

The Works of Jesus

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Doing The Works Of Jesus in Costa Rica

In February a team of eight people from the USA departed for Costa Rica to participate in house to house evangelism and evangelistic crusades. Two crusade meetings were held in the villages of Naranjito and Immaculada near the city of Quepos, Costa Rica. The team was comprised of persons from all walks of life who work in the fields of engineering, photography, web design, real estate, carpentry and other secular jobs back in the USA. None were in the full time ministry, yet they are all ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ and went to fulfill the Ministry of Reconciliation to which all Christians are called. As Christ's body, we should all be challenged by Jesus' statement in John 14:12 where he said that "the works the I do, shall you do also and greater works than these shall I do because I go to the father".

During our brief two week stay, members of the team each experienced preaching the gospel, praying for the sick and seeing God confirm his word by performing undeniable miracles of healing blind eyes, opening deaf ears, making the lame to walk and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people. It made no difference who was preaching the gospel or who was praying the prayer for healing, God was doing the miracles. It made no difference whether in the crusade, in a church building or in house to house ministry, the same miracles and salvations were experienced the people who heard the glorious gospel. This confirms what the bible says in Romans 1:16 that "The Gospel is the power of God to Salvation". This means that the **Power is in the message not the messenger**. Every believer who understands what the **Gospel Mes-**



sage is, and learns to preach it in its simplicity, will produce the same miracles that Jesus did while on the earth.

At the end of the week, around 500 people received Jesus and miracles too numerous to list. Below are some of the accounts by those who experienced first hand the miracles, healings and salvations as they preached and shared the glorious miracle working power of the gospel of Christ.

-Howard Ferris

Outstanding Miracles!!!

On the last night of the crusade in Immaculata a woman was raising her left hand while wiggling her thumb. It was apparent that God had done something for her. It started a few days prior where her daughter had come to the crusade and she had a hernia. During the healing prayer God healed the daughter's hernia and she had no

more pain. The daughter went home and invited her mother and sister. She told her mother about how Jesus had healed her hernia and that His healing power was at the crusade. The mother had an accident a few years previously where she had cut her thumb with a butcher's knife. She had severed the tendons and she lost mobility with

her thumb. Because of the lack of medical care the thumb was bandaged to her hand and it healed that way. While at the meeting Jesus healed her thumb and she was able to move it again. She raised her new thumb to Jesus and worshiped him as she cried and wiggled her thumb.

-Doug Vanskike

The Moving of the Holy Spirit

We arrived at a small concrete house where we met two women who had requested for us to visit them. We began to minister to these women about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The older of the two told me that she had been seeking God for years to receive it and she knew that at an appointed time she would receive it. I knew that time was now. We took some time and taught them on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We then prayed for them to receive the Holy Spirit. As we prayed they began to pray in Spanish. I had admonished them not to pray in Spanish and let God speak through them, but they did not know any better. Adon, my transla-

tor, began to pray over the daughter-in-law of the older woman and she began to move her lips but nothing was coming out.

We continued to encourage her and it looked as if the mother-in-law had given up. I felt lead by God to pray for the mother-in-law in Spanish, but I thought to myself, "How can I when I don't speak Spanish." I went over to her and decided I would pray anyway. Sometimes we need to just trust in the Holy Spirit when He leads us. I began to pray a broken prayer in Spanish and I told her to receive it. All of a sudden, a burst of what felt like electricity shot down my arms and the

woman fell back into her chair. She began to weep and she began to speak in other tongues. Hallelujah!! This woman had been seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for years and now she was drunk in the Holy Spirit and speaking in new tongues for the first time. Suddenly the daughter-in-law began to cry also and she began to speak in new tongues. She looked at us and said that she felt a deep peace.

-Tim Williams



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The Far Cry

One of the biggest struggles in the crusade was to get the sound system to project out the sound correctly. We had all sorts of problems such as the sound system cutting out or even having the sound reach the back of the crowd. The testimony that we heard from

a woman in Immaculata really surprised us when she shared it with us. She shared that during the crusade she listened to the whole gospel and accepted Christ. When she heard the gospel while she was sitting inside her home **over a mile away!** God had supernaturally

sent the message of the gospel out further than we could. The question then is how many other people heard the gospel as they sat in their home and received Christ?

-David Ferris

The Clown, The Cross, and His Children

Jesus certainly cares about the little ones. We witnessed Jesus perform the same signs and wonders on the Children as he did for the adults.

There were a total of two children's programs in where between a clown, candy and some

balloons the Gospel was presented. The children would all gather in front of the stage in

great anticipation. Bubbles the clown was our major star. Using props and Bubbles as Jesus, the gospel was preached to children ages 8 months to 13 years of age. Over 200 children raised their hand to receive Christ and confess Him as Lord and Savior! We even had some testimonies of healings! Jesus healed headaches, sore throats, and pains.

Statistically it is proven that a child has the attention span of

about the same amount of minutes as his/her age. We found during the crusade that God really enabled us to hold their attention even with the delay of a translator. Praise God for great, enthusiastic translators. The success of our kids crusade would have to be due to Jesus, Bubbles the clown, and CANDY!

-Kassidy Hallberg



Too Far Gone

In our endeavors to invite people to the crusade I came across a man standing in the driveway. I approached him and noticed that he was bleeding. He explained to me that he cut himself with a machete. Apparently he was throwing it up in the air and cut himself trying to catch it. He was bleeding badly and he told me he had been this way for a couple hours.

