



Juventud para Cristo

March 2024

Hello everyone!



This year we are celebrating **50 years** of work in Colombia. On April 4th, 1974, the organization was legally established before the government. A man from the United States, Ernie Taylor, donated a place to start a camp and with a group of Colombians they formed the first board of directors who thought it was a good idea to have a youth ministry in Colombia. We thank God for this dream, for these men and for this seed that continues to bear fruit today. We also thank God for every director, leader and volunteer who has been part of this ministry in the past 50 years.



Members of the first board of directors in 1974. in the middle **Guillermo Monroy**, first president.



Ernie Taylor with Fernando Triviño in 2014



Camp with the first group of missionaries from the United States, directed by **Keith Carson** in 1984.



First theater group



Oswaldo Pinzón, First Director

First youth meetings



Social Program

We began the first week of February with the activities in our social program where every week we receive 240 children. The number of families who placed their trust in us this year to provide Christian education to their children grew.



School Kits

Thanks to a generous donation, this week we had the opportunity to deliver school kits to all of our children in our social program.



Soccer School

This year our soccer school also grew. We have **90 children** and young people signed up and every week they receive sports training, but they are also being discipled and having a time of worship before each training session.



Youth Meetings

We also started youth meetings on Saturdays in the El Paraiso neighborhood where we seek to help young people learn about the life of Jesus and be transformed by Him.



“Wake Up Deborah”

This prayer program allows us to work with the mothers of our youth and pray over everything we do. Prayer groups continue to grow in different cities across the country.



Women in our social program



Astrid Roldan, Director of the program, speaking at a women's event in the city of Medellín.



New group in Bogotá



Leaders of the program in Medellín

Training

We did a training course for a weekend in the city of Medellín, this training equipped us to carry out youth camps and it was with the participation of different leaders from all over the country.



We have also been training the leaders of our social program. We are needing volunteers who want to work with our community.



In other news

At the beginning of March we participated in the **CEDECOL** General Assembly. (Evangelical Council of Colombia) where we are part of the national youth commission.



We had the opportunity to send 150 Bibles to an indigenous community in the north of the country where churches are being formed.

Help me pray for:

- This new year comes with challenges for our ministry as we look for new volunteers who want to support the different programs we carry out.
- For the work centers that are being formed in three different cities of the country.
- As a personal prayer... Last December was the last in which I received help from a church for my family support. My dream is to be able to continue serving God full time, so we are looking for people who can be part of this dream.

We need resources for:

- We want to buy the house that we are renting for our social program. It costs us a total of **US\$35,000** and thank God we already have half of these resources with a donation we have received. We are working in this fundraising project.
You can see the video of this project in the following link: <https://youtu.be/W30t1-Z2LOo>
- For to be able to instal **6 large fans** in our multiple room at our social outreach.
- To be able to reach the salary goals for our staff members.
- We want to be able to take **30 young people** from our social program to our **summer camp** for free. The cost for each one is **US\$ 100.00**.
- For being able to get a PA system for our workshop team in the social program.

Thanks to each and every one of you who helps support, and participate our work and activities. If you are interested in being part of the impact of the youths in Colombia, please contact us via e-mail : info@juventudparacristo.org