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Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

Warmest greetings for each supporter and their families. May the Lord continue blessing your lives and may you keep on blessing lives.

SCHOOLS

After one presentation, two girls aged 16 or 17 asked me: "Why was it a man, and not a woman, who became the Saviour?" I had to think about that one, and replied: "The Bible didn't say God had a choice. God only had one child, Jesus." I asked them: "Do you have something against or a problem with the masculine gender"? The answer was a regular face. I said: "Jesus is the model for men, a good model, not a bad model. The Bible also has good examples of women, such as Ruth and Esther."

In this same classroom, a 17 year old boy said: "I remember you and the paintings you shared with us in 2008. I have kept firm in reading my Bible daily." I congratulated him: "You are a boy with grace, you look and talk well. You have something special." The boy smiled and said "Thanks."

Young men like him are something schools need; a spiritual leader walking in communion with the

Lord for other students to see as a leader they can trust.

We have now finished the presentations in this big school, Geraldo Molina School, which I described in the last newsletter. We reached about 1760 students. We have a commendation from the school. Thanks to the Lord.

I was sharing in the humble school, Colegio Ramon Briceno, where Paul Crookall visited when he was here in Bogotá. The principal, Miguel, was worried and I listened to him describe the problems. Parents are not paying even the small tuition he charges, and he has three teachers who need to be paid. The only way I could help was to pray with them, and for them.

I told the principal that I was going to share with the students the story

of the two blind men who received their sight, recorded in Matthew 20:29-34. I told the principal that:

1. The two blind men prayed together. Matthew 18:19 reads: "Again I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven." Praying together is pleasing to God. So we prayed together.
2. The blind men did not lose the opportunity, but cried out so Jesus would hear them when He passed that way. We should not lose the opportunities that God gives us to be close to Him, alone or with other persons in prayer.
3. They were humble in their prayer. They asked only for mercy, and Jesus gave them their eyesight. We also prayed with the princi-



The student wearing glasses who has been studying the Bible daily since we were last in his school three years ago



Praying with the school Principal

pal for mercy for his school and their teachers.

4. They showed faith in His power. We also have to recognize Him as our Lord and mediator in front of God.
5. They were an example of perseverance in prayer. "The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, 'Lord have mercy on us'." I invited Miguel to persevere in prayer each day.
6. Just as Jesus stopped and was kind to them, we need to show mercy to our neighbours.
7. Eyesight and hearing are important senses for learning. We have to ask that the eyes of our hearts and minds be opened for us to see our defects, mistakes and sins that others see in us, so we can change.

JAIL

Two homosexuals have joined the group in jail. We pray for them and hope that the Lord will do His part.

One man in our group had been sentenced to five years as an accessory to crime because his car was used in some major crimes. He wasn't part of the crimes, he had sold the car but not done the proper paperwork to record that. We prayed with him, as did the people in his church. He was just released, after only two months in jail.

Report from Florida

By Rev. Stan Crookall

Arnold Scott of Oshawa Ontario was a quiet man, especially about his service to the Lord through his life, and to his country in World War II. But our BAM missionaries know Arnold well because he supplied them with many thousands of gospel tracts in Spanish. And often tucked into the package they would find a ten dollar bill, which was most appreciated. Arnold, all by himself, at his own expense, sent gospel tracts, scripture portions and Bibles in many languages to several missions. Arnold was a distinguished military veteran with the British Eighth Army that fought through North Africa, Italy and France. Wounded in Italy, he continued on to the French campaign. He had more earned medals and decorations than anyone I knew. Throughout the 35 years I knew him, I was impressed by his zeal and commitment.

Arnold graduated to the presence of his Lord on June 13, at age 89. Please pray for someone to fill the gap.

For the angel of the Lord guards and rescues all who reverence Him...God even protects them from accidents. Psalm 34:7 & 20 (The Living Bible)

Do you ever wonder if your prayers make a difference? On my second visit to the West Central Florida Correctional Centre for Girls, I missed a step and was falling to the pavement, loaded down with my equipment. Suddenly, I wasn't falling any more. It wasn't that I had regained my balance; it was as

if two unseen arms had taken hold of me and stopped my fall.

There was such a sweet presence of the Lord in the service with the girls and again a number prayed the sinners' prayer. Others had various prayer needs.

Two days later, I was on the phone with a dear friend and supporter in Canada who asked: "Were you in any danger on Tuesday between 6 and 7 pm? A friend and I were praying for you just then, and felt you were in some kind of danger." Indeed, that was just when I was rescued from falling. Wow.

Keep praying for BAM's book, *Drawing Souls to Christ*. One supporter sent a copy to her sister in Vienna, Austria, who much appreciated it. A large, strong man from northern USA said "I wept three times as I read your book."

We have begun writing a second book; this one is about how to draw stick men. A friend, who is gaining experience in ministry and doing well, took in several of our stick men drawing lessons and is excited about using stick men in his messages, for added clarity and greater interest.

What a privilege it is to pray and how vitally important. We need your prayers daily. We recognize that it takes effort to be a prayer warrior. May the Lord bless you real good.

Postal Delays. If you have sent in a check/cheque but it has not been cashed, it may be due to delays in the mail caused by the strike at Canada Post which has just ended.