



God's Love and Power to the Lost of Nicaragua – May 2008

God gave us the privilege to be a part of a team of 139 people from Sweden and the US for the Signs and Wonders Festival in Diriamba, Nicaragua during April. We were so blessed to be in ministry there with our son, Jeff, and grandson, David. Jeff and I taught at a Conference for Pastors from all denominations during the day and David preached on the streets and played the part of Jesus in a drama.

People made life changing decisions everywhere, on park benches, in living rooms, on street corners and at the pharmacies public school and universities. The Gospel was presented through street preaching, fire shows, jugglers, dramas and dance every day. The gospel was literally shouted out over the city a week before the big festival and all were invited to attend the Gospel Festival.

So when the festival started at the stadium it was with full force. Music and singing filled the atmosphere, fire works lit up the sky when the people arrived. Evangelist Johannes Amritzer preached a salvation message that touched the people and every evening hundreds came forward to give their lives to Jesus.

Many were healed. A two year old boy that had not been able to walk because of brittle bones took first steps on the stage! A young man was delivered from evil spirits during an outreach, with tears streaming down his cheeks; he gave his life to Jesus and at the same time baptized in the Holy Spirit!

The festival touched the entire region of Carazo. Diriamba has a population of 43,000 and over the course of the four nights we had over 45,000 people at the stadium. After counting the cards of decision, there were over 3,000 new souls in the Kingdom of God. The power of God was present to heal the sick in every meeting - blind eyes and deaf ears were opened in the name of Jesus. The gospel can transform an entire region like nothing else. There is power in the name of Jesus. People were set free from demonic oppression on the streets and you could feel the atmosphere was being transformed.

A Ministry in the Prisons, Drug Rehab Centers, to the Shut Ins, at a Ladies Luncheon, in the churches, at Bethel Orphanage and Oasis Boys Home and at a Conference for Pastors and Leaders in San Luis, Mexico.



The men also constructed a new storage room, a new dormitory room for the boys and installed a dental office with the equipment that was donated by the widow of Dr. Bucci, a dentist that had joined us on the Medical Trip in 2006 and has since gone to be with the Lord.

We were blessed to be able to honor MaMa Berta along with the children at Bethel orphanage on Mother's Day at Bethel Church. After that service, we joined the local Assembly of God congregation in ministry for their Mother Day Service. The women were each honored individually by their husbands as they verbally expressed their appreciation and gave them a rose. We were able to give Sister Hilda a rose for her service to the Lord.

We are so blessed by you who pray for us. We feel your prayers and are strengthened by them. Without the help of the Lord, we cannot continue. We hope that you enjoy this brief report that is sent with our love for you and our thanks to you.

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