



The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives... one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest interdenominational, school-based, Christian sports ministry in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

## Vision

To see Eastern Iowa impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

## Mission

To present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.



# Impacting The World For Christ through Sports

Dear Friends of FCA,

What a privilege and thrill it has been to serve with you and see many lives impacted for Christ throughout Eastern Iowa this past year!

- \* Over 290 kids (another "full house") attended the FCA Sports Camp in Pella, IA this summer where we saw many commitments for Christ and changed lives!
- \* A growing number of FCA Huddles are starting in schools throughout our area, including new chapters at Luther College, Upper Iowa University and Cedar Valley Christian.
- \* The 2008 Home Team Drive & Banquet (with special guests Dick Schultz & Tanya Crevier) was a great success with over 500 people in attendance.
- \* Over \$9,000 was dedicated to a scholarship fund to assist young people in our area attend an FCA Sports Camp or Leadership Camp this past summer.
- \* We have added to our existing Leadership Board (now 12 members) and have established some exciting new ministry goals for 2008-09.
- \* We have plans next summer to cater to over 600 kids (grades 3-8) for our free two-day community outreach event "Power Camp" with eight different sports on offer.
- \* In an effort to assist families affected by the recent floods, Eastern Iowa FCA donated \$7000 to the "Eight Days of Hope" flood-relief project (\$3500 of which was a matching gift from FCA National Office).
- \* We are excited about building bridges with the local church and many local events including: See You At The Pole, Fields of Faith, Huddle Rally, Coaches events and much more!

Over the past 12 months, thanks to you, our teammates, a record 2,002,664 people were impacted by FCA around the country. That is 700,000 more than the previous year—an over 50% increase! Together we have a joint venture focused on changing lives, raising up young leaders, and empowering them to reach out to others. Each and everyday FCA has a life-changing impact on a young man or woman's life through the influences of coaches, staff, and programs. Here are some recent testimonies:

"Thanks so much for sponsoring us to go to the Coaches Conference! We grew so much as a couple and FCA's generosity will not be forgotten!!"

"Being part of FCA Camp in Pella this summer changed my life. I am more secure in myself and my faith!"

"I love having FCA at my school each week. It inspires me, draws me closer to the Lord, and has helped me make more Godly decisions in my life!!!"

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With your help, Eastern Iowa FCA is being used by God to impact many lives for eternity as we seek to tell the greatest story of all time: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not die but have eternal life" (John 3:16). God loved, God gave, we believe, we live.

We wish you the Lord's richest blessings in 2009 and a Merry Christmas!

Carl & Sheralee Gonder and the FCA Leadership Board



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