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Stones Crossing Church Team

After months of preparation, the team arrives today. I am standing at the door at the airport praying there are no complications as they enter the country. It is exciting to see the team come to the country in good spirits, even though they may be a little tired. We are excited to be reunited and to fulfill the commission of our Lord.

As always, we say the week goes by so quickly. [We have the weekend at Family of Faith Church and then we spend the week working in the medical clinics.](#) As I prepared for the team, I was able to visit with many pastors in rural areas. As I explored I found three new communities with many needs of medical attention. Also, I saw the need to minister to the local pastors as they serve their communities and share Jesus with the lost.





When we have a medical clinic and when we place medicine in the hands of the people, this is just the start to telling them about Jesus. During the week more than 70 people received Christ as their personal Savior, and I can give testimony that hundreds heard a word of encouragement and received prayer. The Lord has put together a good group of pastors and leaders in each community with a desire to pray for the community and minister to them. The response from the local churches this year was the invaluable. At the beginning of each day the pastors would tell the people that many of the illnesses are psychosomatic, emphasizing the urgent need for the Lord in the peoples' lives. (For many years the communities have been symbols of peace and tranquility, but that has been lost, we saw many people who were depressed, desperate, and overwhelmed with problems. There is no peace.) This is why we are in these communities.

I was amazed at the work of the doctors, the nurses and the people in pharmacy. Wow! It was awesome to see Salvadorans working alongside Salvadorans, glorifying the name of Christ. It filled me with joy and thankfulness in my heart. **Muchas gracias Muchachos!**





Here some testimonies:



Dave Steenbarger (group leader)

On July 14, 2018, 19 people from Stones Crossing Church in Greenwood, Indiana, headed for El Salvador and Family of Faith Church for a medical mission. It was a busy week as the team visited and ministered to 4 communities. The team served over 1000 patients and many children. We had 79 people profess faith in Jesus for salvation. To God be the Glory!

The host families extended to the team wonderful hospitality. We were well taken care of.

On the first day of ministry we went to the Nursing School to minister to the students by giving testimony, singing Christian Choruses and sharing the gospel.

Each day on the bus we were treated to the beauty of the El Salvador landscape as we traveled to the communities.

On Sunday the team sang Christian choruses and Pastor Luke Calvert from Stones Crossing Church brought the message from God's Word. During the Wednesday night service at church Steve Dyer from Stones Crossing shared a teaching on the Christian Family.

At the end of the week, we enjoyed the beach and supper with our host families at the local Pizza Hut.

Close relationships developed over the week as we labored together for the common cause of reaching the lost with Christ's Love.

Our motto is help for today and Hope for tomorrow.



Lane DeGeyer

El Salvador Children's Ministry Mission Trip 2018 Wow! Another amazing trip in El Salvador! We had 7 of our 19 help out in the Children's Ministry area working right along side Katy, Carla & Manuel from Family of Faith Church. We really bonded as a team as we served together at 4 different mission sites. Each day either Steve, Lane or Luke would share a testimony of how we came to our faith in Jesus Christ, then we would explain to the children how they too could come to have a

personal relationship with Jesus by explaining the gospel message using the Evangecube. We would visually bring the message even clearer by showing them how Jesus took not only the sins of the world, but each of their own sins and forgives and make us new again by using a "science experiment". The darkness of our "Sin" was represented with water & iodine in a container. There were 2 other containers representing "Jesus" & "You" with clear liquid, 1 with just water & the other with bleach & water.



We are born without sin, however it doesn't take long and sin taints our lives and we are stained. The "Sin" is poured in the "You" container.

Jesus took on all the sin of the world when he was crucified, but was perfect & blameless and was raised to new life, "Sin" is poured into "Jesus" and it doesn't taint him and goes completely clear as it is poured in. "You" are still stained, until you ask "Jesus" into your heart and he cleanses us and makes us clean & pure again, "Jesus" is poured into "You" and makes it clear again. This visual example really grabbed the kids eyes & attention. We then would explain the gospel message visually & hands-on by having them make "salvation necklaces" where each color represents a point about salvation. We asked after each presentation that the kids closed their eyes & bow their heads and were given the opportunity to ask Jesus to come into their hearts for themselves. Many, many came to Christ and were a part of the 79 total who accepted Christ during the 2018 Mission Trip!

The care of the Lord has been incredible. All our needs were provided. As we joined two cultures, two languages, the love seen has no comparison.

Many thanks to our brothers and sisters at Stones Crossing Church for coming and encouraging us and serving the Lord in this little piece of land. Thank you for all your love and preparation for the success of this activity. You will have your reward in Heaven. Thank you for preparing yourself in soul and spirit.

Thank you, Lord for the energy that you showed and gave to others. Thank you for your patience and for adapting to the culture. Thank you for being involved with my people!! Thank you for taking your vacation time to come serve here!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the fruit of this week. May it remain. May the new converts begin attending the local church
- May the Lord complete the healing of my stomach. I am doing much better.

Thank you for your prayers. I can feel them in all areas of my life.

God Bless you.

In Him

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