



# Bible Art Ministries

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## October 2011 Newsletter

### From Ottawa

By Rev. Stan Crookall

More answers to your prayers.

I have been visiting friends, relatives, and BAM supporters in the Ottawa and Toronto areas the past two weeks. It has been a blessing to reconnect with so many of you. I regret that I haven't had the time and strength to see you all. Last Sunday while ministering at New Covenant Church in Oshawa, I felt my hand (with the trigger finger) was working well enough to attempt to draw a stick man Bible story. I tried it, it worked. Praise the Lord. Thank you for praying.

Since our July and August newsletters mentioned German and Julio's encounter with thieves on the bus, and my protection through prayer from falling, many of you whom we haven't heard from in years have written in to say, yes, you are still praying regularly for the mission. We know that, from the power the Lord puts behind our missionaries, but it is so good to hear it from you directly. Thank you, so much, for your prayerful support.

A long-time friend of BAM found himself in hospital suffering deep depression. While there he read the book *Drawing Souls to Christ* and the numerous stories of how we prayed about everything and trusted God for His answer. He prayed, and promised to trust God. The joy of the Lord was restored to his life. Now he is out of the hospital and ministering to others.

### Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

Warmest greetings to each supporter. May God continue blessing your lives.

### SCHOOLS

This is the windy season in Colombia, and flying kites is a great pastime for parents and children.



*German (left) prays with the school principal*



*MailBox Club graduation*

The schools usually take a day to go to a park for kite flying as well. In the city, sometimes the kites get caught up in trees and electric lines. One group ran into a bees' nest when they climbed a tree to retrieve a kite.

Some students suffer for their faith with their own parents. Here are some testimonies that students have given to their school principal. One student said: "I bought a Bible with the money that my parents gave me for snacks. When my father heard about it, he said 'You are stupid' and he teased me because I go to church."

One mother came to the principal, she was furious and said: "Why is my daughter singing about God?" The principal answered: "Would you prefer that she sings songs about sex and violence?" The mother became quiet.

We have been working with this school since 1997, doing presentations with different Bible topics and enrolling students in the different correspondence courses of the Mail Box Bible Club. We have been sowing the Word of God there for 14 years. The principal told us: "Mr. Rozo, the work you do is very valuable and important, I am seeing the fruits of the spiritual seed that you have sown with the students."

The principal told us that when we started the Bible lessons years ago, one mother came and said: "I would rather my daughters become prostitutes than Christians." The girls left the church under pressure from their mother. Later, they left home, and one did become a prostitute. The mother has since become a Christian, supports the work in the school, and gives a

good testimony. But she carries a heavy burden for driving her children away from the Lord.

We are encouraged by the fruit from seeds sown so long ago. I have learned we have to wait upon the Lord, as in Isaiah 55:10-11 "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire."

The principal asked us to pray for him, his family and the school.

## **JAIL**

Thirteen inmates finished the Bible course "A country named heaven." They received their certificates and were very happy. They said that they learned more about God and that Jesus is the way to the Father. Also, they came to realize that God loves the sinner but not the sin. This raised their self-esteem; many of them feel that nobody loves them because of the bad things that they have done. They really like the story of the prodigal son and how God will do the same for us.

## **BIBLE CLUB**

Thanks to the support from teacher Gregoria(Greg) Peñuela, 116 students at the school where the principal was murdered last year have completed Explorers 1, and have begun Explorers 2. This picture shows her with the students receiving their certificates.

*German Rozo*