

# NEWSLETTER

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### Youth Camp 2024

It was day two of the camp. The day was about to finish. After one session where there was a call to repentance, “E”, a fifteen-year-old boy who attended the camp for the first time approached me and said: “Hey, teacher [that’s what they call me] I would like you to pray for me, I struggle with drug addiction.”

This kid as many who attended the camp live this same reality. They are losing their fight against addictions that seem to take away any hope of living and being free.

Whether sex, drugs, alcohol, or depression, they seem to be prisoners of something more powerful than themselves. But we are to look for an answer outside of ourselves. Read 2 Thessalonians and see how the Lord has comforted us with His grace for us to be transformed: “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.” There is still hope & grace available for them, for you & for me. Let’s turn to Him.



### **Praises**

- For the youth camp in October.
- For the new partners in ministry that have started to support our ministry in Colombia.
- For the 4 new believers that Simon baptized recently.
- For the new opportunities to share the Bible Institute in Colombia.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For the trip to Medellin to help with a BI class.
- For the new projects to work with children & youth.
- For the 4 new believers that Simon baptized recently. That they might be found faithful.
- For continuous provision from God to carry out Bible Institutes and youth camps.

### **Story of a transformed life**

*Santiago* was born in a nominal Christian family. Devastated by the divorce of his parents at an early age he turned to drugs to calm the voice of desperation in his head. Early this year, while using drugs he suffered an overdose. That led him almost to a secure death and to a serious loss of consciousness and memory. But then he had an encounter with God. He called upon the name of the Lord for help and He heard him. He quit on drugs and we have started to study the Bible together. A couple of days ago, I had the privilege of baptizing him.



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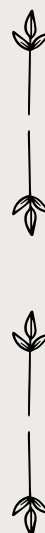


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What is the next right thing you have to do in ministry? What do I see myself doing for the Lord in the next 5-10 years? These and other questions were asked in our annual WR Colombian team retreat. This year we gathered from September 15th to 20th to pray, worship, plan, and have communion as a team. We opened the Scriptures and read in Nehemiah 1 the prayer of a broken man. A man who was not content with the *Status Quo*. A man who longed for the Lord to do something with his life and in the lives of those around him. A man who knew what needed to be done and how to do it. He got that from God himself, and he was fearless and unstoppable. Good news: That story inspired us to pray and think. What could God do in our ministries if we just lived surrendered lives seeking to join Him in the work He is doing in the world? Stop and look up. There are answers.



## A vision from the Scriptures




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