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It all began with a call from the pastor at Community Church of Columbus, Mike Mantooh. He told me they were thinking of sending a group of high school students at the end of June to El Salvador. And so it was! Twenty-three youth and six leaders prepared to preach the Gospel in the city of Santa Ana. God began opening doors in various schools and hundreds of students were able to see and listen to the program the youth from CCC had prepared. Five youth had prepared some praise music in Spanish, many gave their stories of life in God, and there was also a drama presentation. God used these tools to take the message of salvation to so many. Our first presentation was in downtown Santa Ana. People were very receptive. We were also in different classrooms in the schools, then we brought all the students together in an assembly. We did a second presentation downtown, but it rained. We all huddled in a gazebo and we shared with those who were sheltering

from the rain. On Sunday, July 2, we had a Family Day at Family of Faith. It was a beautiful morning and a great time to share about the love of Jesus to those who were there. That afternoon we returned to downtown and shared the Gospel in the open square. It was interesting that we met and shared with many who were going through a divorce. We had the opportunity to share and speak to them of the importance of having the love of Jesus in their hearts to have a healthy home.



The days continued with presentations in the school, God always in control and opening doors so we could give the Word to the students who had great needs. We were in the schoolrooms, basketball courts and auditoriums, sharing testimonies, face painting, and making balloon animals. We organized with the school and had basketball games. All these were tools that God gave us to share the message of salvation. There is no doubt that the Good News was shared and Hope was preached. At the end of the week, we were able to rest some. We hiked up the Volcano of Santa Ana. During the week, the youth had devotionals to encourage each other in growing in the Lord.

This was the first trip for each of them. They were able to see El Salvador and it was an opportunity to get to know our culture, people and food. They were able to minister, and also be ministered to in the love of Christ. My prayer is that this team will never forget their missionary trip to El Salvador, and that many of them will become pastors and leaders some day. I am grateful to all who made this trip possible, I am grateful to all who prayed. I am grateful to CCC and the leaders who came. It was a great team! Glory to God for their lives. There were many blessings that came out of this trip, and the Great Commission was accomplished. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.



Please pray:

With the help of the Lord, I will travel to Peru August 11-20 to preach in two churches in Lima. Then I will travel to the jungle to teach 35 students from the Mobile Bible Institute. Please pray God will provide for this trip, and that God will prepare the students and prepare me to teach them.

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