



# FCA Colombia-Venezuela-Ecuador Fellowship of Christian Athletes

## Ministry Impact Report

November 2019

### Our Vision

To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

### Our Mission

To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

### Our Strategy

To and through the coach

### Our Values

- Integrity
- Serving
- Teamwork
- Excellence

### Our 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

One of the greatest rewards of serving in ministry is seeing first-hand the increased spiritual growth and maturity take place in young men. Jhon is perfect example of what the transforming power of Jesus Christ can do in the life of an at-risk teenager who admittedly was in a bad place when we



met just two years ago. Now, seventeen years old, Jhon serves as a player and assistant coach with our FCA Baseball

Academy in Cartagena, Colombia and desires to study Physical Education in College so that he can serve part-time with FCA once he graduates. That's an impressive turnaround for a kid that had never even worn a baseball glove. Please pray for Jhon and many others like him that we serve who don't have the funds to go to college, yet are obedient to God, serving Him in their relationships, and in the fellowship of the church, and just want an opportunity to "get ahead in life." One of my ambitious goals is to raise funds for special leaders like Jhon to attend college who are also willing to serve through FCA once they graduate. If you would like to join me in that goal and invite others to do the same I would love to talk with you. Until then....

**#FeelingGrateful**

On behalf of all the lives touched in these communities, our FCA Colombia-Venezuela-Ecuador Staff, and myself, thank you for the confidence you have put in us! Your prayers and financial support are a true blessing and make a significant impact. Be blessed!

Your Teammate in Christ,



**Colombia-Venezuela FCA Director James Oilar**

### From Houston With Love

For the last 4 years we have been blessed by having a group of men come from Houston, TX to serve alongside our Colombian coaches in baseball camps. These same men help organize an annual Clay Shoot to raise much needed funds for our Baseball Academy. For a young Colombian athlete to spend time with and be loved on by an "American" means the world to them. Especially when they get a new glove, uniform or pair of cleats. Grateful for you and all you do. From Colombia with love!



Thom, Richard, and Blake

## We Are The Champions...



**FCA Barquisimeto Director Eli Samuel and our Sub-15 year-old Academy Team.**

Did you know that we reach over 2,000 athletes per year just through sponsoring and hosting tournaments? We also participate in other tournaments as well and most recently our Soccer Academy won a local tournament in Barquisimeto, VZ. Why is that significant? None of these kids are used to “winning” in anything. They are surrounded on all sides by loss. Their country isn’t winning. Their families aren’t winning, and not winning effects all of us physically, mentally, and spiritually. But this team, lead by Eli Samuel, doesn’t seek to win a

corruptible trophy, rather they compete to win that which can’t be taken away. That is the spirit of 1 Corinthians 9:24-25. Please be in prayer for this team as they will be headed to Caracas in December to compete in front of several pro scouts. It’s possible that three of them may garner interest and sign with a professional club. Those same three were all at-risk kids with no hope for the future and couldn’t even afford a pair of shoes. Now they are part of a team with a tremendous opportunity. Thanks for supporting our FCA Academies and giving them the wins they so desperately need.

## For a Better Venezuela

We are grateful for our student-athletes that feel led to serve and lead their teams both on and off the field. It’s our privilege to walk alongside them, equipping them with Christ-centered training for Kingdom’s work so that they know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same. Recently, FCA Guarico, VZ Director Gustavo “Gus Gus” Rivero held a special training

for student-athlete leaders who will be serving in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in the city. Please be in prayer for these faithful servants as they continue to learn what it means to be a follower of Christ, growing in God’s Word and applying it to life.

**#EngageEquipEmpower**



**FCA Guarico Director Gustavo Rivero with Student Leaders in Valle de La Pascua, Venezuela**

## Eternal Pastime



**Thank You Paul Dudley For Blessing Our Athletes**

Last year God connected me with Paul Dudley of Eternal Pastime. Eternal Pastime is a not-for-profit ministry that seeks to provide baseball and other equipment to like-minded ministries. Paul loaded up a small U-Haul trailer full of equipment and drove from Missouri to Florida to donate some shoes, uniforms, and equipment. That was in April. Sadly, and rather shockingly, Paul went on to be with the Lord. Most of the contents from the U-Haul went on

to be a blessing in Venezuela and I know Paul is smiling down knowing that all the contents arrived safely in Venezuela to be a blessing to our FCA Academy Athletes. Thank you Paul for your love and support of FCA Colombia and Venezuela.

Eternally Grateful,

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