

## Taking Christ to the Nations

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### TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S GOODNESS

In this letter you will find **THREE** stories of how God is working and moving in the hearts and lives of three people in our church congregation.

#### I HAD SEARCHED FOR YEARS FOR GOD

Kevin is in his twenties and started attending our church a few months ago. At first he came because he was interested in improving (his already advanced) English ability. After English class he started staying to help out with the kids' Bible club. He noticed that we were always short-handed and began staying to help with snack and help the kids with their work book pages.

He now attends youth group, helps with our Saturday services, attends worship service on Sundays (and hopes to help us start a worship band he studied music and plays various instruments) and comes to the adult discipleship on Monday nights.

During youth group last week Kevin shared a bit of his testimony to encourage the youth, and we wanted to share his testimony with you as well. Kevin said:

**I had been searching for God for many years, but could never "find" Him. I tried attending large churches, but even attending and trying to learn about God, I always felt lost, far from God, and in a way deceived. People acted one way at church, but completely different when they walked out the door.**

**Then I came here to "Church at Home" and I saw a difference. I saw people who had a relationship with God. I saw people who acted the same in church and outside of its walls. I can honestly say that after YEARS of searching, I am finally coming to know who God is.**



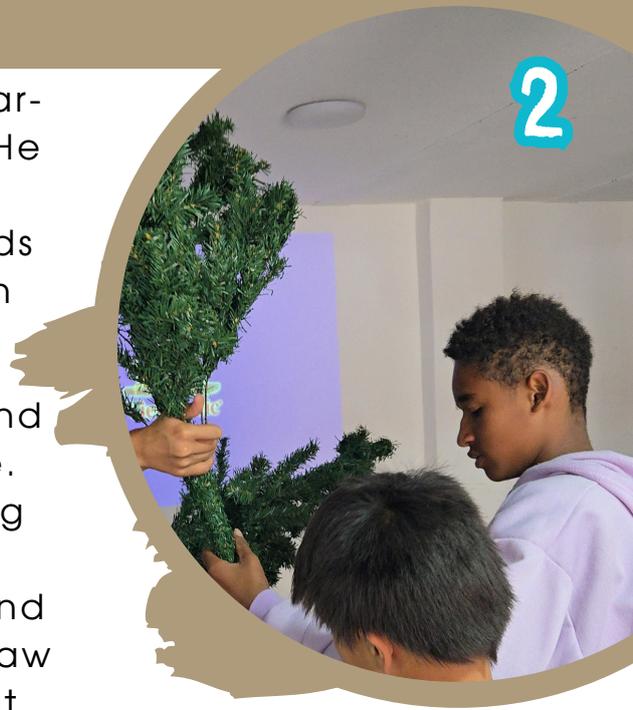
## A SAFE PLACE

Miguel is a young, smart, and capable 13 year-old kid, but he has very little family support. He spends 12 to 16 hours on his own without supervision. Since he is always alone, he tends to spend every minute he can at the church when it is open.

Last Saturday we had finished English class and Kids' Bible club, but he didn't want to leave. So, he just hung out helping us clean, playing games with our girls, and passing the time (knowing that eventually we would lock up and leave for the day). He was excited when he saw us buy soup for lunch, because he knew that meant we would hang out at the church an hour or so longer to eat.

As I arrived with the soup he walked up to me and whispered, "is it ok if I hang out while you eat. You see, Valentina wants me to go steal from the store with her. I don't want to go, but I don't have an excuse. Can I stay here at the church where it is safe.

Needless to say, we all stayed at the church, ate lunch together, and played board games for a few more hours. What a blessing that he has found comfort and safety at the church and that he knows where he can come when he is feeling trapped and alone.



### PRAYERS & PRAISES:

- We have started the long and slow process of legalizing the church. Pray for 20 dedicated members who are willing to sign the papers with us.
- Also pray that God provides a larger building to meet in. We are definitely outgrowing our one room space.

## JESUS IS IN MY HEART

During our end of the year Christmas party, we gave people the opportunity to share how God has worked in their lives this year.

The most impactful testimony shared that night was a 6-year-old girl who raised her hand, and with tears in her eyes said, "I am just thankful to have Jesus in my heart."



# PHOTO CAPTIONS

**1** This string of 3 photos gives a look into a typical Sunday morning. We all join together for worship (kids and adults). After worship we take the kids to the tent outside for Sunday school while the adults stay in the church building for the teaching. So far this has worked, but we would love to find a building that has at least 2 meeting rooms so that we have 2 different rooms for services. This would also provide more space for our Saturday kids clubs when we break into small groups.

**2** This is Miguel. He was one of just a few students who came early Sunday morning before church to help us decorate the church for Christmas. Miguel and Julian usually compete to see who can get to church first on Sunday mornings. They each win about 50% of the time... although one morning Miguel came at 7am just to hang out. Mind you, church starts at 10am! :)

**3** For our church Christmas dinner we had over 75 people attend. Due to a lack of space, people gathered on the sidewalk outside to join in the songs, Bible story, sharing of testimonies, and enjoy a delicious pot-luck dinner.

**4** For Halloween, our youth came together to perform a gospel skit for the community and hand out Gospel tracts. It was amazing to see the youth feel led to share the Gospel with others through the skit and handing out Bibles and gospel tracts.



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