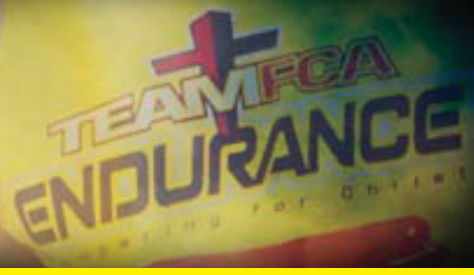




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*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.
The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20*

FCA Endurance Vision: To see the endurance world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches.

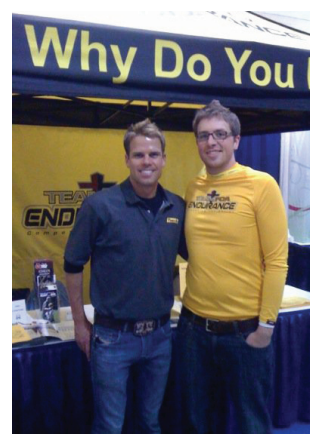
FCA Endurance Mission: To present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships, and in the fellowship of the church.

FCA Endurance at the Boston Marathon

“Why do you race? Hmm, I don’t know.”

I can’t tell you how many times I heard that echoed from the voices of the attendees at the Boston Marathon Expo while walking past our booth. This indecision is precisely the reason we were there: to be a shining example of God’s love to a lost community, and present the challenge and adventure of a life with Jesus Christ. We were there to serve. And serve we did!

As soon as the doors opened on Friday and excited runners came flooding into the convention center until the last vendors were closing down their booths, FCA Endurance was there, serving with reckless abandon, encouraging the weary, smiling and praying. It was an absolute blessing to meet so many people who were both involved and played a role in their local communities like Utah Huddle leader Jeremy Jahn and people who had never heard of the ministry.



On Sunday afternoon, in cooperation with the New England FCA, participants, families and supporters filled the room for the Chapel service. Teammate and Elite Masters marathoner Carl Rundell shared some of his testimony, focusing on the need for spiritual training as well as physical training. Dan Britton challenged us to really think about what’s in us and WHY we race.

After Dan spoke, elite marathoner and women’s champion Catherine Ndereba encouraged everyone in the room through sharing her testimony, her faith, and her passionate heart. Ndereba was a favorite coming into Boston with four wins already to her name. This year however, a slight muscle tear would sideline her hopes to race - but it couldn’t dampen her spirits. “I know God is with me, and He will always be with me and if it is His will maybe I will run Boston next year.”

A huge congratulations to all the teammates, ministry partners, and everyone who conquered the epic course. God provided an absolutely gorgeous day to run and His presence did not go unnoticed.

TOP: Athletes and brothers in Christ, Jox Cox and Joe Dannelly at the expo booth.
BOTTOM: (from left) Fouad Faris, Dan Britton, Catherine Ndereba, Catherine’s friend Helen, Carl Rundell

Did you know: Each ministry within FCA is responsible for seeking its own funding from the Lord? FCA Endurance is primarily funded by you, our Team. If you’re called to support this ministry, please visit our site

HUDDLE BLIPS



Florida - The latest EMI conference descended on sunny Florida for an incredible weekend of fellowship and training. Participants not only built relationships with the team, but learned the importance of building them outside of the team to present the Gospel. Ft. Lauderdale huddle leader Tina Reeder had a chance to share her testimony using the methods she learned at the retreat. Her story is on the blog on our homepage.



South Africa - Yeah, you read that right. Neil and Mandi Heart led the charge to hold an Iron Prayer at Ironman South Africa and absolutely blow the idea of service out of the park during the race! With two services they had over 100 athletes attend! Stay tuned for an article. It’s too cool not to share!



Skating for our Savior: Don Patton

"Endurance skaters are always looking for new and different ways to test their endurance," said Don Patton. Don, co-leader of the Orlando huddle, is participating in this year's "24 Hour Roller Montreal" inline skating event in Canada. "I don't know the origins of the race," he said, "but a 24-hour race was an inevitable addition to the list of available endurance opportunities."

In its seventh year, the "24 Hour Roller Montreal" relay race is formed of teams up to 10 inline skaters and takes place from 2 p.m. Saturday, August 7, to 2 p.m. Sunday, August 8. Skaters race on a 2.7 mile racetrack just outside of Montreal in Parc Jean-Drapeau on Notre-Dame Island. The five categories—

Elite (17 mph average), Fitness (12+ mph), Recreational, Duo, and Solo—allow for skaters of all types to participate in the event.

