



## 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

The city of Cucuta, Colombia is normally busy with shoppers, money changers and long lines of vehicles on the bridge to Venezuela but now the city has turned into a migrant camp full of temporary shelters. On August 19<sup>th</sup>, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro ordered the bridge closed because he blamed Colombian smugglers for causing food shortages in Venezuela. Furthermore he ordered the National Police to carry out mass arrests and deport thousands of Colombians even going so far as bulldozing their homes. These acts caused another estimated 20,000 Colombians living in Venezuela to flee fearing deportation. With normal land crossings sealed, many Colombians opted to wade across the river that forms the border carrying sofas, refrigerators, beds, and anything else they



could carry. President Santos responded by saying that Venezuela "should have respected the rights of Colombians" that were forced out. Tensions have been high but both sides have since agreed to a "normalization." Unfortunately there is nothing normal in Cucuta, Only 15% of the migrants are living in temporary shelters. The rest are living in the streets and waiting for the \$250.00 from the government so they can afford to leave to other cities where they have families. The opportunity to reach them is now!

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**

### Special Mission Trip



Roberto sharing with displaced Colombians after they were forced out of their homes in Venezuela.

Roberto recently traveled to Cucuta to meet with our Cucuta FCA Director Samuel Mendoza and see first hand how we can help the thousands of Colombians now living on the streets in temporary shelters. Our plan is to bring together the majority of our Colombia FCA Staff

and professional soccer team for a week-long mission trip to focus entirely on the displaced Colombians living in the streets. We will provide food, water, and sports activities in partnership with a local church. If you would be willing to help us financially for this special mission trip please go online at [colvenfca.org](http://colvenfca.org).



FCA Venezuela Coaches Ministry Leaders

This past month members of our FCA Venezuela Team from Caracas, Maracaibo, Cabimas, and Ciudad Ojeda attended 3 Dimensional Coaches Training. It was a special time for us to be able to invest in our team so that

## Coaches Ministry Launches In Venezuela

they can in turn impact the coaches and athletes in their communities. Armed with this new tool, one of our staff members presented the FCA ministry to a local soccer club coach; Buenerges Olivero. “Que Milagro” which means “what a miracle” were his exact words. Coach Olivero has six coaches on staff and over 400 athletes all of which are now starting bible study. We are so thankful to have

such a great staff in Venezuela with the courage to make a difference. That is indeed a miracle!

**“Que Milagro!”**

Coach Olivero



Roberto Sharing the Gospel with professional players from **Junior’s** Category B Team

We are a ministry that reaches all levels of coaches and athletes. That is nowhere more evident than in the city of Barranquilla where Roberto serves as team Chaplain for

## Reaching ALL Levels...

professional soccer teams Uniautonoma and Junior. While we haven’t seen a spiritual breakthrough yet with some of the coaching staff many of the players have already made a commitment to Christ and have started discipleship. Please pray that these professional players will grow in Christ and then in turn become ambassadors for Him. Additionally we ask for your prayers to break down

spiritual walls with the coaching staff. It’s not easy gaining access to those at the professional level but it’s arguably where our ministry is needed most.



Gustavo with Alexander, his mother Vanessa and Yolanda.

## Beyond the Court...

Reaching troubled teens is nothing new for us at FCA. We have literally reached thousands throughout our years of ministry but we don’t end with just reaching the athlete....we must also reach the home. Meet Alexander. Alexander was a typical teenager growing up in the city of Maracaibo, Venezuela. His parents are divorced, he doesn’t apply himself in school, not the best of athletes but in his mind he

is, has distorted views of what it means to be a man, and oh yeah...likes to pick fights at FCA basketball practices where he has on more than one occasion brought a gun. Over time Alexander accepted Christ and started discipleship with our FCA staff and Chaplain, Gustavo. However, for months Alexander wouldn’t allow Gustavo to do an “in home” visit with his family. Eventually, he gave

in and Gustavo was finally able to meet with the family. Sadly, this family has endured tremendous hardships including both physical and emotional abuse. However, our God is a God of hope and love and you know how the story ends. Welcome to the family!

*“thank you FCA...thank you God!....”* **Vanessa**