

Mission Focus

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Serving Mexico

Silvia's Story

I was privileged to witness a transformation from the old into a new creation. In January, I went to a home to visit two children who have been a part of our Bible Club. I could sense the darkness there and had previously been witness to the affects of child abuse and neglect. I had come bearing gifts and the mom, two kids, and I sat on the floor of a bare kitchen as the kids opened their gift boxes. In closing our visit, I prayed for the three of them. I knew the Lord was drawing this mom unto himself. My heart hoped that by demonstrating how I valued her children that it would encourage her to become aware of the gifts that God had given to her.

In February, the mom, Silvia, came to church with her children.

In March, she began working with one of the women in our church to learn to read for the purpose of understanding the Bible. Later that month, one of our spring teams hosted a dinner and sports night for the families of our church. Silvia had brought her husband and she introduced him to me. The whole family was together for a church event. This was all so miraculous to me, knowing what they were walking out of!

In April, the parents had decided to dedicate their children to the Lord. They asked me to sponsor their 5-year-old son. Buky and Theresa would sponsor their 7-year-old daughter. Later that month, during a church service we dedicated these children to be raised up in the Lord. We did this as a community.

In May, Silvia made her own surrender and commitment to Jesus. She celebrated this through baptism. What joy was on her face as she came up out of the water! Worship exploded from her heart as she celebrated there on the beach. What an honor and privilege to witness this changed life! She is already impacting others in her circle.



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Silvia and Moises dedicate their children unto the Lord.
Buky, Theresa, and I stand in as sponsors.



Witnessing a changing life becoming filled with the
light and love of Jesus.

Personal Note Update

I had a total knee replacement on May 28th. This road of recovery has been long and arduous and I still have quite a way to go, especially with walking, navigating stairs and pain levels. I have been in San Diego for medical appointments and physical therapy. I was not able to return to La Esperanza in July for our last summer teams as I had hoped, because among other reasons, I was not able to travel that far. Each day, I believe, I am getting a little better. I have probably cried more in the last 3 months than I have in the last 3 years. I've always believed that it was good stewardship to avoid pain; however, I am in a season of being called to lean into pain. I am learning that pain must be felt in order to discover the gifts it hides. I am healing through all this pain. My LORD sustains me. My heart is softer than ever before. I continue to press onward as I learn to trust Jesus on even deeper levels. When I lean on my own understanding of my recovery, I am a mess. I feel so fragile, yet I must trust that He is good and He knows what He is doing. I deeply miss my community in Mexico. I hope to return soon. I have burning in my heart ideas for future ministry. I ask for your prayers to be able to receive all the Lord wants to bring during this season.

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk, and not faint.

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Ps 46:10 I will be still
and know
that you are God!



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