

# CHRISTIAN SEEKING IDENTITY

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Greetings Family & Friends,

In late January we were honored to host a CBC Colorado team of students in Machala, Ecuador. As every team and every trip is different and uniquely tailored to the personalities of each team; this one was no exception. For Suzan and myself what we are seeing is how God works in the students first of all to bring them to victories in situations in their lives and then from that point of victory we see God work through them to touch hearts and lives of others in a very powerful way. The transformations that take place in all the lives involved is amazing.

It seems like the students in the past few years are daring to believe God more. This has enabled God to manifest His Word in a more powerful manner as they minister to others. Our Machala team was again no exception. The power and love of God was flowing through them in such a way that the presence of God in them was so obvious that even a newspaper journalist took note of it. In Suzan's article that follows she describes how powerful the Lord is moving in Machala and in other parts of the United States as well.

We pray that it will bless you and encourage you by letting you know that God is alive and well, regardless of what the media seems to be saying to us in the United States.

God Bless

Your Friends,  
Mickey & Suzan

## Love by Example

Hello Family & Friends!

One of We have just returned from Machala, Ecuador where we hosted 14 Colorado Charis Bible College students and two leaders on a second-year mission trip.

It was a great trip. It is amazing how everyone from both countries melded together in such a beautiful spirit of unity. The students ministered the love of God in various churches and foundations with great results. But the thing that really stood out in my mind was the two days that they spent ministering free hugs in the park!

Now days it seems like everywhere you go; Christians are facing persecutions from the people of the world. And part of that is because the religious side of the church (and I am not pointing fingers because I was right there with them some years ago) has not presented the Gospel in a manner that the world is attracted to! Let me explain myself. Typically, the church has been more concerned with correcting people's behavior and getting people to confess their sins, than they have been with simply loving people with the Father's kind of love. We have made it look like God is a very demanding God that is not very approachable, and the world is not buying into it! It is amazing how people's perspective of God and

how they view Christians changes when we approach them the same way that Jesus approached people. Jesus could see into the depths of people's hearts. Jesus did not come to condemn the world. He did not come to pass out judgement. He came with deliverance on His mind. He came to minister love and compassion to people who were hurting and that is what got the people's attention! A reporter happened to be walking through the park in Machala while we were there and noticed that something out of the ordinary was going on! When someone explained what we were doing, he asked if he could get a picture of the students and write an article about them for the newspaper! Wow!

### Miembros de "Charis Bible College" oraron en el Parque J. Montalvo

La esquina del parque Juan Montalvo, de esta ciudad, fue el escenario donde se concentraron miembros de la delegación cristiana de Estados Unidos, pertenecientes al grupo "Charis Bible College", dirigidos por Andrew Wommack.

Los visitantes se unieron a machaleños, también miembros de la congregación, para orar y compartir

las buenas nuevas que tiene Jesucristo para la humanidad.

Además rezaron para pedir que el Señor resuelva los graves conflictos que afectan a la humanidad.

El llamado reunió a buena cantidad de gente, que acompañó con fervor las oraciones.



# Christian Seeking Identity



*(Students giving Free Hugs and praying for people -above & right)*

It reminds me of an article that the San Francisco Chronicle wrote about a church in Redding, California. This church gained national and international attention for its hands-on approach to their city. Seventeen years ago, Redding was voted to be one of the worst cities with less than 100,000 people to live in in the USA.

As the leadership of the church assessed the problem, they asked themselves, 'Is this our problem, or is the fact that the city is not our problem the real problem? If we are the light of the world, and our city seems to be getting darker and darker, then we must be the problem! What would Jesus do if He lived in this city? The church decided to take ownership that this city was their city and they threw themselves into bettering the city by serving the city. They went to the city council and simply asked, How can we make your life better? Whatever they were asked to do, they did it with all of their ability and they began to have a vision *(Redding California Church members working to improve their city)*



to prove to their city that the people of God have a

spirit of excellence. It is not confrontation that inspires change! Confrontation causes people to put up walls of resistance!



We can't take a hands-off attitude when culture veers from the truth either. That simply invites the demonic realm to take over. We can't throw rocks at those that we are trying to influence. We can't respond to name calling with name calling. That is not what gets people's attention. We have to bring a sense of honor into our political conversations and actions speak louder than words.

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. *(Praying in the park -rt.)*



For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. (Galatians 5:13-15)  
God Bless you !

Your friends

Mickey & Suzan *(Team went on boat ride to a Shrimp Farm)*



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