BRIDGE TO THE NATIONS

So much to tell, so many people coming to the Lord, so many lives healed and restored. How could I ever write everything I have seen the Lord do during the last 5 months? I now understand the Apostle John when he said: "There are also many other things which Jesus did. If they should be all recorded one by one [in detail], I suppose that even the world itself could not contain (have room for) the books that would be written." (AMP Bible)

One highlight that touched my heart deeply was Marco's story. I met Marco (not real name) when he was a little boy. He is now 18! As he got older he drifted away, he started working at 14, stopped going to school and began hanging out with the wrong crowd of people. Three years ago, he became my student since he wanted to finish Junior High. I continued to share the Good News even though he did not seem interested. I visited him and his family at least twice a week and prayed for them as the Holy Spirit led. I just knew that the Lord was prompting me to believe for his salvation, so I did.

About two months ago, Marco became very ill with chest pains and shortness of breath. He was rushed to the hospital a few times. I went to see him and prayed for him: I then found out that he was experimenting with drugs and this was causing the symptoms. Marco told me that he is glad that the drugs made him sick because he knows this was the only way he was going to come to Christ. He remembers the times he accepted the Lord as a little boy, and he says that he has never forgotten the stories I used to tell him and the other kids. Marco accepted the Lord, this time with full awareness of what that means. I gave him a Bible and asked him to read it every day and especially when he got the withdrawal symptoms. He is now doing well, with almost all the symptoms gone, and he is growing to be a mature Christian. All the years that I felt my prayers for him did nothing; but God was working in the background preparing the way for Marco to come to him. PRAISE THE LORD!!! This story gives me the strength to stand in the gap for many others and reaffirms the mission and vision of Bridge To The Nations.



Marco opened his heart to the Lord after watching the Jesus Film

As the harvest season came to an end, I got to see some of my friends off; many were full of joy having met Christ and are looking forward to sharing the Gospel in their villages. Some of the kids were crying as we said good bye \Box I hope to see them again and pray that what the Bible stories told to them would resonate in their hearts and dreams, and Jesus would become real to them.







Loading their luggage

We have also been busy with the construction project. The workers were able to finish one room to which I moved all my stuff. However, the room is not finished. It's still needs a kitchen, tile on the floor and bathroom, painting inside and out, and there is no electricity. This will be my dwelling when I return next September. This building is just the beginning of the new Bridge To The Nations campus.









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 and make a donation as the Lord leads you.

I am back in California for some rest and recharging time. I hope to get together with some of you to share more of what God is doing here and the vision HE has given me for the near future along with the construction site.

Many blessings to all,

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