Don will be skating with a group of other FCA-E members. "Currently, we have two confirmed and four 'maybes,'" he said, "but we need more confirmations." Don and the other FCA-E members involved with the event desire to have a strong presence in order to be a light for Christ that other participants will notice.

"I'm looking for input from the team," Don said, "but my initial thoughts are to have prayer time and possibly even a bible study." Members of the team will also wear FCA-E gear as they race. "This year we should have our new inline skating skin suits available by race time." These suits will help team FCA-E stand out in the crowd, drawing more attention to why they are racing and Who they are racing for. "We want the volume of skaters in attendance to notice the presence of a Christian organization and to open up opportunities to minister to those in attendance."

Thanks to Don Patton for providing the information for this article, and to Ashley Dannelly for writing it.

Directors Note.

Team, I am so excited right now about the blessings and opportunities we have as athletes in Jesus' Church and within FCA! So much so, that I want to take a month break from our ongoing discussion on our FCA mission, and briefly celebrate EMI Retreats and FCA Camps.

Some of you may feel bombarded by all of the Endurance Ministry Institute (EMI) stuff coming your way, but after two amazing retreats this past month in Savannah and Florida; I can't help but praise God one more time! As someone on the "inside," I go into these events with a high expectation. With each of these experiences though, the Lord crushed my expectation as only He could.

Upon reflecting and celebrating, the one thing that has perhaps impacted me the most with these last two rounds was that while these retreats are meant to be an equipping strategy of our ministry, I might suggest they were just as powerful at uniting! Not so say the equipping done wasn't significant; I believe it was our best yet, and each attendee is more ready to have a significant personal impact for the Kingdom. However, the way that this retreat experience bonded the members of our Team, Jesus' Church, together is inspiring! Growing old friendships, building new ones, and pouring rocket fuel on our unity... amazing! I look forward to hearing about increasing fruit as a result of this commitment.

All said, I am absolutely convinced that there is not another program or activity FCA Endurance does with a greater impact on Uniting and Equipping our Team! Am I biased? Yes! However, I invite you to ask any of the attendees from the last two EMI retreats. I have confidence that they will affirm this. That said, as a ministry, we desire to schedule two or three more retreats this year. If you and your Huddle is ready, please contact myself so we can explore it together!



of the week. What is the bottom line? If you want to make an investment for eternity in a student-athlete's life, get them to camp! Your child, your neighbor's teen, your home basketball team... get them to camp!

Also, if you've got some coaching experience or a heart to serve, there are roles for adults as well. While you may be going to serve, trust me, you'll be impacted as much as the kids! For information on FCA Camps, please visit: <http://www.fcacamps.org/> Lastly, my family and I will be serving (coaching triathlon) at the Northern Rockies Camp in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota in June. I would love to meet you and your student athlete there!

For His Glory!
- Chris Anderson

OK, my last plug for this article is for FCA Camps. FCA camps have been around since 1956, and the fruits of this ministry are countless. Camps are times of "perspiration and inspiration" for student athletes around the world, with a life-impacting effect. I've been blessed to serve at camps for the past five years, and each year I watch the Lord soften hearts and expand His Kingdom in amazing ways over the course

Southwest VA - was named the beneficiary for the 2010 Wilderness Road Ride, a road bike ride of various distances that draws many cyclists each year. The huddle is responsible for all aspects of the event, which will take place Saturday, May 29. Huddle leaders Mark Long, Ryan Day and Mike Medlin are grateful that God has blessed them with this opportunity. "This will be a great way to give exposure to FCA Endurance," Long said. "It's a God sized undertaking that requires us to be humble and surrender to Him, but we are excited to see the many ways He will be lifted up and glorified through it."



Huntington Beach, CA - Want to give a huge congrats to teammate Ty Lunde finishing his first marathon at the Surf City Marathon all while looking incredibly strong in his team colors! Talking about FCA Endurance Ty said "It has really changed my racing experience to have a greater purpose than competition or fitness." Couldn't have said it better myself!

If you've got pictures of yourself racing, training, or serving in your gear - share them on our facebook page or send them to jdannelly@fca.org.

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