



Bible Art Ministries

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Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

Warmest greetings in the name of Jesus.

Schools

One boy from a school where we've made presentations came to my home for advice. He cried and said that he was afraid to get a job and fall in love. He said that he wants to kill himself. His parents got divorced and he cannot deal with it. I said that the temptation to suicide was a snare of the devil to destroy him. I said that he has to confront life and live it, and not permit these thoughts to subdue his life. Instead he should look more to God to lead his steps. The boy said that he came to my home because he wanted to receive advice from someone who feared God.

I was visiting a school where the previous principal had been killed by a student, who is now free. The new principal has received threats from gangs. Schools are closed the week of October 11 – 15, but we will be ministering here again



German uses one of the new canvas print copies in class

the week of October 18. We have to take two busses to reach this school which is up in the hills.

Bible Club

In some neighbourhoods in the south of Bogotá, gangs extort money from stores and from people who distribute food and products to stores, in exchange for permitting them to go about their business – “the protection racket” it is called in North America. Julio was delivering Bible lessons in this part of Bogota using a large, military-style backpack. Three men accosted him and said “What are you selling?”

Julio had seen these men before extorting money from people and

stores, and believed they had been watching him the past few trips.

Julio answered “I do not sell anything, I am delivering Bible lessons to the schools.” They said “You are a Pastor, you'll have to pay us money.” Julio said “I am not a pastor.”

One man checked the big bag, while a second man “frisked” Julio. The second man then asked to see what was in the bag. He looked at the Bible lessons, and said “My son does these lessons; let this man go.”

Julio was scared and worried that these men would take the bag

with the lessons, but, thanks to God, nothing happened.

Jail

Many inmates from our group have been transferred to other jails and now we are starting to share the word with new inmates. We can only visit one of the four “yards” (sections of the jail) each Saturday, but we try to get the word of God to each yard by organizing with other missions who also visit the jail. We ask you to pray for these new men who want to know about the Gospel and for the other inmates who were transferred to different jails that they may continue their relationship with God.

Report from Florida

By Stan Crookall

Fundraising

The CBC Television network had a news item recently reporting that, on average, 35 cents on every dollar raised for charity is spent on fundraising. At Bible Art Ministries, the cost is almost zero. The only fundraising we do is to include an envelope in our monthly newsletter for those who want to donate. We thrive on the power of your prayer support, and trust the Lord to provide for finances.

Welcome back Victor

Jon Hilo it seems wasn't ready to return to the ministry, so he is now pursuing other work, and Victor has re-joined the team.

Drawing Souls to Christ

Please remember to continue to pray for God's blessing upon BAM's book, Drawing Souls to Christ.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

I am finding that the person in the street may be far more interested in what we believe, than we may think. People are looking for some connection with the living God. It is easier for some of them to read a book that leads them to the truth, than it is to read the Bible.

We pray that those who read the book will truly be drawn to Christ.

The Good News

John 3:16 reads “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Or, in the traditional King James version: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

This good news of redeeming grace that we share in schools, through the medium of art, is the most important news ever proclaimed. What a privilege to be called of God to do this. How wonderful that God's plan to share this message in schools includes those of you who stand with us, month after month, year after year. We appreciate you who have been so faithful to pray, encourage and support financially. Your donations make it possible for our missionaries to deliver the message of everlasting life as the free gift of God to all who will believe

– and your prayers make it possible for them to do it with such enormous impact for the small amount of resources we use.

Personally, I am in the place where I can do both proclaim the message and support others doing so. That brings great joy to my heart. As the hymnist wrote “My heart is thrilled when e'er I think of Jesus; that precious name that sets the captive free; no name of earth has meant so much to me.”

When I write a cheque to help finance this soul-saving effort, I am so glad the Lord has enabled me to do this as well. I hope you share that wonderful joy of giving.

We continually thank the Lord for you. You are very special to God and to us. I wish I could say in words all that I feel in my heart for you, dear faithful friends in Christ, and fellow labourers in the Gospel.

Be assured that our Colombian missionaries give 100% in their effort to faithfully declare the message. Just think of those 4,000 children now completing Bible correspondence courses in Bogota. There is an urgency to proclaim the Gospel to as many as possible. There is also great reward to all who with God's enabling do their part. No part is unimportant; no part will be unrewarded, in God's plan.

Thank you! In the bonds of Calvary.