I went into his home to make a makeshift bandage and the entire floor in his house was covered in puddles of blood. I offered to pray with him and he said I could if I wanted to. He then told me that his name was Alan. I began to pray in the name of Jesus and he stopped me. He told me not to use that name. I said it would be that name that would heal him. His eyes filled with tears and he said "I don't want to hear it!" He quickly changed the subject and told me that he was from Washington state and on his epitaph that he wants it to say "I died laughing". I asked him if he was sick and he said yes. Not with a cold but he is crazy. I tried to tell him about God but once again he said "I don't want you to use that name and please I don't want to hear about God". I said "it was by no accident I was here", and he said "I don't believe in God and I don't want to hear about it". Then he said something that sent a bolt of fear through me.

He said "I have Hepatitis C". I looked at the blood on my hands from helping him put on a bandage. I raced to his bathroom and grabbed some Alcohol. I rubbed it all over my arms. He then told me he was gay and he came down here to die. I took a closer look and it looked like he may have had

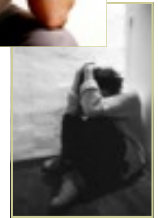


AIDS. I kept very clean. Luckily I had been pretty careful and only got a few drops of blood on my hands and I had no open cuts. I began to pray against that fear and thank God that He was protecting me. We found an emergency number and called for an ambulance. The emergency service told us that they were too busy and they would not come. Alan needed medical attention, but I was not going to put him in our van with everyone else in it. Alan would forget about his

finger and let go of his bandage and begin to bleed everywhere. Howard and I made a decision to take everyone back and prep the van for Alan. I told Alan that I would be back for him.

We began to drive back and along the way an ambulance was driving by. We stopped and jumped out and the ambulance stopped too. We told the driver about Alan and He told us that he was coming out for another call but he would stop for Alan. We jumped in and Howard followed us. I began to cry for Alan knowing that he was going to die and He did not want to even hear about Jesus. We arrived and the ambulance driver went to Alan. I told Alan that God loved him. He shrank into his chair like it hurt him. We left him with the paramedic and we continued home. I didn't talk much but I felt sick to my stomach.

Unfortunately, Alan is like many people we see every day. Not that they have the same medical conditions, but that the "God Of This World" has embittered them so they cannot bear to hear the gospel message which can save them and set them free. Though my heart aches for Alan, it only furthers my resolve to reach as many as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ so they may be saved, before they reach a place of bitterness that they no longer will hear. *-Tim Williams*



"I began to pray in the name of Jesus and he stopped me. He told me not to use that name."



This woman like many others had severe pain in her back and she received a miracle. Now she is pain free.

The Power of the Gospel

When going house to house sharing the gospel, I encountered a Christian lady who had excruciating pain in her back. She had strapped ice packs and hot pads to her back. She had told me that she had been like this for several weeks. We smiled because we knew that

Jesus could help her. We shared with her a miracle story of Jesus to help encourage her faith to a point where she could receive her miracle. We prayed for her and she told us that the pain had reduced. We knew that Jesus was not done so we prayed again for her. The

pain continued to diminish. The third time we prayed all pain left her body and she now could bend down and move side to side with no problems. A few minutes previously she could barely move and not she could touch her toes! God had healed her! *-David Ferris*

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A Word from Howard and Leslie



Thank you all who prayed for us and who gave fanatical support. The crusades were a great success! At the conclusions of our crusades, the pastors

asked us how soon we would be coming back to hold more crusades in their country. Many Pastors remarked that there had never been a meeting like this before in these towns and they had never seen a gathering this large. We are currently planning to return

to Costa Rica early next year holding crusades in the two largest cities on the Pacific Coast namely, Puntarenas and Quepos. We now have a good working relationship with the Pastors there so we can do more in reaching the lost and the unreached.

“For I am not Ashamed of the Gospel, For it is the power unto Salvation”



The Miracles of Cerretos

At the conclusion of the crusade in Naranjito, I was invited to speak at a church in Cerretos on Sunday evening. The rest of the team was going to visit a church in Quepos and I was looking forward to just going and worshiping God without having to minister. Regardless, I left and followed the Pastor on Sunday evening toward the village called Cerretos. We forded two rivers and a small stream in our vehicles before we arrived in a little village on top of the hill. The church building had seen better years but 70 or 80 people crammed into this little church on this hot Sunday evening. I shared from the gospels that evening and gave the altar call. Several responded and received Christ. I

then made a prayer for healing, and God confirmed his word first by healing the pastor's wife who had chronic back problems and was in great pain. After prayer she was completely set free, so then three or four others with back problems came forward and Jesus healed them all. Parents brought their children forward for prayer, some whose legs were developing crooked and we prayed for them. A father brought his daughter, about 4 years old forward who was blind in one eye and needed surgery. However, Jesus healed this young lady and we tested her by covering her good eye and she could see perfectly with the eye that the Lord healed. The Pastor also testified how the night before

at the crusade his father received his sight. He had been to the doctors and had surgery on his eye, but after the surgery his eye was worse off. Yet during the prayer at the crusade, God healed and restored his eyesight perfectly. We prayed for many others and it was an occasion where Jesus healed them all (that is those we could physically verify the healing in). As we left that evening, it was all we could do just to praise God for his miracle working power. It's wonderful to obey God and see his wonderful works.

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