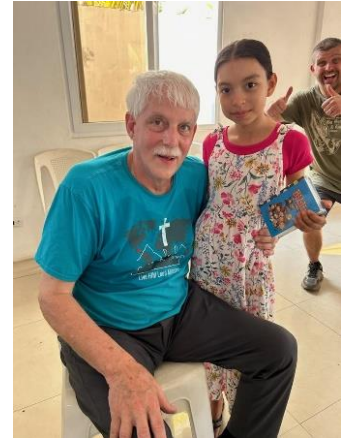


Seeds of Faith: Sharing Children's Bibles in Guatemala

As we embark on missions, we often anticipate the transformative impact we may have on the lives of others. Little do we realize, sometimes, that the seeds of faith we sow might yield a harvest beyond our imagination. Such was the case during our recent mission trip to Guatemala, where we had the privilege as one of our many outreach projects, of distributing children's Bibles to the young hearts hungry for the word of God.



In the bustling streets and remote villages of Guatemala, we witnessed a hunger for spiritual nourishment among the children. Their eyes sparkled with curiosity and wonder as we presented them with their very own copies of the Bible. It was a moment filled with joy and anticipation, knowing that these simple gifts held the potential to shape their lives for eternity.



One scripture that resonated deeply with us during this mission trip was found in **Matthew 19:14**, where Jesus said, "**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.**" In giving these children's Bibles, we were not just handing them books; we were extending an invitation for them to come closer to Jesus, to experience His love and grace in a tangible way.

As we distributed the Bibles, we couldn't help but recall the words of **Proverbs 22:6**: "**Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.**" We understood the significance of planting the seeds of God's word in the fertile soil of young hearts. By providing them with access to the Scriptures, we were equipping them to grow in their faith and to become strong, resilient followers of Christ.

In **James 1:22**, we are reminded, "**But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**" Our mission in Guatemala was not just about distributing Bibles; it was about living out the message contained within those pages. Through our actions and interactions, we sought to demonstrate the love of Christ and to be living testimonies of His transformative power.

One particular encounter stands out in our minds—a young girl who lived near the Pacific coast, whose eyes lit up with joy as she received her new Bible. She clutched it tightly to her chest, promising to treasure it always. It was a poignant reminder that God's word has the power to penetrate even the darkest corners and to bring light and hope to those who desperately need it.

In conclusion, let us be encouraged by the words of **Galatians 6:9**: "**And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.**" May we continue to faithfully sow seeds of faith wherever we go, trusting in God's promise to bring about a harvest beyond our wildest dreams?

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Weekly Prayer Points

Pray for all CBC congregations and members who will be remembering the Lord's death until He comes through Love Feast and Holy Communion this week and next. Pray that each of us might sense God's real presence and peace and be inspired to share Jesus' atoning sacrifice with others.

Pray also for CBC's partner ministry, Harvest USA. Pray for protection against vandalism and attack and for God to provide funding and personnel to meet all their needs as they help us and other believers minister faithfully in a sexually broken world.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Bethel Congregation in Tanzania and Pastor Nancy Mtaki Mkungu
- Blue River Congregation in Columbia City, IN and Pastor Craig Alan Myers

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