



MINISTRY IN CASA VERDE



WOMEN'S GROUP



CHURCH



YOUTH GROUP

# FRANCO FAMILY IN COLOMBIA



Ministry in Corinto

## A QUICK UPDATE

This year God has been so very good to us. We've completed just more than one year of marriage and Stephanie has completed more than a year of living in Colombia and serving alongside Pastor Elvis in Cazuca. There have been challenges, disappointments, and attacks from Satan. However, more than that and above all of that there have been great joys, triumphs, and blessings. All glory to God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ.

I wanted to share some hard and honest things that we've heard from the children and youth this year. Pastor Elvis had asked them to share: "Things that they had experienced in childhood that they never wanted their children to experience." The responses were very real coming from both young children and the youths. One youth responded: "a stepfather." She has experienced verbal, physical, and emotional abuse from her stepfather. It brought tears to my eyes all the feelings and thoughts that went behind that response. Another young teen responded: "a room of their own." She always is surrounded and in charge of her five younger and needy siblings. Another young child responded: "That the father prefers other children to them." This young child comes from a mixed family with siblings from other fathers than her own. Another young child said: "alcoholism." His father is a drunk and their family struggles to have food for the five of them.

If you haven't seen our video of this past year's ministry please let me know so you can watch it.

When we told the mom of Deivi, a new student who is being sponsored this coming

year in our Youth Education Sponsorship program, she began to cry. She told us the other day with tears in her eyes that he said to her, "Mom don't worry, I'm going to get us ahead in life now. I'll take care of us." Deivi's father is very conflictive and abusive.

These are just some of the examples of the people that we work with and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with.

### What's Next...

Now that you know some of the stories of the people we minister to, you'll understand why we have many dreams, hopes, and plans. You can help support and make an impact in the lives of these families, youth, and children. There are pictures in this update of the ministry opportunities that you can get involved with your prayers and financial support. Please let us know if you want more information about one of the ministry opportunities that we are doing in Colombia. Below are just some of the plans and dreams that we have.

December 11-13 we have our VBS program. The 14th of December is our Christmas celebration. You can still give to this outreach where we preach the Gospel and share more of what Christmas is all about. (middle picture on right decorating for this Christmas)

February we start school for the Youth Education Sponsorship Program. Please ask if you want to receive this updates. God is doing awesome things with these youth. We are still raising funds for their school uniforms and enrollment fees. (picture to right)

We are still praying for a place a building to buy this coming year to save on rent for the church and ministry. (top picture on right - neighborhood)

As always you can support us as missionaries or the ministry that God has allowed us to do in Colombia.

If there is anything specific you want to give to in this ministry let us know and then fill out the note online or WITH the check with that specification.

We appreciate all your support and prayers! May God richly bless you!



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## Prayer Requests & Giving Opportunities



Include a note that says one of the following: PART 2

- Elvis and Stephanie Franco Support
- Elvis Franco Ministry Cazuca Colombia
- Elvis Franco Cazuca Christmas
- Youth Education Sponsorship Cazuca
- Building Project Cazuca
- Elvis Franco Rent Church Building Cazuca
- Easter Outreach Cazuca

### How to Give and Support: PART 1

<https://give.actioninternational.org/missionary/Elvis-Franco>

or by check

write on check: ACTION

include a note: (see part 2)

send check to:

Action International Ministries  
PO Box 398  
Mountlake Terrace, WA  
98043-0398  
USA

FYI: Action International USA has an administrative fee of 13% on all donations given.

*"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." ~ 2 Cor. 9:12*