

1 Corinthians 9:25

All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. (NLT)

Soccer Tournament Outreach

Since February, we had been hosting an ongoing soccer tournament. Every Saturday 4 teams played and we kept track of goals for each game since February.

Here in Colombia, the academic school year is from February to November. So, in June and July the students get 2-3 weeks off as a mid-year break. During this break, we hosted 3 days of playoffs to end the 5 month long soccer tournament. We had a huge turnout with all of the teams showing up to watch the semi-finals and finals. They were so excited to see which team would take home the trophies and medals!

The excitement even drew parents and grandparents for the final 2 games. During games we took time on the sidelines to talk with parents and invite them to our Thursday night Bible study. Then, at the end before awarding medals to the first and second place teams we took time to share the gospel with all of the players and spectators.

Since there were trophies for best goalie and the player with the most goals scored, the players stuck around until the end. This gave us a great opportunity to share with them about who God is. Andrés even used the trophies as a visual about how the things of this world will not last. Eventually the trophy will get worn and maybe even broken. We are all given a choice. We can focus on the things of this world and work for prizes that will not last or we can work for an eternal prize. In this, we are not talking about working for salvation, because that is a free gift that was paid for by the blood Jesus shed on the cross.

We should however be focused on being more like Christ in our daily lives. This was the challenge that Andrés gave to the youth and families. To focus on the eternal prize. He challenged them to know Christ and help others to know Christ as well, because in the end the things here on earth don't matter.

Since that day, we have had lots more youth who are coming early to help with the kids club. They have mentioned that they want to help and have a desire to serve. Our prayer is that they will continue to know God more with each Bible lesson and that they will continue to have a desire to love and serve others (just like Christ did when he was here on earth).



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MOST GOALS SCORED
In the 8 games his team played from February to June, he scored over 40 goals!!!



BEST GOALIE
His great goalkeeper skills helped his team win gold in the overall tournament!



One of our ministry volunteers donated numbered jerseys for ministry. This was made the tournament games feel more official and attracted more players!

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