



Taking Christ to the Nations

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*“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,”*

*Titus 2:11-13*

## NEWS

During these months, I just want to share how grateful I am to the Lord for seeing and experiencing God's grace in every trip and work project that has been carried out. I will announce this in this letter, and I encourage you to read it and marvel at how good God has been to me in being able to see His work in Colombia.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES CUCUTA AND PUERTO INIRIDA

I visited two of the four Bible Institutes (BI) operating in our country. And on these two trips, I would like to share with you how God touches the hearts of the students and attendees of each BI. I would have to write many letters to tell you all the things God has done for them. However, I want to share the testimony of two students. They are Sergio Duran from BI Cúcuta and Wilson Cariban from BI Puerto Inírida. Sergio Duran, who is the young man with his son in the first image, made his decision for Jesus approximately two years ago. He had a very difficult past, as he practiced all kinds of evil. He was a very conflicted person, but the grace of God was manifested in his life when, through his wife, he learned the gospel of Jesus. Sadly, at the beginning of this year, his wife passed away naturally. The person the Lord used to speak to him about the gospel passed away, and not only she, but also one of his children, who was 3 months old. That was a week before the BI Cúcuta in February. However, despite the grief and pain of his loss, Sergio traveled to the BI and decided to take on the challenge of studying with us in the first preliminary class on "Called to Serve." This was what our Lord used to heal his heart and give hope not only to him but also to his son, who accompanied him to the class and wanted to learn about God's call to serve. It was a powerful testimony for everyone in the class, as part of his words were: "This material was a



discipleship for my life and a healing support to understand that God calls." **PRAISE TO THE LORD! WHO COMFORTS IN THE MIDST OF PAIN.**



Now I want to talk to you about Wilson, a student at BI Puerto Inirida. He is 30 years old and, as you can see, has a large family; with his wife and six children. He is from Venezuela and in his testimony, he tells how God led him to Colombia to prepare. At 22, he met Jesus as his personal Savior and decided to serve Him. For six years, he studied in various courses, but God led him to further preparation when he heard about the arrival of WORLD REACH in Puerto Inirida. He decided to come to Colombia, confident that God was bringing him there for his training. He arrived this year, and while studying

in the Hermeneutics class he attended with Brad, our director of BI, he understood the importance of studying and interpreting Scripture. Through the class taught by Brother Abner, director of BI Honduras, Wilson was left with a phrase that remained etched in his heart: "He who stops learning must also stop teaching." This helped him understand that he must be different from the leaders currently in Guainía, Colombia. Leaders who are unprepared and in need of personal discipleship and leadership. There are many more student stories I could write, but God led me to write about these to involve them in the work in Colombia. Your prayers and financial support for ministry allow us to participate in the Lord's work, and to be able to say together, "GLORY TO GOD OUR LORD!" God is opening doors.

## CAMP GUAINIA



This was another experience in my life as a missionary. I won't share many details since other brothers and sisters will tell you about the great adventure we had. But what I do want to share is how God aligned me with what I've been longing for lately: working with the next generation. The camp was scheduled for ages 13 and up, but God modified the agenda since we had twenty children ages 6 to 11 years old. I was encouraged by the Lord to give workshops to the children at the camp.

What I taught them was:

What is the Bible and Creation. Which is a very important topic for them, since they are taught little about the Old Testament, because they don't have it in their language, Cubeo.



They also carry out evangelism with paintings to further illustrate the importance of the cross for the young people of these communities. It was very impactful to see how their gaze was focused on the cross; the gaze of those who, with faith, were guided by God to repentance and a true relationship with Him.

Many of them shared their testimonies. For some, it was a challenge to personally embrace faith in Jesus; for others, it was the first time they had heard of it.

## PRAISE

- For the opportunities God provides to learn about what He has done in our country, and to have the privilege of going and bearing witness to Jesus.
- For the brothers and sisters God has placed on their hearts to support our family and ministry with World Reach
- For the brothers and sisters who always remember us in their prayers.

## PRAYERS

### Family

- Guidance and sensitivity to God's call for His work.
- For unity and service in faith as a family.
- For increased financial support

### Ministry

- Wisdom to guide the leadership and local churches of Guainía.
- For the two courses already scheduled for the second semester of BI COLOMBIA.
- For the virtual inductive method course for the WORLD REACH platform.
- Provision for future trips in Colombia.
  - ✓ Retreat in July with WORLD REACH in Rio Negro.
  - ✓ Trips for BI classes in August, September, and November.
  - ✓ October camp offered by WORLD REACH Colombia.

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May The Lord Bless You,

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