



Bible Art Ministries

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Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

For the church of God which is in Canada and the United States, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

NURSING HOME VISITS

As I left Church one Sunday, an 85 year-old lady handed me a piece of paper with a name on it, and said "Pastor, pray for my daughter." I told her I was not the pastor, but I talked with her. She lives in a nursing home, and her daughter doesn't visit. On September 10, I went to visit the lady. She was happy to see me.

I gave her some toiletry items and shared with her for an hour. A Christian since 1972, she knows the Bible well. She prays for others in the home, comforts people as they are dying, and is a spiritual leader in the nursing home.

I felt in my heart that I should become involved with this lady and be a son for her. It brought me great



German (left) and Victor give out Mail Box Club diplomas

joy to minister the Gospel and pray for the people. Please pray for sons and daughters to visit their parents in nursing homes.

The most interesting part is how God uses this lady, despite her own needs, to be a spiritual help to others in this nursing home.

SCHOOLS

After a presentation this month, a teacher said: "It is beautiful that you give this message to the students." I replied: "I am an instrument in the hands of God." She said "The words you spoke are what they needed." Many teachers say this ministry is a blessing, and it is made possible by your support, for which we are very grateful.

I am preaching this month with a focus on Christ and that a true man uses the example of Jesus. About half the female students think only of their looks and of making money with little effort. I quote Proverbs 11:22 "Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion." When they are confronted spiritually in the presentations, I can see pensive faces and many students say "Thanks for talking with us in this way."

We introduce them to Jesus as Saviour. We invite them to distinguish between good and bad, to watch T.V. with discernment and wisdom, to have a relationship with God, to pray, read the Bible, and love their neighbours.

This month we had about 1,500 students in our presentations.

SIGNS

The verses for this month are I John 3:18 *“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth”* and Galatians 5:16 *“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”*

JAIL

The inmates got together and sold their handicrafts to buy food for inmates’ families who are very poor. They sent the food with some of the Christians who minister in the jail, and asked them to minister as well to their families.

Report from Florida

By Stan Crookall

A big thank you to Victor. Jon Hilo worked with Bible Art Ministries from 2002 to 2006. When he left, he recruited his brother Victor Aguilar to take his place with BAM. The brothers had been raised separately, Jon as a protestant in Hope House, Victor as a catholic with a foster family. When Jon came to Hope House he didn’t know his birthdate or his age. We decided he was about 8, and he picked December 25 as his birthdate. Both grew up to be fine young men.

We are deeply grateful for all the work Victor has done in the past four years and for the witness that he has been. At age 27 he is returning to university to study music, the clarinet, to build on the skills he has developed. He is sad to be leaving BAM, and we are sad to see him go. But he is at the same time happy for the many things



Victor (left) and Jon outside German’s house

that he learned with us and we are happy for the important contribution he has made.

Jon has completed his military service, and we are delighted that he has re-joined BAM.

A Prophet’s Chamber. German and Elizabeth Roza are literally “raising the roof” on their home. They are adding another floor to build a “prophet’s chamber” (read II Kings 4: 8-10 if you don’t know the story) where fellow labourers in Christ visiting Bogota can stay comfortably. The prospect of hosting the Lord’s servants in this way brings joy to their hearts. They invite any of our supporters to stay with them.

MailBox Club. What a great joy it is to have 4,000 students studying Bible Correspondence Courses. Think of the multiple families being reached this way.

George Eager of Georgia USA wrote these courses, they are the best I have seen. Lessons include questions about salvation and discipleship. If the student has any questions about living as a Christian, they are invited to ask and will receive good counsel. This is one of the things that really thrills me in this ministry.

In the navy in WWII we had twin guns that fired right after each other “ba-boom.” The first fired an armour piercing shell, the other a high explosive shell.

Similarly, our ministry uses art from the Bible to penetrate the schools, and the Bible correspondence to have maximum impact. But with the difference we are building God’s kingdom, rather than destroying, as in war.

Omar Rincon, our first missionary to Colombia, had the vision to begin using the lessons. Julio, German, Elizabeth and the volunteers have taken this much further. We thank the Lord for it. They also have graduation ceremonies, provide refreshments, and present diplomas.

Thank You You who prayerfully support BAM “share and share alike” in rewards here and eternity. How wonderful, thank you for caring, sharing and praying. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to us. We love you in the Lord. We pray for you.

In the bonds of Calvary, love, Stan Crookall

Psalm 46:1-2 *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.”*