

God has been overwhelmingly good to us. But as our outreach grows, so do our financial needs. Here is a breakdown of what we presently do and some of what we hope to do.

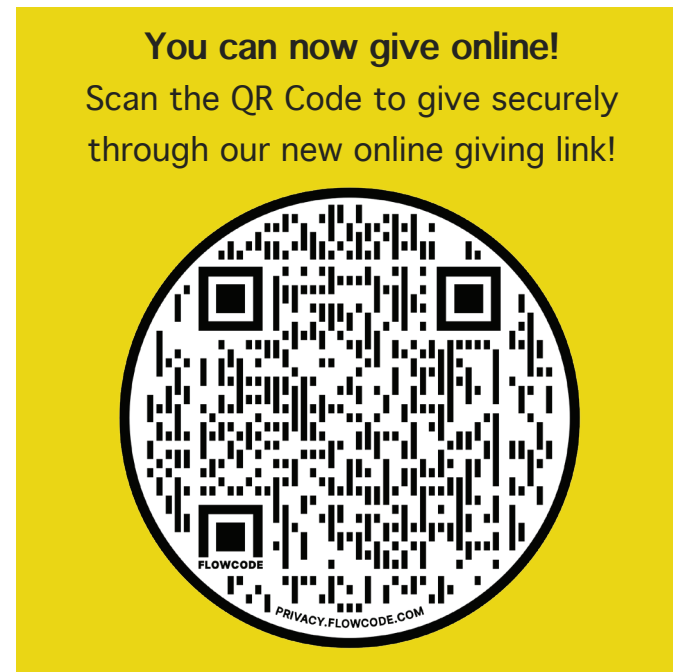
Presently we support the following works or people:

- CHIPI Children's Ministry - \$400 monthly
- Roger Torres - \$200 monthly
- Josefina De Avila in Buenaventura, Colombia - \$125 monthly
- FUNDEPCAR Sports Ministry - \$250 monthly
- Casa Firme Scholarship - \$3,000 annually

It is our hope to:

- Raise enough money to pay Elida Camargo's full salary of \$500 a month. That is the amount her husband makes between La Costa Colombia, Casa Firme, and New Paradigm Christian Church in Indianapolis.
- Expand salary assistance to other ministers in our network, many of whom are paying church expenses out of pocket.
- Expand the Chipi Children's Ministry from feeding the children two days a week to feeding them six days a week. That will require \$3,200 a month more in revenue.
- Emergency and benevolence fund: There are often events that call us to go beyond normal support. We would very much like to have some funds set aside to provide for these special times.
- Trip fund: Jerry Sizemore is being asked to go to Colombia more and more frequently. Each trip averages \$2,000. Our hope is to raise \$6,000 a year to cover trips for Jerry.
- Project fund: Minister's dinners, minister's retreats, sports equipment, medicine and pharmacy supplies; these are a few of the kinds of projects we would love to have funds to support.

If you are not presently giving to La Costa Colombia, please consider making a monthly pledge. Also, think about presenting our work to your Church Missions Committee. We would be glad to speak with any church about our work.



**La Costa Colombia** is a helping mission focused on assisting and developing indigenous missions in the coastal cities of Colombia. We partner with churches and foundations with whom we share essential doctrinal agreement to provide training and development of church leaders, financial assistance to local missions and churches, scholarships for Christian youth, and medical missions in partnership with FAME.

**PARTNER WITH US**

**Your gifts and prayers are of such value!**  
Every financial gift is used directly for the ministry of national leaders in Colombia making an impact in their community.



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### Property Purchased— Community Health Center Getting Started

We are so happy to report that the property that the Casa Firme congregation and foundation sought to purchase to use for both the church and a community health center has been purchased! Bill Warren of FAME (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism) traveled with Jerry Sizemore to begin the transaction in May. Colombian law requires a 30-day waiting period before actual closing, so the property officially changed hands June 29th. Pictured are some of the members of the church cleaning the property to make way for the development of a Community Health Center.



Doctor Tony Argote, a Colombian Physician who has worked with us on three medical mission trips, has agreed to be our consulting physician. Because he will not be at the center every day it cannot be called a *clinic*. But a Community Health Center is actually preferred. La Costa Colombia and FAME are partnering to bring CHE to the Casa Firme congregation. CHE stands for Community Health Evangelism. It is a method of teaching folks about Christ while providing them with much needed health, nutritional, and psychological training.

