



## Colombia-Venezuela Fellowship of Christian Athletes

# Ministry Impact Report

Summer 2015

### 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

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement during this difficult time. Many of you have asked for an update on my surgery and I wanted to respond...I just didn't know what to say as I waited on test results to come back.



As you know, I was diagnosed by a doctor in the States as having a hemorrhagic polyp on my vocal cord most likely due to overuse so on June 12th for the first time I went "under the knife" for what I was told would be a rather simple 30 minute surgery...and it was. However, the surgeon didn't

agree with the diagnosis made by the doctor in the States. Unfortunately, he was right...I had **pre-cancer**. Definitely not what I wanted to hear. The good news is that the pre-cancer has not spread and my voice is slowly returning to normal despite the inflammation from the radiation treatments .

I don't know what the root cause of the pre-cancer was. All I have right now is a doctor's opinion and two conflicting pathology reports but I do know **Who** allowed it to happen...Pain is a great teacher...it's instructional, it motivates us, purifies us, and most importantly, pain brings us closer to God. This has been **the** most difficult summer of my life...but I also know that God purposed my pain for His profit...

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**

### Which Path to Choose....



Thank you for your prayers for Joseph whom as you know received several death threats after his brother was shot and killed in front of him last month. Since then Joseph has been in "hiding" and lost his job. He has also had to cease all of his FCA ministry which has been a huge setback for us in the ministry.

Joseph was serving as a Chaplain for over 400 athletes in the El Tunal area of Bogota. Please keep him in your prayers. There are people who still want to kill him and he's needs to make some very smart decisions as to which path to choose or suffer some grave consequences. I can't give you any more details but in the end...it's his decision to make.



**Yamit Montalvo  
National Qualifier  
in Track and Field**

## In His Own Words...

*“My name is Yamit Montalvo Castro. I played several sports growing up as a little boy. Naturally, I played soccer because it was what everyone was playing but one day a track and field coach showed up at my school and challenged me to practice with him. I tried sprints, hurdles and relays among other events but I was really good at the long jump. After winning first place in local competitions I began to compete nationally but I suffered a lot of injuries and didn’t place*

*in the top three. At the same time life wasn’t going so well. My girlfriend was pregnant and we were both very young...too young to be having a baby. I needed some advice. Fortunately, my coach was a Christian and we had the privilege of having an **FCA Chaplain** at our practices. He helped me and my girlfriend and even our families through the pregnancy. After accepting Christ as my savior, my girlfriend and I got married and now God is providing the*

*funds for me to study in the University. Thank you God and thank you FCA for being there in my time of need. “*

Yamit is one of several elite athletes we have the privilege of discipling that is hoping to qualify for the 2018 Caribbean Games to be held in Barranquilla.



**Roberto Medina  
Speaking To Soccer  
League Coaches**

## The Harvest Is Great But...

We recently had the opportunity to speak to a large number of “previously unavailable” soccer league coaches from Barranquilla to present how FCA benefits coaches. As a result, over half asked us to immediately provide an FCA Chaplain and nearly all of them desired to attend 3 Dimensional Training. Great news and not unexpected. The

problem....we don’t have anymore volunteers available in Barranquilla to serve those teams. Fortunately, we were able to meet the demand by bringing one of our FCA staff from Bogota, Daniel Acero. Daniel has been a Chaplain in the El Tunal area of Bogota and has a powerful testimony.

I pray every day for wisdom, wealth, and workers and now I am asking you to do

the same. It is a huge challenge for us to find someone...a non-paid volunteer someone...to invest their time, talents, and treasure to reach coaches and athletes for Christ. Please pray because a great harvest awaits...we just need more workers.



Daniel Acero



**New FCA Staff  
Yeimis Pineda**

## One, Two, Twenty Four...

It was only two years ago that we had just one staff (Obed Simancas) to serve the city of Maracaibo and the surrounding areas. It took us another four months before we added another staff/volunteer in Kleber Cabrera and “just like that” we are now up to 24 staff and volunteers serving part-time and full-time in the FCA ministry. One of the “twenty four” is Yeimis Pineda. Yeimis started out as a volunteer Chaplain

much like the majority of our staff. He initially served three baseball academies and within the first two weeks five players accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and two started attending his church. Having that sort of impact that quickly was no doubt a great encourager for him and even though he has only officially been an FCA volunteer for about four months now, Yeimis has felt called to work

full-time in the FCA ministry and we couldn’t be happier.

In August, Yeimis, along with the rest of the “twenty four” will be receiving 3 Dimensional Training in order to serve coaches throughout all of Venezuela. Please pray for this training as it greatly expands our ministry in Venezuela.