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## **ALVARO HAS DIED!!!**

This is the text message I received a couple of days ago. Alvaro was a 16 year old boy that I met at the camp last February. Alvaro was trained by his older brother in martial arts with the purpose of defending and protecting himself. He had become very angry and would fight with any one for no real reason; he was also using drugs and alcohol. He was unable to do his work because of his addictions and the camp administrators did not know what to do with him.



## Alvaro's Conversion

But one evening, after watching the Jesus film, he gave his life to the Lord; and everything changed for him. He had a true conversion. He stopped fighting, using drugs and alcohol. He also started meeting his daily quota at work and earning some money. I could tell the Lord was working in his life, his whole countenance changed; he had the most beautiful smile and his big eyes were full of light. He began sharing the Good News with his roommate Alfredo who also became a believer and with a lot of his old friends.



Alvaro became so in love with God that he decided to go back to his village in Guerrero and was excited about sharing the Gospel with his parents. Last time I saw him was in the middle of March. I kept in touch with him via text messages. Over a week ago, I sent him a text but did not hear back. I texted him again two days later and there was no reply, so I started praying for the Lord to protect him and to watch over him.

A few days ago, I received a text message that said "Alvaro has died". I immediately called back and his aunt answered the phone. I asked to speak with Alvaro, she said "Alvaro has passed away", he died on April 17th, exactly the time I was praying for him. She said that Alvaro had become very ill, was taken to the hospital and passed away there. I told her that I met Alvaro at the camp where he was working, that his life was changed by Jesus Christ and that he was now at peace with God in heaven. She started crying and said thank you.

I started crying, I was mad at the enemy for cutting his life short but the Lord reminded me that he was now with Him and that I will see him again someday.

**I was also reminded that if it had not been for Bridge To The Nations ministering at camp Tayoltita, Alvaro might not have known the Lord and his life would not have been saved. In remembering that the purpose of this ministry is to reach the Indigenous migrant workers and to disciple them while they are here; so when they go back to their villages they can share the Gospel with their family and friends; this is exactly what Alvaro did. There are hundreds of young boys like Alvaro at this camp.**

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## **More praise reports:**

**Nine** people getting baptized this Easter.

About **seventy five** people came to the Lord since February.

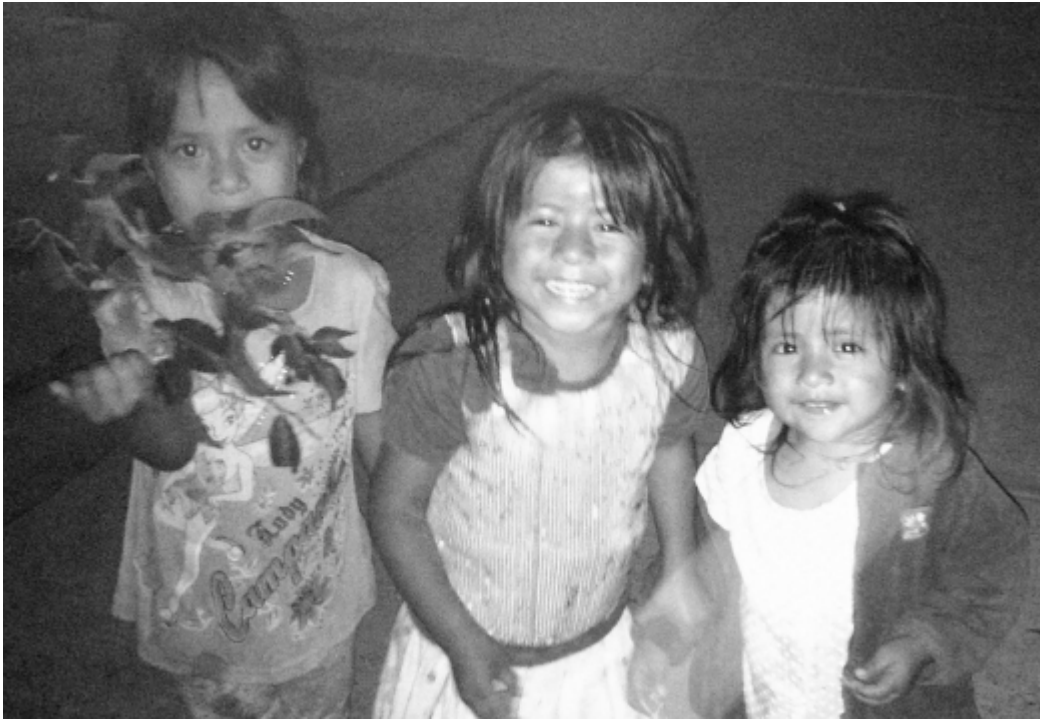
Attendance of **forty-fifty** people at our Sunday meetings.

Attendance of approximately **one hundred** people attending Movie night every week.

**Ten** men delivered from drugs and alcohol, **five** of them are regularly attending Sunday service with their families and actively witnessing to their friends and family.

We had our first visit to the hospital to pray for the sick.

More kids coming to Christ on a daily basis.



Bridge to the Nations goes forward with current building project which will result in the expansion of the Kingdom of God in Tayoltita and the surrounding villages.

Please help us to keep sharing the Gospel by supporting this ministry with your prayers and finances. Go to our website at [www.bridge2thenations.com](http://www.bridge2thenations.com) and make a donation today.

By His grace,

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