with it... like baseball in Cartagena. How-

ever, when it comes to reaching adults, micro it is... Micro or Micro-soccer is soccer with fewer players on a smaller field or court. It is easier for the "weekend warrior" adult male between the ages of 35 and 50. This same demographic is also virtually absent from the local church. That is why we are partnering with local churches like Restoring the Nations Baptist Church in Barranquilla to

Co-sponsor Micro tournaments in the community and I would say we are off to a great start. We saw 35 out of the 150 participants surrender their lives to Christ on the opening weekend.



Jaccen with Gustavo Luis

Red On Fire

Most of the baseball players that attend the Luis Montana Pitching Academy in Guárico, Venezuela are high-level prospects hoping to fulfill their dream of playing in the Major Leagues. For Jaccen, the first step of that dream became a reality when he signed on to play for the **Cincinnati Reds**. Like most prospects, Jaccen was first sent to the Dominican Republic for short season play, but against tougher competition he just didn't perform that well. His focus was more on his career and

helping his family get out of poverty, a stress that at times nearly destroyed him. Once the season ended in the Dominican Republic he returned again to the Academy in Venezuela and immediately noticed the "new guy." That "new guy" was Gustavo Luis, who serves as the FCA Chaplain for the Academy and it didn't take long for them to connect. After just a couple of weeks of attending Bible Study Jaccen placed his faith in Jesus. Since then he has been on fire for Jesus. Welcome Jaccen.