



Different ground

Unusual Fall: "Unusual" may be an improvement over however you'd describe 2020, right? November & December were different for us than what we'd normally be doing: coaching and organizing 50 players and multiple teams for a flag football season, work in the schools, in-home activities for church. However, things have been moving toward "normal" as we've been doing flag football again and really investing in Bible studies, discipleship, and leadership training. Church attendance is creeping back up, which is encouraging. Plus, we have big news on the GOTA front!



ack to trash pickup too!

Flag Football

More than just sports: We finished the year with a bang, averaging over twenty kids on our weeknight practice, with most of



Signed!

GOTA Signing

Finally: After a COVID-delay of over 18 months, we finally signed the paperwork for GOTA de Esperanza to be a



PRAISE

1. Church advancement
2. Flag football
3. GOTA Signing

PRAYER

1. Church in 2022
2. Sports leaders
3. GOTA Outreach Center



We celebrated Fiona's 15th in Mexican style!

them younger, new players, which is great. New leadership is a blessing, with Gavin & Fiona taking charge of groups of players, and two young ladies from church investing in the group with the intention of growing a youth group out of it. In October we had 25 kids from the neighborhood attend a youth event across town. Several of the young men on the team have really jumped into things. That's been very special.

legally recognized non-profit! It took multiple attempts and lots of tricky personal paperwork with all the board members, but the paperwork is submitted...which of course means more waiting for the government approval, and then a few more steps. But we are so thankful to be over that hurdle, and trust the Lord to facilitate then next steps. We hope to begin construction work at some point in 2022, probably in the second half.

Looking ahead

2022 may be a big year for our church, *Pueblo de Esperanza*. 2021 presented several challenges and setbacks to leadership training and growth, and yet we've seen God working in the lives of men and women. We hope to see continued commitment, maturing and advancement this year, with an eye on reducing our role and handing ministries over to others. Maybe even God will provide a football coach for flag football? We are praying for a recent college graduate with a heart for sports ministry AND Spanish work.

Praise

1. **Church advancement:** Leadership, service, numbers moving forward.
2. **Flag football:** resuming regular practices and lots of new participants.
3. **GOTA:** Signing the paperwork!

Prayer

1. **Church advancement:** To solidify new preachers and leaders in 2022.
2. **Sports ministry:** For a new co-worker with football in 2022.
3. **GOTA Outreach Center:** For timely approval of the organization and the many-layered process of building.

We thank you for your prayers!

Tim, Barbara-Lee, Drew, Gavin, Fiona

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