

# AMCA

## Quarterly News

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### Message from the board

It has been a productive start to the new year with the board of directors. We have had 3 meetings with our new board and are making progress on the year's goals. As we talked about during the assembly meeting we have started the audit. We are praying that we they will provide helpful feed back and useful suggestions to help us better manage our finances and improve the procedures in place.

We have been working on setting up some committees to help in the day to day of AMCA and assist the board. If you are interested in volunteering some time with us, please let me know.

Repairs, updates and new projects are being reviewed for both the house and the camp. Please continue to pray for the board, for wisdom and and discernment. As well as for the health and saftey for all our staff and volunteers.

Blessings,

Amy Roza President

Ha sido un inicio de año muy productivo junto con la Junta Directiva. Hemos tenido 3 reuniones con la nueva junta y estamos avanzando en las metas del año. Tal como lo conversamos durante la asamblea, ya hemos iniciado la auditoría. Estamos orando para que puedan brindarnos retroalimentación útil y sugerencias que nos ayuden a administrar mejor nuestras finanzas y mejorar los procedimientos que tenemos en marcha.

También hemos estado trabajando en la creación de algunos comités para apoyar en el día a día de AMCA y colaborar con la Junta Directiva. Si usted está interesado en donar un poco de su tiempo como voluntario, por favor hágamelo saber.

Las reparaciones, mejoras y nuevos proyectos tanto en la casa como en el campamento están siendo evaluados. Les pedimos continuar orando por la Junta Directiva, por sabiduría y discernimiento, así como por la salud y seguridad de todo nuestro personal y voluntarios.

Bendiciones,

Amy Roza Presidenta

### Welcome our New Board Members



**Carlos Hernández**

My name is Carlos Hernández, and my family consists of my wife, Marcela, and my two daughters, María Paz and Ana Belén. I have been working with Campus Crusade for Christ for 35 years. We are originally from Colombia; I served for 25 years in my country and have been serving in Costa Rica for the past 8 years. I am the National Director of Faculty Commons here in Costa Rica, with the goal of reaching university professors for Christ.



**Colleen Moloney**

Hi, I'm Colleen! I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve as one of the newest additions to the AMCA board. I have lived in Costa Rica for over 10 years, serving in a variety of ministries and organisations along the way. I have been married a little over a year to my husband Jonathan and together we care for an oversized garden turtle named Porky. I am a licensed Recreational Therapist with a decade of working in the outdoor industry, youth ministry and mental health and am excited to see how God will use those skills and passions during my time serving with AMCA.

# Youth Group



## AMCA International Youth Group – Spring Focus & Camp Vision

This semester, we are walking slowly and intentionally through the book of Colossians—verse by verse. We are learning how to read Scripture in context and to understand Paul's message to the church as a whole.

We began with a foundational truth: we belong to Christ. Not because we earned it. Not because we proved ourselves. But because of who He is and what He has done.

From there, we've been asking:

What does it mean to truly know who we belong to?

How does belonging to Christ shape our identity?

What does godly leadership look like in light of the gospel?

How does acting and living out what we know and believe help us to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus?

As we move forward, we are focusing on Paul's encouragement that we live out of gratitude—not striving to earn love or salvation, but responding to the love already given to us. Our students are learning that obedience flows from belonging. Holiness flows from gratitude. Growth flows from living in light of the fact that in Christ, we are already cherished.

And this journey will carry directly into our upcoming camp.

The Camp Theme for Spring Camp is: Reflection • Surrender • Transformation

Focusing on Colossians 3:9–10

At camp, we will explore what it means to “put off the old self” and “put on the new self,” which is being renewed in Christ. We will pair this study with themes from *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* from *The Chronicles of Narnia* and C.S. Lewis' work, using the story as a guide to help the students relate and see the deeper biblical truths.

Together at camp we will examine:

Reflection — Learning to honestly look within and recognize what is truly shaping our hearts.

Surrender — Understanding that we cannot transform ourselves; we must bring our struggles, desires, and sin to Christ.

Transformation — Seeing how God renews us through sanctification as we are honest with Him and trust and submit to Him.

Our prayer is that students leave camp not feeling pressured to perform, but grounded in this truth: real transformation happens when we surrender what we cannot fix to the One who already loves us.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Mike Parsons

AMCA International Youth Group Pastor

# CAMPA LA CUMBRE

John Grant - Camp Director



Gracias a Dios este mes se finaliza el asfalto en camino en San Gerardo de Dota. Se asfaltaron 6.5 kilómetros

Thank God, this month the paving of the road in San Gerardo de Dota will be completed. A total of 6.5 kilometers have been paved

En este mes de Marzo recibimos la historica cifra (en nuestra administración) de 142 estudiantes y 10 profesores del Colegio del Valle en Pérez Zeledón.

