



Since I was young, two passions burned within me: basketball and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Although they seemed like two completely different paths, God, in His infinite wisdom, weaved them together far more beautifully than I could've ever imagined. That dream became a reality after spending five incredible years in Argentina. With a basketball in one hand and the Bible in the other, the Lord took me on a journey as an international basketball missionary. One of the most impactful experiences of my life was seeing the sport I loved serve as a platform to bridge the gap between me and the people of San Martin, Mendoza. However, it was off the court where I found true joy, witnessing lives transformed by the Gospel through a discipleship group that met in my home called the "Chacareros de Cristo" – Vineyard Workers for Christ.

Recently retiring from basketball, life has taken an exciting turn as I married my beautiful wife, Sarah, on October 5, 2024. God has shifted our mission field from Argentina to Oceanside, California, where we will live and host a house church this next year. While my playing days may be over, my passion for missions, discipleship, and fellowship with Christ-followers in Latin America remains as strong as ever. Knowing my heart, I'm thrilled that the Lord led me to CANOPI, the Christian Alliance Network for Outreach and Pastoral Impact. When I discovered their incredible mission to unite Kingdom-minded pastors and train Spirit-led believers for revival throughout Latin America, my heart leaped. I am humbled and overjoyed to join their leadership team as Operations Associate. This role allows me to serve remotely from the States, actively supporting the ministry by ensuring all missions run smoothly on the field.

My role will also include opportunities to travel to Central America, where CANOPI is making a significant impact. A year's gone by since I left Argentina, and I still miss that place like crazy. Now, the idea of exploring what God is doing in Central America has me so stoked! I can't wait to meet new people, share the love of Christ, and grow stronger in relationship with our global church family. Although CANOPI is entirely volunteer-operated, with the Lord's favor and your generous support, I can dedicate myself full-time to ensuring this hope of the fullness of the Gospel reaches even further. I dream of one day seeing CANOPI reach Argentina, which would be quite the full-circle moment!

Your Kingdom investment in this mission will allow me to travel to the field, translate materials into Spanish, and daily oversee CANOPI's back-end systems. Together, we can equip the body of Christ in Latin America and see the power of the Gospel transform countless lives. As I serve Latin America from afar, I will also be actively involved in fulfilling the same mission here in the United States with NewSong Church. The ministry opportunities are endless, so I need your help to devote myself full-time to Christ's service.



Will you partner with me financially? I'm happy to answer any of your questions as you consider supporting me in this exciting new chapter. Please call or text me any time @ (949) 303 9827 for more info. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity and commitment to the Great Commission.

With gratitude in Christ,

Mitch Marmelstein

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