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Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

Warmest greetings to each supporter and their families. May the Lord continue to bless your lives and may you continue to be a blessing.

BUSES

During the school vacation we were preaching on buses. Unfortunately, a well-organized group of thieves have been going onto buses, pretending to be missionaries, but after two or three minutes they put their Bibles away and get out their guns and rob the passengers.

On July 1, I was sharing the Word of God on a bus and Julio was taking the photos, when a man shouted: "Driver please stop the bus at the next police station, because there are three thieves on the bus and I have been robbed." I was at the front of the bus close to one thief (see the photo) and Julio was in the back close to the two other thieves. The driver went faster and the people opened the windows and shouted "police, police help." Others called 911 on their cell phones (it's called 123 in Colombia).

I stopped preaching because I thought that passengers might



German, in blue, beside the thief, in red

think we were part of the gang and trying to distract attention. Julio thought, if German keeps quiet the passengers will think we are nervous because we were discovered.

The man who had been robbed was swearing, blocking the back door, and saying he would not let the thieves escape. He pointed out the thieves (two men, one woman). Then he looked at me and said: "Sorry, sir, for the bad words and for interrupting your sharing of the Word of God."

We were so relieved that the victim realized we were not the band of false Christians stealing on buses.

The bus then stopped at a traffic light where there were a group of police officers, with weapons drawn. One woman passenger said she had seen the thieves drop

the money on the floor, and the female thief had thrown a knife away too. The victims pointed out the thieves, the police said "Come on out with your hands up."

The bus driver got out and spoke with the police while the passengers waited on the bus. During this time one passenger said to us: "I thought that you both were part of the band of thieves."

The thieves were taken to the police station and the victim went to testify and the bus returned to its route. Julio gave tracts to the passengers and then we got off the bus. It was a hard time for Julio and me, but God helped us.

On another bus, a 40 year old man started talking with us after Julio had finished sharing the Word. He said he felt badly, be-

Julio (on right) talks with the man who followed them off the bus to talk more about the Gospel.



cause he knew the Gospel but was practising sin. He said the Lord told him: "You should be sharing the Word and not practising sin."

Julio shared more time with him. When it was time for us to get off the bus, the man got off with us and Julio continued sharing with him on our way to the next bus.

SIGNS

We were changing the large signs and sharing the word with those close by, especially at the Transmilenio bus station. We gave out 2000 tracts between busses and signs. Some of these tracts were donated from our church.

At one restaurant that has a large sign, the owner had painted the walls but left the area where our sign was, as she did not want to take it down. So we repainted the spot when we changed the sign.

The verse this month was Proverbs 15:28: "The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things."

JAIL

The leader of our group was in charge of a cell block where there

had been many robberies. He spoke with the inmates of this cell block, shared the Gospel, and advised them. The cell block has improved, but now he has many enemies and he asks us to pray for him.

BIBLE CLUB

We have enrolled more students in Bible Club: 606 students in Explorers 1; 275 in Explorers 2; 391 in See and Do; and 6 in Dating. Also, we are re-arranging the bag Julio uses to carry the lessons, because his load is getting heavier as we add more students. In the jail 31 inmates are doing the course "A country named Heaven."

Report from Florida

By Rev. Stan Crookall

If you are blessed by the reports in the newsletter, prayerfully sharing these blessings with a friend could result in their commitment to pray and support this outreach to students, teachers and principals. Each prayer and each gift is vitally important.

Our yearly budget is only \$50,000

to support three full time missionaries, one half time, and several volunteers in Colombia. When we started BAM 35 years ago, we suggested a gift of \$5 per month, from each of our 300 supporters. \$5 can still make a difference. It provides a one hour presentation in a school; or Bible correspondence courses for a year for two students; or the bar-b-q chicken the missionaries take into the prison meetings; or one of the small scripture verse signs that are put up in shops, restaurants, and other public places.

\$150 covers the cost to reproduce a painting and send it to the missionaries. \$300 sends this newsletter out to over 200 prayer supporters. A thousand dollars keeps the whole mission going for a week.

Some of our supporters have been with us all 35 years, others added just this month. Please keep praying for new prayer supporters to fill the gaps left by those who have gone on to be with the Lord.

I have a special prayer request, for the healing of my right hand. For several months the little finger has had "trigger finger" – the muscle sheath has developed nodules and the finger is now stiff and painful. The tendon catches, then releases with a pop, when I flex my finger. It makes drawing, painting and writing difficult.

We love and pray for you, as you pray for us. You are very special to the Lord and to us. Thank you for the vital role you play in drawing precious souls to Christ.