Agradecemos a Dios por el Calendario de campamento que está lleno en esta temporada de verano

In the month of March, we received a historic number (under our administration) of 142 students and 10 teachers from Colegio del Valle in Pérez Zeledón.

We thank God for the camp schedule, which is full during this summer season.

Por tercer año consecutivo gestionamos la donación de útiles y uniformes escolares para más de 30 niños del pueblo. También cada familia recibió un diario de comida.

Seguimos impactando a la comunidad de San Gerardo.

For the third consecutive year, we coordinated the donation of school supplies and uniforms for more than 30 children in the community. Each family also received a food package.

We continue to make an impact in the San Gerardo community.

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Gracias por su servicio



Thank you for your service

Hola, mi nombre es Carlos Sánchez. Estuve trabajando por dos años a tiempo completo con el campamento en el área de cocina. Y ha sido una de las mejores experiencias de mi vida.

En diciembre del 2025 salí de trabajar.

Pero cuando hay campamento grandes, me gusta servir como voluntario en cocina y apoyar al equipo.

Siempre es bueno servir con amor a Dios y hacer nuestro servicio con excelencia.

Siempre estaré agradecido por la oportunidad de servir.

Hello, my name is Carlos Sánchez. I worked full-time with the camp for two years in the kitchen area, and it has been one of the best experiences of my life.

In December 2025, I stopped working there. However, when there are large camps, I like to serve as a volunteer in the kitchen and support the team.

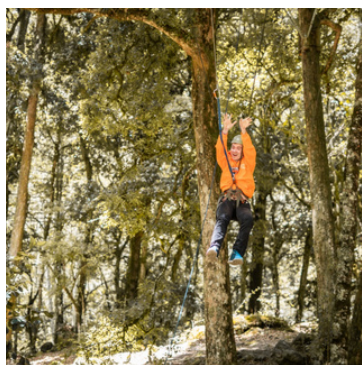
It is always good to serve God with love and to carry out our service with excellence.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve.



THANK YOU  
SO MUCH

# Proyecto Daniel



El pasado mes de febrero tuvimos la valiosa oportunidad de celebrar nuestro décimo campamento Aventuras de Amigos en el campamento La Cumbre. Cada año, los chicos esperan este momento como uno de los eventos más esperados del año.

Durante tres días, vuelven a sentirse jóvenes, compartiendo entre pares, disfrutando experiencias únicas y creando recuerdos inolvidables. En cada taller aprenden, de la mano de psicólogos, cómo sobrellevar de una manera más llevadera el proceso de cáncer que están viviendo, entendiendo que no están solos y que cuentan con muchas personas a su alrededor que los amamos. Pase lo que pase, aquí estaremos para acompañarlos y, como dice nuestro lema, siempre buscaremos "hacerlos sonreír".

Hace muchos años, cuando La Cumbre como ministerio asumió el reto de abrir sus puertas a grupos diferenciados, marcó una gran diferencia al brindar la oportunidad de presentar el amor de Dios de una manera práctica, permitiendo que poblaciones con realidades especiales, pudieran vivir una experiencia de vida transformadora, participando en actividades y disfrutando de un entorno tan único y especial como San Gerardo de Dota.

Estamos profundamente agradecidos por la atención y el cariño del personal administrativo, voluntarios, equipo de cocina y staff en general, quienes cada año nos reciben con tanto amor y dedicación hacia nuestros chicos y hacia todo el equipo que hace posible esta hermosa Aventura de Amigos.

This past February, we had the valuable opportunity to celebrate our tenth "Adventures of Friends" camp at Camp La Cumbre. Each year, the kids look forward to this as one of the most anticipated events of the year.

For three days, they get to feel like kids—spending time with their peers, enjoying unique experiences, and creating unforgettable memories. In each workshop, guided by psychologists, they learn how to better cope with the cancer journey they are facing, understanding that they are not alone and that they are surrounded by many people who love them. No matter what happens, we will be here to walk alongside them and, as our motto says, we will always seek to "make them smile."

Many years ago, when La Cumbre as a ministry took on the challenge of opening its doors to diverse groups, it made a significant impact by providing an opportunity to share the love of God in a practical way. This allowed communities with unique circumstances to experience life-changing moments by participating in activities and enjoying such a special and unique environment as San Gerardo de Dota.

