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Good News from Mission Kingdom

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

A Great Kingdom for Small People



Elsy's beauty treatment ministry continues to build trust with members of the community.

We keep moving forward in our adventure of bringing near the Kingdom of God to the people in our region who wander like sheep without a shepherd. Our slogan is **A GREAT KINGDOM FOR SMALL PEOPLE**. One of our goals is to present the gospel of the kingdom to groups in our country that have lived on the margins for many years. They are called "the underprivileged," but now through Jesus Christ they have the privilege of having the KINGDOM OF GOD within their reach.

On this pilgrimage we have encountered very complex problems experienced by the forty families that make up the two neighborhoods we accompany (adolescent alcoholism, family sexual abuse, domestic violence, abandoned single mothers, pregnancies among 12 and 13 year old girls, homes built in high risk zones threatening to collapse, and very poor health conditions). These are situations that require a great deal of intercessory prayer so that the powers of darkness recede and the light of the gospel might shine forth.

Prayer Requests:

- Remember the new believers who Martín and Elsy are discipling
- Pray that God's grace would touch the complex problems experienced by the families
- Ask for God's wisdom to guide Martín and Elsy in this ministry
- Prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts and talents with Mission Kingdom

Seventeen Give their Lives to Christ

Some things God has led us to do include gathering thirty people one Sunday and traveling with them for a time of celebration at the local Mennonite Church of La Mesa. For many of them it was the first time that they attended a Christian worship service. Everything was new for them, and even a bit strange. The children that came with us had learned a song, which they shared with the congregation. It was a very special time and a good learning experience for the local church as far as being sensitive to serve those who are being reached with the power of the gospel. In this sense, there is still much to be learned.

God has also allowed us in the month of May to hold our first family encounter with people from both neighborhoods. It was the first time that people from the two neighborhoods met together for joint worship. Even though many of them did not know the praise songs, they made an effort to learn them. For this meeting we invited a long time missionary friend, Susan Comb, who shared the message of God with them. Her message touched their hearts in such a way that were tears of repentance and all 17 persons in attendance officially surrendered themselves to Jesus. It was a very exciting moment for us! Now we have the responsibility of taking care of these spiritual infants and making them disciples of Christ. At this time the particular shape of this new church is not our main goal. Rather, reproducing followers of Christ that transform their community by the power of the Holy Spirit is our chief focus.



God's greatest for the world's least

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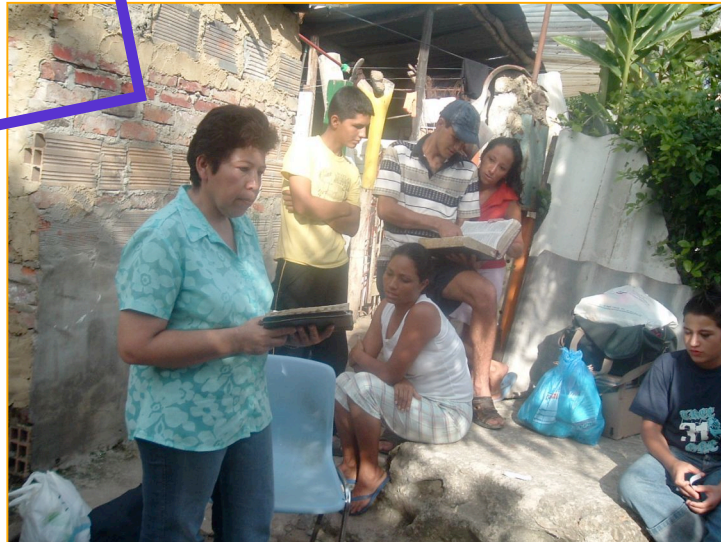
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Omayra
shares a
word from
scripture
before
handing out
the first aid
kits to
families in
Anapoima.

A Useful Tool in the Hands of God

Also in the month of May God moved a sister from our local church in La Mesa named Omayra, a pharmacist, to visit these families in Anapoima. We had talked to her a while ago about preparing some first aid kits for them. So she began to save some money specifically toward that end, prepared the kits, and eventually went with us to the missionary field. She shared her gifts and abilities with them, and her experience with God. After doing this she realized how useful a person can be in the hands of God to reach the lost. We give thanks to God because we have one more person on our ministry team now. To God be all the glory and honor.

An Special Invitation

Dear brothers and sisters in the United States,

You too can be the person God is looking for to reach the lost. He only needs your life. You are the best evangelistic method God has designed to reach others for his kingdom. This missionary field in Anapoima is open for you to exercise the gifts and talents God has placed in your life, and I'm sure that after such an experience, you will never be the same.

We are sure of what the Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians: Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 1 Corinthians 1:26, 27, New Living Translation.

In Christ,

Martin and family