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SHARING JESUS WHILE LIVING AMONG ORPHANS... By P.Nunley

Recently, Christ for Humanity had the opportunity to take a group of high school students from Zion Mennonite Church in Pryor, Oklahoma to Juarez, Mexico. CFH Missions partnered with Dr. Marco Saminego's in an action packed week of ministry to Mexico's orphans and area poor. Dr. Saminego has served Christ in Mexico for more than 20 years, building orphanages and a medical clinic just across the Texas border.

While CFH has provided his clinic with medical supplies for many years, the Mennonite believers were the first mission team sent by CFH to actively help his ministry. Christ for Humanity's August trip was quite unique in that the entire ministry team – students and adults alike – actually lived among orphans at Dr. Sam's Hand's of Luke facility in Juarez.

Our odyssey began when Dr. Sam asked me to introduce the CFH team to the Hands of Luke staff and children at a morning worship service. In an effort to be culturally sensitive, I decided to speak with the crowd in Spanish and asked our translator how to invite all of the little children to our program. Confidently, I stepped to the pulpit and recited the invitation in my best Spanish. To my surprise, the audience broke into roaring laughter. Confused, I turned to my translator and asked, "Why are they laughing?" Almost unable to catch her breath from laughing herself, Raquel replied,

"Peggy, you just invited all the fat kids to come to our program!" I am proud to announce that we not only got all of the fat kids but the thin ones, too!

Our mornings were organized into clowning and teaching sessions with the orphans. We began by singing songs, bringing out our clowns, and just loving on the orphans. I will never forget wrapping my arms around one little Mexican girl and hearing the Father speak to my Spirit. "Your hugs are MINE to her." I realized then that our small efforts in just loving on these children had huge eternal significance. God was letting us be His extension. He was letting us literally be His hugs and His kisses to the abandoned and rejected of our world. What an honor!

During the afternoons, our team proceeded to the garbage dumps of Juarez. We would walk along dirt roads lined with tin and cardboard shacks, beckoning the people to follow us back to church. Once our little one room church was filled, the program began – songs, testimonies, and dramas. As our high school students began their testimonies, the atmosphere in the room changed. People were very attentive to their words. Often when the invitation to accept Christ was given, people would approach us in tears, asking to know the hope, peace, and love that could only be found in Christ alone.

On several evenings, our team accepted the opportunity to go to the plazas and do street evangelism. Our first night at the plaza, a number of people accepted Christ. One man fell to the ground as he cried to Jesus to forgive his sins of alcohol and immorality. On another night a number of families, visiting the park for entertainment, left with eternal salvation. A presence greater than ourselves was evident everywhere our team shared the Gospel. The King of Glory made His introduction, and souls for His

kingdom were captured in His presence.

I would personally like to thank everyone who prayed for Christ for Humanity's August Mission Team to Mexico. Throughout the week, our team felt the support of a group of faithful servants in the States, pleading to the heart of the Father on our behalf. Your prayers gave hugs and kisses to orphans, hope to the impoverished, and Jesus to those in darkness. May God bless each and every one of you!



CFH DENTAL CHAIR HELPS WORLD DENTAL RELIEF IN HONDURAS

Dear Mark, (CFH Founder/president)

We wanted to thank you for the donation of the dental chair for the clinic in Honduras. We feel it is a privilege and honor to be part of these outreach ministries around the world. As you know, World Dental Relief has been involved in training, equipping, supplying, and sending dental health professionals for over 20 years. Last year we had the opportunity to help supply 326 dental mission teams in third-world countries. We count it a blessing to be able to multiply our efforts this way.

On behalf of World Dental Relief we want to express our appreciation to you for helping us to enlarge the vision the Lord has placed on our hearts. May the Lord richly bless your ministry for your giving.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Lamb, RDH

World Dental Relief



DIVINE ENCOUNTER IN A HOMETOWN BAR CHANGES A MAN FOREVER!

Ronda Tyson, CFH staff member and her husband John Tyson were given a vision for starting a Bible Study in a hometown bar. Through this unique vision & opportunity God has already begun drawing hungry souls to His Word.