We are deeply grateful for the care and kindness of the administrative staff, volunteers, kitchen team, and the entire staff, who welcome us each year with so much love and dedication toward our kids and everyone who makes this beautiful "Adventures of Friends" experience possible.

## Con gratitud, un nuevo camino With Gratitude, a new journey



Con gratitud y fé inicio un nuevo camino.

Mi nombre es Cindy Fabiola Chaves Santamaría, vecina de San José, Costa Rica. Estoy casada desde hace 15 años y junto a mi esposo hemos recibido el regalo más valioso: nuestros dos hijos, quienes son nuestra mayor alegría y motivación e inspiran cada paso que damos como familia.

Con profunda gratitud deseo compartir que el pasado 2 de enero me integré al equipo de AMCA. Es un privilegio formar parte de un ministerio que refleja compromiso, excelencia y un genuino llamado al servicio. Mi corazón está agradecido y orgulloso de caminar junto a personas que trabajan con fe y propósito en cada área de esta obra.

He servido por más de 20 años de manera activa en mi Iglesia, y a lo largo de este camino he sido testigo del amor, la gracia y el poder transformador de Cristo en mi vida. Por eso creo firmemente que nada es casualidad y que este paso forma parte del plan perfecto del Señor en mi vida y familia.

La Palabra nos recuerda esta promesa:

¡El fiel amor del Señor nunca se acaba! Sus misericordias jamás terminan. Grande es su fidelidad; sus misericordias son nuevas cada mañana. Lamentaciones 3;22-23

Llego a AMCA con un espíritu dispuesto a servir, con el anhelo de seguir creciendo espiritual y profesionalmente, y con la convicción de que, al caminar juntos en amor, servicio y obediencia al llamado de Cristo, continuaremos viendo fruto y bendición.

Gracias por la bienvenida y por permitirme ser parte de esta comunidad.

Con aprecio,

Cindy Fabiola Chaves Santamaría

With gratitude and faith, I begin a new journey.

My name is Cindy Fabiola Chaves Santamaría, and I live in San José, Costa Rica. I have been married for 15 years, and together with my husband we have received the most valuable gift: our two children, who are our greatest joy and motivation and inspire every step we take as a family.

With deep gratitude, I would like to share that on January 2nd, I joined the AMCA team. It is a privilege to be part of a ministry that reflects commitment, excellence, and a genuine calling to serve. My heart is thankful and proud to walk alongside people who work with faith and purpose in every area of this ministry.

I have actively served in my church for more than 20 years, and throughout this journey I have witnessed the love, grace, and transforming power of Christ in my life. Because of this, I firmly believe that nothing is by chance, and that this step is part of the Lord's perfect plan for my life and my family.

The Word reminds us of this promise:

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning."

—Lamentations 3:22–23

I come to AMCA with a willing spirit to serve, with a desire to continue growing both spiritually and professionally, and with the conviction that as we walk together in love, service, and obedience to Christ's calling, we will continue to see fruit and blessing.

Thank you for the warm welcome and for allowing me to be part of this community.

With appreciation,

Cindy Fabiola Chaves Santamaría

# Join us as we pray for AMCA

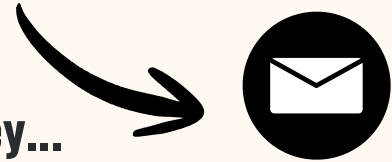
The board as they review and gather information to seek to improve and continue to serve God and His People.



The IYG kids

- Mike, Xinia, John and Monse  
All camp staff  
All volunteers with AMCA

**We are looking for your thoughts**  
**Please keep an eye on your inbox for a survey...**



As we take time to review our finances and look for ways to improve and be more efficient, we are also stepping back to evaluate the broader scope of AMCA as a whole.

Please keep an eye on your email/messages for a survey coming your way. We ask that you prayerfully consider taking the time to complete it. While it is extensive, it is designed so you only need to answer the sections that apply to your experience with AMCA.

If you have been involved in any area of AMCA, (parent, former or present youth group member, volunteer, staff, board, assembly member, stayed in the house, went to camp or others) we would greatly value your honest feedback—what is working well, what could be improved, and any suggestions or insights you may have.

Your input will help guide us as we continue working toward AMCA's goals and seek to serve God and His people more faithfully.

Thank you in advance for your time and support.

On behalf of the board,

Amy Roza and Colleen Moloney

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others

## WANT TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY?

For tax deductible donations in the United States, go to:

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