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Our team and a few refugees

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I stepped out on the dry soccer field located on the Military base Piez in Venezuela, inhaled the powdery fine dust that filled the air and questioned my sanity for playing against soldiers half my age in top physical condition. Let's get real, it's been 26 years since I played in college, and my confidence was slightly shaken, but I heard myself saying "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens Middle aged me."

Our team was made up of short term Hispanic missionaries and ministers who love God and soccer. All of us were much older that our opponents. We came to this base to minister to all the refugees but to do so one must have favor with the base officials. How better to develop good relations but to play a friendly game of soccer?

A soldier carrying a huge machine gun walked across the field, leading me to wonder if they were going to shoot us if we won. They scored the first two goals, then we scored two. On our third try to score, the goal was refused by the referee. We were disappointed, but did not press the issue . The final score was three to two. We lost, but God won!



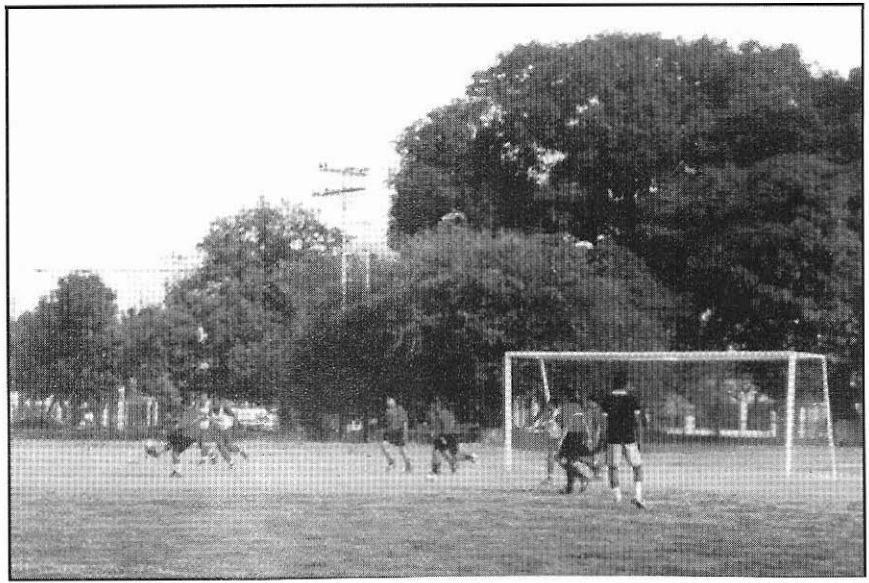
After the game, one of the soldiers approached us and said "I admire you guys, it's not easy to be a Christian, and you come to our country to help our people and also do the things we love to do. Your lives challenge me."

It was a thrill to play the game I love and to see God move out on the soccer field....Sports Evangelism... Hmmm.

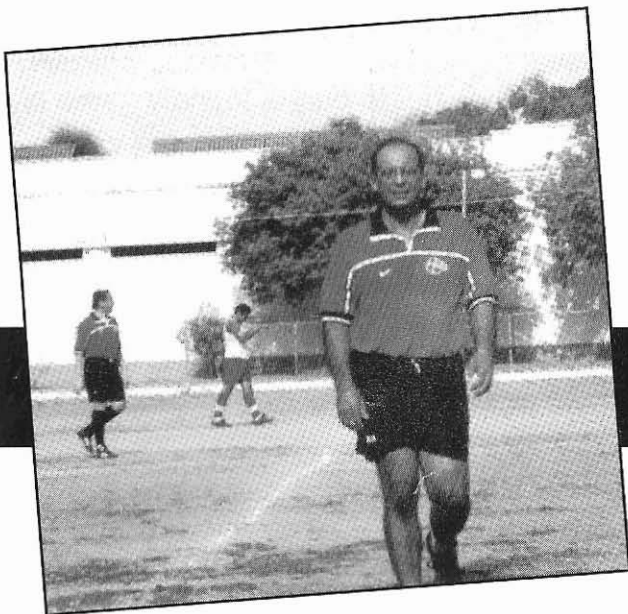
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The team of soldiers that played against us



**We lost the game  
God won their hearts!**

**Maracay, Venezuela**