



# BIBLE ART MINISTRIES

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## January 2008 Newsletter

### REPORT FROM COLOMBIA

by German Rozo

The last week of December, we took the mobile sign with the scripture verses on it, and preached on the main street, Caracas Avenue. We gave out tracts to 600 people waiting in their cars at the stop light — including three police cars.

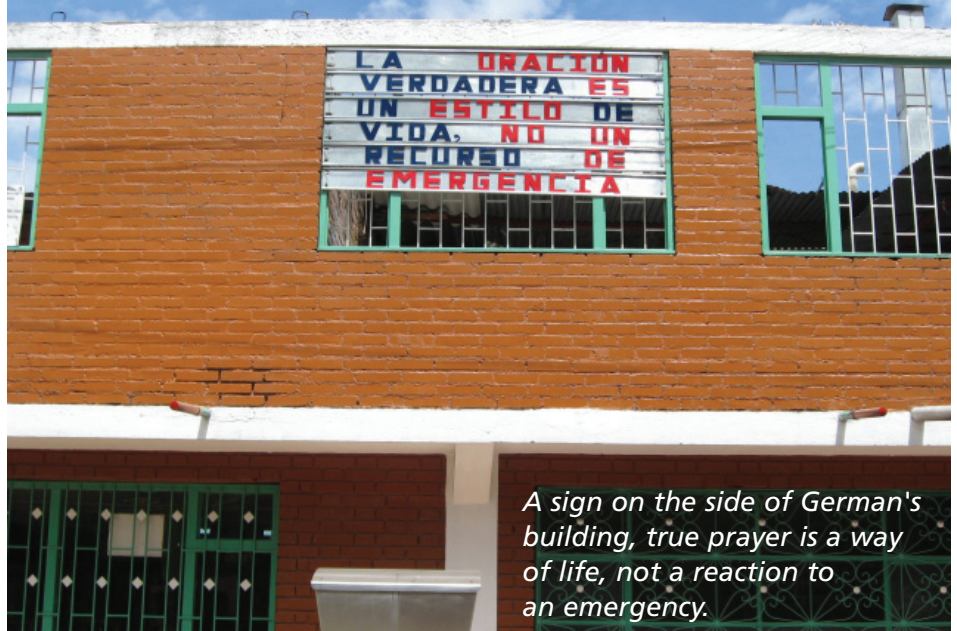
Some people from our church saw us there and encouraged us to continue. Another man said that Christians were thieves who only ask for money.

Then, in early January, we took our holidays, as the schools were closed and many people were out of the city on vacation.

Last Tuesday we put the new thought for January on the big new sign on the side of our house: " **true prayer is a way of life, not a recourse in an emergency.**" Many people read this sign.

We also changed the other big signs, from their Christmas verses, and the little signs in the stores.

This month the big news in Colombia was the liberation of two women who had been kidnapped by the guerrillas several years ago. We have been praying for all those kidnapped in Colombia and for all them to return to their liberty. Please, pray for all the families who have husbands, wives, children



*A sign on the side of German's building, true prayer is a way of life, not a reaction to an emergency.*

kidnapped by the guerrillas. It is very hard to hear about of all these families who suffer the absence of their relatives.

We preached in the busses about calling the bad, bad and the good, good. This refers to the words of the President of Venezuela, who said we should no longer call guerrillas terror-



*German preaching on the city buses.*

ists. He had helped negotiate the release of the two women kidnapped. We told the people to teach their children to be God-fearing, because this is important for your children then will not go in the future to become guerrillas. Also I said that the guerrillas do not have memories of parents reading to them from the Bible or joining in prayer as a family, and for this reason they do these bad things. I preached to the people about the necessity to be close to God.

We are thankful for the many people who helped us with the mission this year. Here is a list.

### Bible Verse Signs

Ramiro Salazar and Jaime Oviedo painted signs on the walls in stores. Elias Barreto and Luis Barreto painted signs to hang up in the stores.

Oscar Oviedo, Carlos Carvajal, Allan Bridg, Javier Diaz, and Jesus Quintero are prison inmates who painted signs, while in jail. We got permission from the director of the jail for these inmates to do this job and help their families.

Gloria Patricia Mejia, Rosaura Monsalve, and Amanda Sierra painted signs. They are single mothers who needed work to help their families.

Jon Hiro Aguilar (who grew up in the home our mission supported, and who used to work for Bible Art Ministries) and his brother Victor Aguilar (who now works with us) painted signs and made letters for the big signs, changed the signs in the different stores, helped German Rozo in the presentations at the schools and preaching on busses.

Martin Duque painted and changed the signs in the stores in the city of Cali.

## Bible Club

Joyce Elena Peña, Mario Alexander Hoyos, and Noemi Gomez coordinated the work of the Bible Club and did presentations in the schools in the city of Cali. Joyce also worked in **Ecuador**, did presentations and coordinated the Bible Club there.

In Bogota, Alex Duarte delivered and picked up lessons. Julio Velez (a missionary) delivered and picked up lessons and helped German in preaching on busses, in the streets and led the jail ministry. Elizabeth Vargas coordinated the Bible Club in Bogotá and was secretary for the ministry.

I was in charge of the ministry, did presentations in the schools and led the preaching in the different areas in the ministry.

## REPORT FROM FLORIDA

by Rev. Stan Crookall

*Matthew 9: 37-38 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

Jesus spoke these words at the conclusion of a whirlwind of teaching, preaching, and healing services. The previous verse reads "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Christ the good shepherd was on his way to the cross. He yearned for the soul of every person.

Ministry is not effective without prayer. Shutting the world out and taking the time to pray takes determination. Even the apostles fell asleep. The great heroes of faith like Daniel purposed to do things, Daniel is a great inspiration as a prayer warrior.

Our missionaries in South America rise early to pray before starting out on their ministry each day. They need our prayers too. I recall the great evangelist Dr. P.W. Philpott saying "It was when Job was praying for his enemies that God blessed him. Prayer will always do you good."

There is always blessing when we pray. As we pray for the

school children, God makes the school a hallowed place. It bears repeating, that many a school teacher has said: "Something special happened here today!" I also recall a school considered the worst for behaviour and inattention. It was a Friday afternoon, and Halloween was that night. We prayed, and the students were attentive and the response was glorious.

Prayer Request: Omar Rincon was a missionary with us from 1992 to 2000, and now works for the Mailbox Club in Georgia, responsible for Latin America. His wife Mireya is in critical condition, with a malignant mass in her lungs and another in her brain. Please pray for God's presence with them. I have in mind Jeremiah 30:17 "I will restore you to health and heal your wounds." Omar and Mireya have two precious children, Annie age 12 and Matthew age 5. When I visited them in September, Matthew got into his father's shaving cream and appeared with a white beard just like mine.

We appreciate the interest many of you have shown in our project to get BAM online and to share videos of Bible Art Ministries with students in developing countries, including Kenya. Thank you for your prayerful support that means so much to us. May the Lord bless you real good.