

# CHRISTIAN SEEKING IDENTITY NEWSLETTER



## Latin America Mission Trips

We have been hosting CBC school mission teams in Latin America since January. It is always amazing to see how the hand of God is involved in putting specific students together for specific trips based on both the needs of the people that they will be ministering to and the individual experience that God wants each student to walk away with. The students and the people they minister to all wind up having unique God experiences that affirms and re-affirms God's love for them.

We hosted three teams from Colorado. The first one went with us to Costa Rica where the the ministry was almost

completely centered around evangelism. This was not the type of evangelism that the students were accustomed to and they were delighted with it. The purpose of this evangelism was to simply manifest the love of God to the people that they encountered. They ministered in the cities of San Jose and Limon, on the streets, in parks, door to door, and in churches. It was amazing to see how this approach caused an immediate positive response in the people that they ministered to and any religious walls that might have been built up came tumbling down. When people begin to understand that God is

approachable and that His only agenda is to love them and help them, they develop the boldness to personally run to Him and that is what true salvation is all about!

**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Hebrews 4:16**

## COSTA RICA

Just to show you God's hand in things, one of the students approached us with tears in his eyes soon after he reached Costa Rica and shared this testimony: I came on this trip with one goal in mind. I didn't come to preach or teach because I don't see myself doing that in the future! I came because I simply want to love people. God put that desire in my heart the day of my son's funeral. I prepared a sign to use on this trip that tells people that God loves them and that I would pray for them. When I arrived in San Jose You provided the team with signs that promised people free hugs and prayer and told us that our mission was to simply manifest the love of God to people the same way Jesus would have.

## ECUADOR

The second team from Colorado went with us to Salinas, Ecuador. The ministry opportunities there included ministering in local



churches, addressing a pastor's association and ministering to two city mayors. The team ministered to children on multiple occasions, and helped pass out Samaritan's purse boxes.

Some of the best ministry and experiences students have arise from opportunities we don't plan on and God just shows up. One of these occasions occurred when we visited a tiny village called Sitio Nuevo where one of the residents we know makes figurines out of "Tagua" seeds to sell to tourists. It all started when a few members of the team began kicking a soccer ball in the street. As the students began to demonstrate God's love by just having fun with the kids, the people of the village gathered around. It went from playing with the kids in the street to praying for the people in the crowd that assembled together. What a blessing!

We were also able to re-connect with the family whose little boy was raised from the dead a year ago and are happy to report that little Jose is a typical two year full of energy and vitality.

Sometimes, such as in this case, we witness the immediate results of our prayers; other times we don't see any visible manifestation. We have no idea just how much we are affecting people's lives, but Mickey and I hear praise reports after the fact often enough to know that God is using CBC schools and its students in a powerful way.

## BOGOTA, COLUMBIA

The third team went to Bogota Colombia. The couple from Colorado that accompanied the team remarked that they had never been on a mission trip where the students had as much one on one and group ministry time! The students ministered in several schools, one of which had over 550 children. It is amazing the places that open up their door to ministry in third world countries that are not available to us in the United States!

The group spent several hours helping Rhema Bible School students taking English practice their English.



They ministered in churches and re-habilitation centers and were on the run from the early morning hours until late in the evening just being a blessing to people in every walk of life in need. They even had a God ordained encounter with a lady pastor who had taken over her husbands ministry after he passed away. She told the group that she had been crying out to God for answers and help and God used their group to supply the answers she had been looking for.

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