It was a Thursday night and the bible study had already begun, when suddenly a man passing by stopped in to use the restroom. The man asked politely if it was all right for him to utilize the restroom; when he also apparently took note of the strange sight of open Bibles in the bar. Upon returning from the restroom Ronda & her husband invited him to join their study. Amazingly, the man accepted the invitation!

As the study continued Ronda boldly asked, " Sir, when did you give your life to Christ?" The man sadly looked down and said, "Well, really I haven't." Of Course, Ronda could not help but ask, " Why not? Have you ever heard the gospel message before?"The man then began telling about how his father was a minister and he didn't agree with the things he did in his home as he was growing up. Recognizing the confusion, John began to share with him. As John was sharing, more people began to come in and just listen. A few times john even stopped and offered to

stop and let the man leave, so he didn't feel like he had to stay and listen. But, the man wanted to stay and replied; " I want to make a change in my life!" The man then began to share that on his way to the bar he ran into a woman who was in tears.

When he investigated to see what was wrong with her, she asked him, " Do you know Jesus?" This woman's words were heavy on his heart when he walked into the bar. Then, there just happen to be a bible study in the bar? This was no chance! With tears in his eyes, the man accepted Jesus as his Lord and personal Savior, that night. Please pray for him. His name is Grover. God was dealing with him long before he saw us. I am so glad he chose to use us. You are probably not amazed when God uses others for His glory; but when God uses you, every time he does you become more amazed!

CFH October 2003 Encouragement Corner

Beatitudes for the Home

BLESSED are the husband and wife who continue to be affectionate and considerate – loving after the wedding bells have ceased ringing.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who are as polite and courteous to one another as they are to their friends.

BLESSED are they who have a sense of humor, for this attribute will be a handy shock absorber.

BLESSED are they who love their mate more than any other person in the world and who joyfully fulfill their marriage vows of lifetime fidelity and mutual helpfulness to one another.

BLESSED are they who attain parenthood, for children are a heritage of the Lord.

BLESSED are they who remember to thank God for their food before they partake of it and who set apart some time each day for the reading of the Bible and for prayer.

BLESSED are those mates who never speak loudly to one another and who make their home a place where "seldom is heard a discouraging word."

BLESSED are the husband and wife who faithfully attend the worship service of the church and who work together in the church for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who can work out problems of adjustment without interference from relatives.

BLESSED is the couple who has a complete understanding about financial matters and who has worked out a perfect partnership with all money under the control of both.

BLESSED are the husband and wife who humbly dedicate their lives and their home to Christ and who practice the teachings of Christ in the home by being unselfish, loyal and loving.

Unknown Author

The ABC's of Thanksgiving
Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain,
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame.
Even when the times are hard –
Fierce winds are bound to blow –
God is forever able,
Hold on to what you know.
Imagine life without His love;
Joy would cease to be;
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee.
Move out of “Camp Complaining,”
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone.
Quit looking at the future;
Redeem the time at hand;
Start every day with worship,
To “thank” is a command.
Until we see Him coming
Victorious in the sky,
We’ll run the race with gratitude
‘Xalting God most high.
Yes, times may good or may bad, but
Zion waits in glory
(To welcome home the thankful heart –
Believer of Christ’s story).

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What God Can Do with 57 Cents

A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was too crowded. "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked past.

Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and taking her by the hand, whisked her inside and found a place for her in a Sunday School class. The child was so happy they found room for her that she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus.

Several years later, this precious child lay dead in a poor tenement building. Her parents called the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from a trash dump. Inside was 57 cents and a note scribbled in childish handwriting that read, "This money is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School. Evidently, for the past two years the poor child had been saving this offering of love.

When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying the note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the child's story of unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money to build a larger building. But the story doesn't end there!

A newspaper learned of the story and published the account, which was subsequently read by a wealthy realtor. He showed the church a parcel of land worth many thousands of dollars. When informed that the church could not pay so much, the realtor offered the land for 57cents.

Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years, the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000 – a huge sum at the turn of the century when these events occurred. A child's unselfish love had paid large dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church with a seating capacity of 3,300 and Temple University, where hundreds of students are trained. Have a look, as well, at Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of Sunday schoolers, so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside on Sunday. In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet faced little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside is a portrait of her kindly pastor, Dr. Russel H. Conwell, author of the book Acres of Diamonds.