The purchase of the property was a three-way effort. FAME and La Costa Colombia partnered to provide most of the funds. But the Casa Firme congregation sacrificially came up with \$1,500 toward the purchase. This noble gesture is part of why we love this congregation so much. Over and over they have shown that they won't ask for help until they have come to the end of their own resources. One great example is that La Costa Colombia only pays for half of the bi-weekly feedings of the 165 children served by the Casa Firme Foundation. The congregation pays for the other half out of their offerings.

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## Community Health Center Property Purchased

We want to say thank you to the FAME Board of Directors who approved this partnership. Also a big thanks to the La Costa Colombia donors who made this possible. You will remain anonymous, but you know who you are. **THANK YOU!** So much good work for the Kingdom of God will be done in this location.



*Closing on the Casa Firme property.*

*Pictured from left to right:*

*Wilmer Oviedo - Wilmer was our very first graduate from the scholarship program. He is now an attorney, and he facilitated the purchase of the property.*

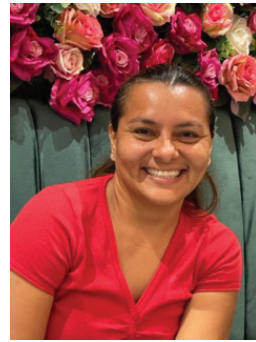
*Rogelio Torres - Pastor of Casa Firme*

*Eliodoro Ávila - Elder at Casa Firme and seller of the property*

*Jerry Sizemore - Executive Director of La Costa Colombia*

*Bill Warren - Executive Director of FAME*

## Meet Our Director



Elida Camargo, wife of Pastor Rogelio Torres of Casa Firme, has been chosen to be the first director of the Community Health Center. She has been on a scholarship from FAME for the last couple of years and is studying for two degrees: Community Health and Pharmacy Management.

All who have been on a mission trip with us know of Elida's huge love for the Lord and for His people. She and her husband are true servants and we know this dynamic team will be working beyond what we presently can imagine.

Elida is the mother of two teenage boys, Sebastian and Santiago. She already leads a women's ministry with over 40 neighborhood women involved. She has been active in teaching prenatal care, and has been a champion in the prevention—and on a couple of occasions the prosecution—of child and spousal abuse in the barrio. Elida will be taking CHE training in October with FAME. She hopes to start groups that extend throughout the 15,000-person barrio of Las Flores. Please keep Elida in your prayers as she prepares for this important work.



*Disease prevention being taught by a medical student at our Medical Outreach with FAME in May of 2022*

## Monthly Zoom Meeting With Ministers

One of our dreams at La Costa Colombia has been to provide ongoing training and encouragement to the local ministers in our network. Previously we have attempted a monthly zoom meeting for that purpose. But, as with many new ventures, it has been trial and error. However, we are not giving up. In recent conversations several of the ministers have expressed a strong desire for this kind of meeting. Many feel so isolated. So we will begin our monthly meetings in July. The first meeting will be in person and then we go to Zoom beginning in August. Please be praying as Jerry Sizemore leads these meetings.

## FUNDEPCAR Sports Ministry

La Costa Colombia has been so honored to help support and encourage the FUNDEPCAR Sports Ministry which was started and is operated by five of our scholarship graduates. They began with just a few boys playing soccer. Now they serve 450 children and youth in five barrios in Barranquilla. They have corporate sponsorship and have had some of their teams invited to national tournaments. A few of their players have been invited to professional tryouts and one young man just recently signed his contract to play professional soccer in Mexico.

However, we did see one issue with the ministry. While they were successful in the sports part, it seemed they had neglected the ministry part. Jerry Sizemore had several conversations with the leaders and was received warmly. But it seemed that the problem was not a matter of willingness rather a lack of training in how to use sports as a ministry outreach.

God had the answer, as He always does. Two of our partner churches are led by ministers who have training and experience in sports ministry. In June 2022, La Costa Colombia paid transportation expenses for one of these ministers, Alexander Flores, to meet with Carlos Gomez, the director of FUNDEPCAR. Carlos received Alexander with great enthusiasm and humbly agreed to receive training. We are so happy to see Colombian ministries helping other Colombian ministries.



*Alexander Flórez and his wife, Wendy DeMozo, meeting with Carlos Gomez of the FUNDEPCAR Sports Ministry*