



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

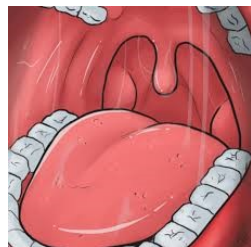
We invite **YOU** to be part of our ministry. Together we can see Colombia-Venezuela FCA established in new communities and grow existing ministries.

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From The Director

Say Ahhhh....I make it a rule to focus our Ministry Impact Reports on just that....Ministry Impact....but this time I need to share something of a personal nature. Most of you



know I have been starting out my conversations lately with "this isn't my real voice." I got to a point where I had no choice but to get checked out and the diagnosis, as well as the camera the doctor stuck down my nose, was rather unpleasant. Unfortunately, I have a rather large polyp on my vocal cord that will require

surgery. I have been speaking with doctors in both the States and in Colombia and most likely I will have the surgery the second week of June in the city of Barranquilla. The recuperation time is one to three weeks after which I have to start speech therapy. Even better, the insurance company won't be paying for anything, I have the privilege of paying for it all...**Yeah!!!!** Please be in prayer for me and a speedy recovery...I have just a few speaking engagements lined up... 😊

More importantly, please continue to pray for the necessary wisdom, wealth, and workers needed for the ministry. We simply can't keep up with the demand and not having a voice has certainly made things more challenging.

Thank you for your generous financial support. Through your donation, hearts and lives are changed – today and for the future. We hope you will also join us in prayer for every coach and athlete. Thank you for believing in the mission and vision of FCA by investing in this ministry. May God richly bless you!

Your Teammate in Christ,



**Colombia-Venezuela
FCA Director
James Oilar**

Barranquilla to Host Major Event...

Giving the ministry additional momentum is the excitement surrounding the 2018 Central America and Caribbean Games. Over 5,000 of the highest level coaches and athletes from more than 30 countries will gather in the city of Barranquilla to compete in this historic event.

God is opening up new doors for us to minister to participating coaches in other sports besides soccer, especially in the area of track and field. Preparations have already begun to take advantage of this unique opportunity and coordinate ministry efforts with other Latin America FCA Staff and Volunteers.



Please, please pray for additional workers and funds to meet the demand of these new opportunities. We have 3 cities that we can't minister to simply due to lack of wealth and workers.



Coach Carlos
Real Condor Soccer Club

“Now My Only Son Is Involved In Drugs”

Like most Christian coaches, Carlos spent most of his practice time teaching the fundamentals of the sport and in-game strategies i.e. the 1st dimension but never focused on the 2nd dimension (mind) and most importantly the 3rd dimension (heart). But that all changed when a crisis hit his only son.

“Even though I am a Christian I was not coaching in a 3 Dimensional way. For me it was more important to focus on

skill development. But now, my only son is involved in drugs...I have failed both as a coach and father. I never thought drug issues would knock on the doors of my own home but thank God for FCA. For me it has been a great blessing that FCA has a program to deal with drug issues “One Way To Play – Drug Free.” I am more than sure FCA is the instrument God is using not only for my coaching but for my family. “

Coach Carlos

Ever since we have met Coach Carlos he has championed FCA to every coach and athlete he knows throughout Bogotá and now serves as a key volunteer.

Get it, Got it, Give it away!



Project El Tunal 3,000

“I feel like I am a new person... Thank you FCA”



Every week at famous 140 acre Park “El Tunal” in the southern part of Bogotá, roughly 3,000 athletes practice soccer. One of them is John Fredy Garcia.

“Hi my name is John Fredy Garcia, I had the opportunity to be part of an FCA clinic. I came here for physical training but I received more than that, I received a life lesson. I learned not only about my mistakes on the field but also in my life, so I made the decision to ask God for forgiveness because I did not know I was a sinner, and received Jesus as my savior and I feel like I am a new person. Thank you FCA.”

Starting May 3rd, we will be hosting a soccer tournament for 20 teams in Park El Tunal. The tournament will last 3 months and give us the opportunity to reach over 500 athletes just like John Fredy Garcia. Please pray for this tournament because if all goes well, we will be hosting additional tournaments not only in soccer but other sports as well including basketball.

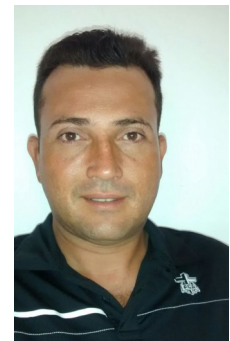
Meet The Samuels...



Eli Samuel
FCA Gran Caracas Representative

Despite the many challenges in Venezuela we continue to forge ahead in the city of Caracas. New to our team is Eli Samuel. Eli Samuel started out as a volunteer Chaplain and is now on staff working under the direction of our Gran Caracas Director Rozmer Gonzales. Most recently, Eli Samuel hosted a small 4 team tournament to reach the local youth where 27 athletes made decisions to follow Jesus.

Samuel Mendoza is our new Director for the city of Cucuta, Colombia and will also help us in San Cristobal, VZ. He and his Venezuelan wife recently moved to Colombia after pastoring in Venezuela. Samuel is currently building his FCA ministry team while at the same time fostering new relationships with coaches. Samuel is an expert in martial arts and competed at a national level.



Samuel Mendoza
FCA Cucuta Director
San Cristobal, VZ