

Niños de Cristo (Christ's Kids)

The Crumbleys in Mexico

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God Is Fast, Very by Tony

It was a normal Monday morning, but it quickly turned into an incredible lesson on God's power. Oliveria asked me to go by and talk with her daughter, Bennie, that morning because she needed diapers and milk for her two babies. I asked her why because I knew Bennie's husband was working. She said he had gone to the other side, meaning Texas. I went to Bennie's later that day after buying groceries and milk and then passing back by the school later for diapers from our storage room. I locked everything up and went to my car, but realized I had forgotten a little children's Bible. I went back in and retrieved it and headed to Bennie's house. Timing is everything.

When I got to Bennie's we unloaded the groceries and I talked with her and with her sister Ruth who was there. I showed them the children's Bible and Leslie, her 2 year old, looked at the pictures with Ruth. I asked Bennie if she had heard from her husband since he left a week ago to go to find work in Texas. She had not heard anything, neither had his mother or family here. They were afraid he was either in jail, hurt, or dead. She asked if I would pray and we did. Immediately after I said, "Amen", the phone rang. I had not risen from my chair. Bennie told me to wait, it might be news. Guess what? It was her mother-in-law. She had just talked to Bennie's husband and he was very, very tired, but safe with his brother in Texas. God answers prayers in amazing ways and for His glory. Bennie is not living a life of obedience to Christ. Her mother and sisters know Christ as Lord, but she does not. But now she does know Christ's power through prayer.

Juanito preparing the site for cement to be poured

Jared with a 500 piece puzzle (for a craft frame)



Gali being silly, as always

Michelle deep in thought, hard at work



Progress in Wee Ones by Kelley

Normally I help with the youngest ones in our school, Jared, Judith, and Chinita. They are growing physically, socially, and intellectually every week! For example, Chinita could not talk clearly when she first started about 9 months ago, just sounds and noises. Just this past week on our ride home Chinita's older sister, Sarahy, was playing a game with her. She would say a word and Chinita would repeat it. Sarahy would say 'Nacho' and Chinita would repeat the name. Sarahy would say 'Kelley' and Chinita would say 'Kelley'. Needless to say we were thrilled that she could say our names, but even more impressed that she was saying words clearly. Chinita was also one of the toughest ones to handle, a 2 year old for sure, but with each day she becomes more and more loving and obedient.

Sarah Wright used to say Judith would one day be a gymnast, maybe so. She is one sure-footed 2 year old as she runs and kicks a ball equal to other 6 year olds. She can climb the rope ladder on the jungle gym out back with no problems at all.

Jared is the youngest child, 18 months, but he has shown some incredible developmental progress. He loves books and puzzles. If he ever slips away you can be sure to find him in the library sitting quietly flipping through his favorite books. He is also starting to talk and makes many animal noises, like the horse. And, yes, he is a dancer. A few Fridays back as we played music Jared danced a little jig in the middle of a hula hoop. He has much more rhythm than Tony.

If you remember Gali, you might remember she has been one of the most disobedient kids. Every day she is becoming more and more obedient and more loving and at times almost an angel...ha, ha. Michele, Gali's classmate in the beginning would only come to Carolina but now she has warmed up to me. She didn't talk much either or play nice with the other children, but she is talking up a storm and actually initiates play with other kids. Gali and Michelle used to fight everyday, and they still have their times of disagreement, but for the most part they have become best friends and actually love each other.

I could go on and on about what God is doing in the little lives here in Mexico. We are amazed and in awe at the work God is doing daily and we are privileged to be able to see this first hand. Thank you for assisting in changing little lives in Matamoros.

Amen by Tony

What Kelley just wrote, "Amen! Amen!" I used to believe that reaching college students for Christ was the most effective way for changing this world. I still believe in college ministry. However, if we can reach young children ages 1 through 5 and if we can teach them how to love one another, that Jesus loves them and they have a heavenly father that cares for them and will never go away or leave them, ***we can change this world in one generation.*** It is that simple. The formative years are known to be the most crucial years of a child's life, ages 0 to 5. How important is it then for the church worldwide to key in on this fact and teach wee ones that Jesus truly does love them and their heavenly father is always present with them? The children Kelley wrote about will never forget the many songs and stories they've heard, and they will always remember the many hugs and the love. Our goal--***Love this generation, change the world!***

Powerful Drama, Lives Changed Eternally

How could God use a drama with no words, just movements and music? Impossible! Maybe for powerless false gods, but our All-Powerful God convicted the lives of 8 people this past Saturday. God moved through His Spirit during a short, non pressure-filled invitation time after a group from Central Christian Church in Brownsville performed a power-filled drama. 8 souls were claimed by Christ because a youth group was obedient to God and simply used their gifts. God can use dramas, prayers, and maybe you to touch lives.

Praises!

- The Lord continues to bless our family and our children.
- Great conference in Monterrey with John Latimer and visit with Judy, Sarah, and Mary
- 8 souls saved this past Saturday after powerful drama from Central Christian. Aleluya!!!
- Encouraging time with Chris King this past month, our newest coworker/supplier/prayer warrior
- Carrie's graduation this Friday and both our families here to visit. Kelley's parents and sister here for first time!
- Many answered prayers, some right away like answering a phone, others a little longer. God is good!
- Many Spanish and English books given to us by a sister and prayer warrior in Georgia. Gracias Cindy!
- Clarity of vision and focus by the Holy Spirit in areas of ministry both here and throughout Latin America

Prayer Needs

- Cam and Melissa as they prepare for their wedding and new life in Christ.
- Carrie, soon to be a graduate, plans and directions, Africa internship
- Workers to remain united, at peace, and focused on ministry to others.
- Incoming groups to be stretched, to learn about God, and to have a heart for the people here
- The Wachhotz family-peace, wisdom, patience, direction, and more Spanish skills.
- Construction of new classrooms at our facility and church expansion in colonia La Villa.
- July trip to Guatemala for more language training
- Tony's short trip to El Salvador in July for prayer and fellowship with other missions

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