



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.

Give online at:

colvenfca.org

From The Director

Murphy's Law is an adage or epigram that is typically stated as: *Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.* When God is doing a work "to and through" our lives, there always seems to be a battle to fight. Lately that fight has been cancer. I hate cancer! I have seen too many people recently have to battle against this ugly disease.



Roberto and his wife Katiana

The latest possible victim is Katiana Medina. She is the loving wife of Roberto whom many of you have grown to love in the past few years. Some of you may recall that Katiana was forced to move to Bogotá three years ago due to health reasons. Apparently the heat and the dust in Barranquilla were causing her too many problems. However, the doctors cleared her to return to Barranquilla recently and now she is having health issues again. This time it appears to be more serious and the doctors suspect uterine cancer. This is a difficult time for Roberto and his family and it's hard to "sit" on the sidelines, especially when there is very little one can do. Nothing is confirmed at this moment, tests are being done but either way something isn't right so please keep them in your prayers.

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 Progress

As you know we are planting our first-ever "FCA Church" in the city of Barranquilla. If we wish to rent an existing building able to hold 500-800 people we will need to raise \$40,000 initially...If we purchase a building we will need more that double that amount. I'm all for whatever God wants but I don't know

too many people who can just write a check for all of that or would for that matter so we need to find new donors to partner with us. For this reason Roberto and I recently traveled to North Carolina to meet with some new churches. We are just getting started and need you to pray for this financial need.

While we were on our trip Roberto turned 33...He had never been bowling before so I treated him to a couple of games and **Krispy Kreme Doughnuts**. Yum!





FCA Debuts In Valle De La Pascua

Located in the central plains of Venezuela with a population of only 180,000, Valle de la Pascua wouldn't appear to be high on the FCA's priority list of cities but don't let it's size fool you. Valle de la Pascua is rich in sports and hungry for God's Word.

This past week we were greeted with a "red carpet" reception from key figures in the community including the Director of the Baseball League of Guarico who is enabling us to work with over 50 teams consisting of nearly 1,000

players and coaches. Afterwards we met with area radio stations to introduce FCA and promote our Baseball Clinic and 3 Dimensional Coaching Seminar. Additionally we trained Chaplains and Pastors from area churches to serve as FCA volunteers. All in all it was one of the most successful launches of FCA ministry in a city we've ever had, gaining commitments from an additional 40 coaches in other sports besides baseball to start FCA with their teams and learn what it means to be a 3 D Coach.

It's Spelled Béisbol

"What Emotion!"

Translated Quote by Coach Torres

The number of Venezuelan born major league baseball players currently sits at 65 but that number climbs to over 400 if you include the minor leagues which is significant...some might even say "powerhouse". That stat probably isn't something casual fans of baseball are interested in but for guys like me it's an opportunity. This past week we had our first-ever "beisbol" Clinic with Jonny

and it was a huge success. Over 80 of the 180 players prayed to receive Christ. In the same town lives Francisco Morales, a teenager who will most likely sign a multi-million dollar contract with



the Phillies this summer. I don't know if any of the 180 players will make it to the big leagues but we want them to have their names written in the Lambs Book of Life, regardless of their talent.



Jonny (Our Director of Baseball Ministry in Venezuela) speaking to the Dodgers Professional Baseball Team Affiliate in Caracas, VZ where he now serves as Chaplain

What It Means To Be Professional

While I understand the logic to go after the "low hanging fruit" of sports ministry i.e. ministering to athletes in poor neighborhoods in order to reach a greater number of athletes in a shorter amount of time...we have never really embraced that approach. In order to transform a sports culture one must also reach the highest level of coach and athlete and God is opening those doors for us. We are now serving 12 professional sports teams with first-class FCA Chaplains. Bet-

ter yet, our reputation is growing and now other professional teams are interested in our services. Please keep us in your prayers...



Rozmer with Basketball Champions Los Cocodrillos