

Midland Ministries

Reaching teenagers

with the Gospel...

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Words cannot express the joy I feel from my recent trip to Guatemala. I left a piece of my heart there and am already making plans to return. We arrived in Guatemala City and began our 6 hour bus ride into the mountains to Santa Cruz El Quiche. The Quiche people are very poor and we were looking forward to ministering to them.

The first day we spent in the street market sharing Christ and handing out Gospel tracts. Through interpreters we shared the Gospel. The people know "about" Christ, but their religion is mired in a mixture of Catholicism and Mayan religion - basically a good deeds salvation. We were able to lead 5 people to Christ that day. We spent the rest of the day visiting two churches that Shane works with in Quiche. Pastor Brody has a small church that is reaching street people for Christ and Pastor David's church is bigger because of the help they have received from churches in our area sending teams.

The next day we went to the orphanage for dinner and a Christmas celebration. Shane does not run an orphanage, he runs a "home" for 20 children. He is truly their Papa. Most of these children were rescued from the streets and will stay with him until adulthood. We were able to give them bags and bags of toys and clothes. They have never had Christmas like that before. The highlight was when we brought out 20 brand new bikes. They were so overjoyed that they loved on us for hours.

The rest of the week was spent running a camp for Quiche teenagers. They were cold and distant at first, but soon they warmed up. The mornings were filled with teaching about God's Word, and in the afternoons we did Bible Quizzing, played games, taught them dramas, and of course played lots of soccer. They are very good and we had lots of fun trying to keep up. The second night our speaker Robert, a local Guatemalan youth pastor, spoke on breaking the bonds of sin. They wept for hours. They were so broken over their sin. Now God can give them new lives. They were all smiles from then on. They were changed by the power of Christ. It was truly a sight to behold.

A couple of things I took away from this trip was that people all over the world are desperate for Christ. They just need someone to tell them. The other is that we have so much to be thankful for in this country. We are truly blessed. My calling is to reach young people in St. Joseph, but a little part of me will always be with the Quiche people. Thank you so much for making this trip possible.

Remember to pass this letter on to a friend that may be interested in our work. Check us out at www.midlandministries.org

*In Christ,
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