



Bible Art Ministries

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Report from Florida

By Rev. Stan Crookall



Searching the internet yesterday, we found this great photo taken by a Toronto Star newspaper reporter of a BAM presentation at Knox Christian School, Bowmanville (near Toronto) in September 2007. This picture is truly more expressive than 1,000 words. It captures the drama of the Lord's anointing upon a special moment in time never to be forgotten by each student present.

Although you see mostly the backs of the heads of the students, you can catch the interest and the concentration. Notice how many hands are raised – by the way, this wasn't a posed photo – not one student paid attention to the photographer. We so wish that each of you, our supporters, could sit in on one of our presentations. If you are online, you can get the next best thing by writing to Paul at paul@crookall.ca. He will send you a

short video (in Spanish) of German at one of the schools in Bogota.

How many school presentations attract such interest? BAM's Art from the Bible presentation was called into being by the Lord. It was not our idea. We have followed His instructions from the beginning. God has also called many to pray. Here you can see your prayers being answered. Please continue to pray, it's working.

We have received many appreciative comments about the newsletter which are passed on to our missionaries and they are greatly encouraged by them, as are we.

We wish we could pass on to you the joy in the Lord we feel as we complete each day of ministry, to the precious children in schools, and to prisoners.

You just never know which door the Lord will open next for ministry. A few days ago I was asked to teach a group of seniors in a large church nearby how to draw stick men Bible stories. It was fun. I asked them to draw one of my favourites – Jonah, which has a great message for every age. One of the seniors drew instead a portrait of me -- showing his inner Jonah by going in the opposite direction. But Jonah came to realize the merit of following God's direction:

I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord. Jonah 2:9.

Thank you for your continuing faithfulness and prayerful support. May the Lord bless you real good.

WEBSITE and MAILING LIST

Last month we asked readers to let their friends and loved ones know about Bible Art Ministries, and to let us know if any of them would like to be added to our mailing list. The newsletter can be sent by mail or by e-mail. We are now up to 197, on our way to our target of 300, from a start of 170. As well, we've just got the stats from our website. Over the past year 4,797 people visited, "stuck" and read an average of two pages from our website – that's 13 people a day. (A further 14,967 visited but didn't stay to read). If you haven't already done so, please visit us at www.bibleartministries.com

Income tax receipts were mailed out in mid-January.

Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

Best wishes and blessings for 2011. We all took two weeks of vacation this month, to rest and restore our energy.

At Christmastime many people get drunk, fight, and fill the hospitals' emergency rooms. Their relatives fill the waiting room crying and waiting to know about the injured. I saw this as I was there to visit a neighbour and share the word of God with him – he is the one who was in the picture of me showing the new paintings to neighbours in the July Newsletter. He was suffering from heart problems and thrombosis and was in a coma.

One of his sons had given a “do not resuscitate” order and asked for the life support to be disconnected. I spoke with the relatives and said that only God can decide about our life. Several days later, my neighbour recovered consciousness. I told him what had happened. We prayed together and gave thanks to God. One nurse told me the man calls to me in his sleep.

It felt good to know that God showed the son that his father got better and that all the prayers that we did at his bedside were answered. The whole family started to treat me with respect and asked that I pray for them in other areas of their lives.

In my visits to the hospital, I saw many people crying in the emer-



Baby Daniel helps his father, German, and Victor clean the Bible verse signs. This one is Psalm 145:16

gency room. I saw a black woman distressed and crying for her son. I asked if I could pray for her, she said yes. I prayed for her and after we shared the word of God. I prayed with others in the emergency room as well. We see a need to continue to visit the hospitals and share the word of God. Julio is doing the same in another hospital.

JAIL

We've started a Bible Course with the inmates. They have finished the first lesson and we hope that all will complete the course. One inmate asked Julio to visit his two children, share the word of God with them and talk with a local church to get in contact with them. The inmate said that he prays with his children when they talk by phone. The mother likes to drink and is not interested in the word of God but the children are.

VISIT

Maira and Jason Zurba of Vancouver stayed with the Rozos earlier this month. Jason is the son of Bible Art Ministries' Board member Paul Zurba. They were en route to Venezuela for the funeral of Maira's mother, and stayed in the new room German has built for guests. Maira says “German and Elizabeth are doing a great job. They are always witnessing, always helping people, even as they walk down the street they stop to pray with the homeless. It is amazing the way they are – their house is always open; they share even though they don't have a lot. Their hearts are to work for God. They have helped me as I go through Bogota, en route to visit my mother in Venezuela, giving me a place to stay, saying ‘mi casa essu casa’ – my home is your home. We are very grateful for their ministry.”