



## Eternal Eyes...

Dear Friends,

Have you ever had a certain face haunt you? You know, you meet a new person or child, you look into their eyes and you seem to fall into eternity?



A few weeks ago we held our first Community & Medical Outreach in more than 2 years. I was busy running the sound system on the day 1, but on day 2, I was able to wander through the various activities that we had set up and get to know some of the hundreds of people that we were serving.

In addition to a lot of free food, clothing, music and always a strong Gospel message, we were able to do dozens of kids activities, like clowns and face painting. And it was there that I fell into the eyes of this little princess who has haunted me, in a good way, ever since.

Looking into her eyes, into simple contentment at being able to be a child, reminds me of why we do outreach & reminds me to pray for her & the enormous potential for her future.

### Steal A Bible, Change A Life

As we begin our 2022 campaign to distribute some 20,000 Bibles to homes across Bogota and it's surrounding area, you might ask, "Can a Bible really change someone's life?" The answer? I know it can. I am living proof, even if you need to steal one to make it happen!



Back in 1984, I was a 17 year old street kid in London, ON. Having been thrown out of the house by my father, I was living anywhere and anyway I could - for months on end, until one day I met a bunch of people that would change my life. The video arcade where I was hanging out, was purchased by an ex-biker, a Christian man that soon began to share his faith with all of my friends.

Feeling threatened by all of this God stuff, I was determined to disapprove Christianity and I needed a Bible to do it. So, I stole one! **You could say that I Stole Glory that day** because it led me straight to the feet of Jesus.



Meeting with 2 dozen pastors in preparation for Bible distribution in 6 communities.

The Bible changes people and that is why we are thrilled to be part of the world wide campaign, **Eradicate Bible Poverty, Now!**

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada has taken on this challenge with us and are helping us to obtain 10,000 Bibles towards our goal.

We are also partnering with The Bible League to obtain materials and we will be going door to door over the next few months, with dozens of churches, hundreds of volunteers and thousands of Bibles! Stay tuned to hear the stories of how God changes lives.

### Project Refuge - Grand Opening!!!



On May 21<sup>st</sup> we celebrated! After 3 years, the 1st phase of the Refuge Boy's home expansion is complete. Soon, we will be

applying for the permit to open the community feeding centre. We are thrilled!



Raul Ospina cuts the ribbon of the centre named to honour him for his years of service.

As part of the expansion, we have added two new dormitories to the home, that will allow up to 20 more boys to be brought into care.

Presently, we are working on raising the funds to purchase 10 new bunk beds and renovate the bathroom in the main building. We have \$500 of the 6k needed so far.

### Outreach Teams Are Returning!



And the Colombians beat you all! 😊 In May we hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> of what will be many teams from our church in Bogota. Puente Largo plans to walk alongside us over the next few months, in the boy's home and our Bible distribution.

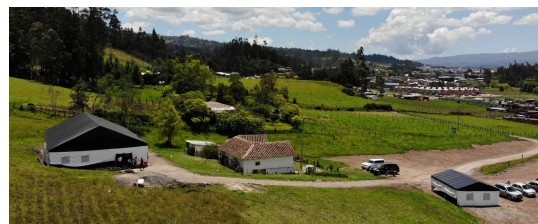
**PLUS!!!** we have 2 teams from Canada that are hoping to visit soon, one in Oct. from Pickering Pentecostal and the 2<sup>nd</sup> next Feb. from Broadway Church in Orangeville, Ontario.

## The Father's House



If you were to walk into Pastor German's Church today, you would think that you were in their old rented auditorium.

The suspended ceiling is almost complete and the 220 seat sanctuary is almost exactly the same size. However, this is not a building, rather a large tent with a generator running nearby so that they have capacity for all of the sound gear and the means to still live stream their services.



We hope to have the building permits in the next 3-4 months, so that we can start on the permanent church & Christian school, but in the meantime - The Hills Are Alive With the sound of Music!

Gratefully,

*Darren, Patty, James & Darien*

P.S. Thank you for your prayers for Patty. She continues to recover from her Hip Replacement and is now walking without a cane. We are grateful for her progress.

Just as Jesus had a group of people who sustained Him (Luke 8:1-3), we also depend on God's provision as expressed through the Body of Christ. *Please partner with us through your giving!*

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