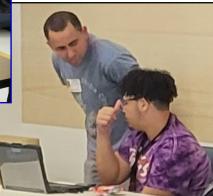
## Orlando Athletic Training Academy, Inc. Winter 2023



Wednesday's are our weekly Study Hall which includes fresh fruit, a sweet item, and tutoring in various subjects. For 15 minutes, after Study Hall & before Track practice is The Christian Group. (Below)



## Academics, Sports, & God



Capturing Moments: Kenny and I started a conversation with Gio while he was finishing homework. Gio was telling us that he was doing good at school, his homework is done, just finishing the last one now. Then Kenny and I, Gustavo, went thru the God's Tool's with him. This is an App from Cru to develop spiritual conversations. We worked out with him, "Knowing God Personally," which has 4 Points. Gio put the APP on his phone. We listened to his opinions.

Gio confessed that he hadn't lived the life God wants for him. He feels he is far from God but wants to get closer. He wants to learn more and to get a true relationship with God.

We believe Gio made a big step forward by having a desire for a relationship with God. Pray there is continued conversations and a full understanding of knowing God.

## "Coach Why ... "

On the track, athletes will ask questions before practice about Christianity. "Coach, why do people call themselves a Christian but their life does not look like one?" This has provided an open door to talk about our own individual choices to live in God's power and what that means. One of the lessons, we discussed Romans 7, where Paul talks about, "I want to do right, but the very thing I want to do, I don't do." In God's sovereignity, this was the same day Gio came to The Christian Group. We were discussing, How can we choose to follow Christ's example and not our own. This is the first year we have really begun to have consistency in athletes asking about God and Christianity. Pray this continues and that during Spring Break, athletes will join me March 17 for a LaCrae Concert. He is a well know Hip Hop artist. We are providing 10 tickets.





**FACTS:** At University High School, 81% are minority students. 51% are from a Latin background. From UCF, University of Central Florida, the Destino Ministry partners with us who you see to the far left. The two behind me are part of Cru Ministry.

## Thankful and Appreciative

To many of you that pray, support, and encourage us in these endeavors.

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