



Dear Friends,

If a picture is worth a 1000 words, then the above pic should at least be worth a newsletter title! There is so much depth in this image - a bunch of Bible College students sharing their hearts with some 300 students in a country school.

Sasaima, was just one of many towns visited by the 21 member group from Summit Pacific Bible College in May. Working as 2 separate teams, we spoke in multiple schools, children's homes and senior centres over 18 days.



In addition to sharing love and hope with thousands of students in their schools, we also held a mass youth event & preached in multiple churches. Just on one Sunday we had 6 students preaching in 6 churches simultaneously!

But the real story here is not about the numbers and they were impressive; rather about the individuals that were impacted on the team and in our audiences.



This outreach was part of Summit's Omega program, a one year discipleship school that concludes with an international outreach. In this case they sent teams to 3 countries, the others being Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

Having spent a year focusing on their relationship with God, this outreach was their chance to step out in faith... and boy did God ever show up!

One of those expressions of faith was sharing their stories, their deepest, hardest experiences of God giving them hope for the future. Intimate stories were shared in front of hundreds of students and in front of their team mates.



But their stories of anguish brought hope to the students that were listening to them. Suddenly they did not feel alone, they were hearing that others shared similar struggles.

Then we had Devyn, Brooklyn, Danny, Ben & others speaking; preaching - for the 1st time! And they did amazing! Each one brought a God inspired message; **because they were empowered in their youth and not restricted for their inexperience.** That opportunity will impact their service for life.



There were two moments in the outreach **that touched me profoundly.** One was from the picture to the left. Imagine being in a park, sharing your story, singing about Jesus, about hope; all the while not being sure that people, other than church folk, were even paying attention... And then being astounded as people came out of the crowd for prayer and you soon found yourself hugging strangers as you prayed for their needs. Watching the team step out in love moved me deeply.

And then there was The Bethlehem Foundation (TBF). Wow! What an afternoon! Located 1.5 hours west of Bogota, TBF

is a Christian home for young children is the care of Colombian Social Services. With up to 50 boys & girls in their care, TBF is home for 6 months to a year while either family situations are resolved, the kids are put into long term care or are placed in adoption.

Can you imagine their pain and feelings of abandonment?



We walked into that home to share love, talk about healing and how God can be their Father, even when their families are distant. We played with them, sang, shared hugs and we danced to a song that spoke of enjoying life to its fullest - in spite of the pain; even as we were crying our hearts out on the inside. **And where was Jesus? He danced with us.**

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Not so far from Chiquinquirá, there is a little mountaintop church that we love, in spite of the near death experience on our 1st trip (a long story)! They have gone from a wooden shack to building a permanent sanctuary.



But they did not have a Sunday School, something that we have helped with over the last couple years. The kids are thrilled, but the original building's roof was rusted out and leaking. So we made a deal, you do the work, we supply the metal. *One more church that YOU helped us to establish.*

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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Good Bye Skype!

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San Martin - Rivers of Life Church



Last fall, we wrote about the town of San Martin and the little church that we have been helping along, all because their pastor gave an offering to missions.

Well, just a few days ago, God put a seal on their faith and Rivers of Life Church inaugurated their new church! For now, is it a one room structure that will hold 100 members, but **it is a far cry from the rented, bug infested shack** where they were meeting. For now the Sunday School will meet in a member's house nearby. And who knows, maybe we will...



Much Love!

Darren & Patty

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