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Training of the Saints for Ministry

In the beginning of May our brothers Jonathan Owen and Blake Miller visited us with the purpose of giving training to all the teachers of the Sunday school and to their parents. We also included anyone who was interested to understand about the children's ministry. It was a blessed time for all. The instruction was incredible, ministering to our hearts so we can then minister to the hearts of the children.

There is no doubt that we are practicing the teachings we received. The people in church are very encouraged to minister in to the lives of the children. I trust in the Lord that this generation will not be lost and that what is sown in their hearts will bring fruit in its time.



Mother's Day and Father's Day (I call it two evangelistic events)

Mother's Day

In El Salvador, this celebration is always on May 10th. This year it landed on a Wednesday, a national holiday for the country. Also a day we have church service. From early on in the day we prepared the church. We had many guests, and people arrived in good spirits. In between special music, gifts and the sharing of the Word, two women received Christ as their Savior. We are very excited. We trust in God that they will continue to come to church. Thank you for praying for this ministry. We can see the hand of the Lord as He adds to those who are to be saved.

Father's Day

As I have shared in previous letters, in El Salvador 90% of the homes are run by the mothers (because of the absence of the fathers, generally because of infidelity). As you can imagine the man has lost much authority in the family and in society. God put on my heart the desire to dedicate a time in which the men could draw close to God in light of this

celebration. We have begun to work to place the men before God and encourage them to become the head of the home. There is much to teach, but I will tell you, there are men who had never set foot in church even though their whole families attend church. I am seeing some of them in church now. There is a couple who has been married 44 years and just the wife comes to church. The celebration was a conduit for him to assist church. We are now praying for his conversion.

Youth in Danger

On the 10th of June I was invited to participate in a youth activity sponsored by Compassion Ministry. They had a center for youth located in a dangerous section in Santa Ana. I was warned about their conduct as we prepared for the activity. All I could do was pray that they would pay attention as I shared with them. I will confess it wasn't that easy. With games and creating an environment where I could draw near to them, it was an incredible time. To see their needs of love and compassion, only one word resounded in my heart and mind: compassion. I am convinced that that is the only way to reach their hearts. I taught what Jesus said about the importance of having a good foundation in their lives. I saw receptive youth as they meditated on where their lives are headed. Because I will tell you their lives are NOT headed in a good direction. The challenge is big. There are over 200 youth who are living in drugs, alcohol, prostitution, among other things.



Help me as we pray so we may continue to have the opportunity to preach the Gospel to them. I am sure that they have heard it enough, *my method is to give them love and compassion to win them over to Christ.*



Baptisms



With the help of God we were able to build a baptistery. This has been a request for many years now. The project was finalized mid June and June 25th four people passed through the waters of baptism. Go throughout the world preaching the Gospel and baptizing.... Glory to God for this opportunity to do so. Thank you for your prayers for the work of the Lord in this part of the world.

We present to you, FOUR new disciples!



Prayer Requests

-Pray for the medical team from Stones Crossing Church. May the Lord open the doors for the preaching of the Gospel during the medical campaign in the month of July.

-Pray for continual training of the Saints for the ministry.

-Pray for the grace of God to continue preaching the Good News in this country.

-Pray for good health and protection.

Thank you for your support, your prayer reach the Throne of Grace in my favor, I can feel the encouragement from the Lord in the ministry. I want to fulfill the purposes of God for my life here.

God Bless you.

In Him

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