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# Good News from Mission Kingdom

*The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Mark 1:15*

## Prayer Requests:

- Remember the CAFE support groups as they grow in knowledge and commitment to Christ
- Pray that the families of Mission Kingdom would experience God's reconciliation
- Ask God to continue guiding Martin and Elsy in this ministry

## Compassion Ministries:

- School kits**
- Hygiene kits**
- Health kits**
- Food aid (e.g., MCC canned turkey)**
- Gifts of groceries and medicine in times of need**



## Stepping into God's Extreme Adventure

We give thanks to God for impelling us to take this step of faith. We recognize that following Jesus is a totally extreme adventure. God is allowing us to see his glory in the midst of so many lovely people that live in very precarious circumstances, but at the same time we notice the richness that there is among them. They are rich in faith, hope, gratitude, simplicity, smiles and solidarity. Our prayer to God is that the power of the gospel of Jesus transforms their lives and their community.

Now we know that God has placed us there not to feel pity for these persons or for them to recognize us as altruistic persons, but rather we are working there because it is an act of divine justice.

## Mission Kingdom Ministries

Now that we are dedicating more time to these families, we have been able to establish some **groups for spiritual growth**. One of them has been named the C.A.F.E. group (a Spanish acronym that means Sharing, Praising & Strengthening in the Spirit). It is a space where we open our hearts to God, share our burdens, study the Bible together in order to hear God's answers to our difficulties, pray together asking that God gives us wisdom to face adversity, sing to the God of life, and also share a cup of coffee or a glass of lemonade and bread.

Every Saturday we have a time named **Children with a Purpose**, where we meet with children in two groups, one in which they know how to color and another for those who know how to read and write. We take booklets with Bible stories for them to color, and with the other group we work with the Philip Project for children (a program designed to increase biblical literacy, call people to faith in Christ, and grow in discipleship). We sing, pray and have little celebrations to motivate the children when they finish the Bible booklets.



God's greatest for the world's least

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Families receive canned turkey from MCC



Martín teaches children about the Bible



## More Mission Kingdom Ministries

Elsy has created a space of **trust and personal care**. During this time she gives haircuts to men, women and children, provides manicures and beauty treatment, and gets rid of lice. This activity has allowed Elsy to make contact with people to listen to their problems and orient them toward Christ.

We have formed three **teams of planning and feedback**, one in the local church, another in the New Life neighborhood (formerly known as "Behind the Plaza") made up of four women, and another in the New Millennium neighborhood, also with four women. We meet periodically and ask these women, What do we want to accomplish? What do we want to become? What needs to be changed? What needs to be adjusted? What kind of community do we dream about? Etc.

We have also implemented a time called **Family Encounter**, once every three months, where families have the opportunity to meet each other, play together, value their relationships as couples, recognize their children's worth, and be able to revive their family relationships while reaffirming God's love in their lives.

## Long Term Projects...

Create a team called **Youth Rescue** that specializes in reaching, helping and teaching biblical principles to adolescents in these neighborhoods in order to allow them to make good decisions.

Conferences called **Full Life** that include the following themes: how to raise children, sexual education, how to control anger, how to use the gifts and abilities God gave me, my character and me, forgiveness and reconciliation, and how to handle conflict, etc.

Acquiring **equipment and tools** that make quality of life improvements possible for these families. The idea is to rent or finance these tools so that families can try to start their own small business.

**Purchase of land** on which to build a multifunctional center that would allow us to have our own place in which to develop the long-term goals and proposals of the project, including: a permanent community kitchen, childcare facility, library, recreation room, training for youth leaders, retreats, and meetings for family relationship building, among others.