



June-July 2025

Plenty to share about what is happening in this corner of the world let alone around the mission this summer/winter (depending on your hemisphere). Enjoy:

AFC MX TO CLE/PGH: Multiple clinics, matches, a tournament where the players emptied a box full of Bibles & heard the testimony of Valmir all took place the last week of May when a team from AFC Mexico came to the U.S. We got to work alongside a number of our partner churches and encourage people ministering through football including Rosie who runs a league for 300 mostly latino kids in Painesville. A new latino area of Pittsburgh was opened up for future ministry. Over a dozen nationalities were part of the teams the AFC MX team played against.

A fantastic job was done by **AF MX staff Phil Cabildo & Mariana Salazar, AF CLE staff Matt Warner, Bob Dean, Ryan Dean & several AFC Ohio men's team players, AF PGH staff Matt & Melia Major** (whose son was born the week before), **Lenny Muckle** plus several other coaches and volunteers. *Thanks for living out the Ambassadors values on this tour.* We are also grateful for those that served us like several local churches, host families and CVCA who lent us 2 school vans.

AFC CLE TO PERU & BRAZIL: A girls team led by **James Ortlip with the help of Edgars & Mel Vaskevics and Emma King** went to Peru to take on 4 of the best clubs in Lima, put on clinics, and for the girls to be challenged in their faith. All along the way singing, dancing, and the Gospel were shared at every stop. AF Peru did a fantastic job of hosting the team. Thanks to **Daniel & Molli Sifuentes, Joseph & Kimberly Frerichs, Gonzalo Dibos** and the rest of the team there, doors were opened for more ministry in Lima and to encourage people working in challenging areas of Lima.

I was blessed to hear that 20 kids have been saved through the club with several of them getting baptized. New churches are starting football ministry and the Ambassadors team there is running regular tournaments to bring the churches together.

Pray for the boys' team who will be going to Brazil. Pray for **Aaron & Ginny Tredway, Valmir Soares plus Ricardo Nogueira and the AF Brazil team** as they minister around Sao Paulo.

SMTC 2025: SMTC is July 1 – 3. Here is a rundown of only the schedule:

Tuesday, July 1, 2 – 6pm at Church in the Valley (*not Parkside nor CCC*) - 2241 Everett Rd., Peninsula, Ohio 44264

Wednesday, July 2, 10am – 5:30pm, Rothenbuhler Arena

Thursday, July 3, 10am – 7pm, Church in the Valley

Special Event: If you are in NE Ohio on July 2nd, scan the QR code & enter the promo code for tickets to see our men's team play at **7p at Malone University**. If you are being hosted, please share this with your host family.



Here are some of the staff who will be a part of camps this summer. If you're in NE Ohio, please stop by to take part in SMTC and encourage our staff from around the world by interacting with them.

Staff in NE Ohio please help Angela by offering to take a trip or 3 to the airport to get people to their host homes:

- Bronwen (& Jacob) Hinton (potential staff from GB)
- Stevo Samanov (Slovakia)
- Mary Gathoni (Kenya)
- Ricky Kauna (Kenya)
- Mariana Salazar (Mexico)
- Jaime Salazar (Colombia)
- Samuel Baspineiro (*Bolivia*)
- Jonathan Maltez (Guatemala): BROKEN LEG (thanks a lot AF IE...), not coming
- Felipe Araujo (Colombia)
- Roy Wijinarko (SE Asia)
- Gabriel Goytia (*Bolivia*)

- Daniel Sifuentes (Peru)
- Daliso Mwale (Zambia)
- Tibe & Katie Mucheke (formerly of Kenya)
- Caleb Fortune & Josh Fortune (England)
- Derick Gonzalez (Dallas)
- Lenny Muckle & Matt Major (Pittsburgh)

This is just some of the many who will be involved this summer. In total, at least 16 countries will be represented by the camps staff which also includes several players from our local club who are giving back by serving in the camps. Please be in prayer for the more than 120 young people that are involved in the camps, men's teams and women's program this year. Pray for **John Boggs, Matt Warner, Mariana Salazar, Zach Bauguess, Dave Paterson, Stef van Meerveld, Mark Reitingner, Angela Tutolo, Bob Dean, Ryan Dean and Caleb Fortune** as they lead different aspects of the ministry this summer.

Thanks.

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