



YWAM MEDELLIN

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"Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many you will find it again." That's the word the God is fulfilling in the lives of our teenage boys.

The Director of our "Bread for Life" project, Rosita, left for the city of Bucaramanga in June to begin a year of training at "Teachers for the Nations." Yet our street ministry continues to operate. Since **several of our young men** used to accompany Rosita on the street outings, a month ago they **decided to take charge** of it, lead by Luis, one of our most responsible boys.

Thanks to the discipleship that they've had working with Rosita, we now see the fruits in the commitment they have to helping the needy. Joined by other volunteers, they continue to be a presence and offer bread and hot chocolate to the street people and Bible-oriented recreation for the children in a slum apartment building in downtown Medellin. We are very proud of them for taking initiative in continuing this work.

The Promised Land

As you will see further on in this letter, we have once again had to move one of our children's homes. One more scar inflicted on young lives that have had too many.

We want to establish a permanent home for them outside the city. A farm where they can grow, heal and learn about God's creation in their daily lives.

If you could help provide them a permanent home at little or no cost to you personally, WOULD YOU DO IT?

We have the strategy, we just need a little of your time this Christmas season.

For our kids and the children still waiting on the streets, the idea of living on a farm is a dream, it is a vision, it is the Promised Land.

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A little over a year ago we undertook an enormous challenge to develop a water project for a community of about 10,000 refugees. In the face of our human limitations and a global economic recession, God demonstrated His sufficiency and moved in the generous hearts of His children to provide.



Even in moments of doubt and frustration, He reminded us that it was His vision to begin with and that it wasn't so much about efficiency as it was about allowing Him to work through us to express his love.

In July we were able to celebrate the inauguration and see people filling jugs and buckets with pure, clean water. We shared how Jesus also quenches our spiritual thirst and causes streams of living water to flow out from us. A stream refreshes a barren land and makes it bear fruit, just as the living water of God's love overflows in us to bless our neighbours and transform the spiritual landscape around us. May this be true in Villa Clemen and in our own lives.



In June the lease we had on the boys' home ended and we could not find another suitable house at a rent we could afford. **At a loss for any other solution, we brought the boys to live with us in the staff house.** It has actually been a blessing as the boys seem to be responding well to the new house and the greater presence of adults. However, it has implied tighter quarters for everyone and a loss of office space, so please be praying with us for other solutions.

The contrast between these two stories serves to highlight a concern we have had lately. As we said in our last newsletter, although the world may be in crisis, the kingdom of heaven is not.

We have witnessed God's provision in the water project. However, at the same time our general fund has gone down and **we have been unable to meet the day-to-day ministry expenses, such as rent, utilities, and food.** We are aware that many of our donors have been affected by the recession, and we're deeply grateful for those who have remained faithful.

We would like to ask you to consider joining us as regular partners. Perhaps you could reflect on your daily, weekly, or monthly expenditures to see if there are any small sacrifices you could make to help us consistently care for our ministry children; anything from fewer lunches out to a few less cable channels. **We are confident that God will provide; but will he do so through you?**



Esther is one of our teenage girls and in the past couple years we've watched her become a beautiful young woman. She's always had a talent for performing in public and you can often hear her lovely voice singing as she passes through the house, so we've been looking for ways in which she could develop that talent.



Luis on the street serving hot chocolate.

Last year the pastor of the neighbourhood church we attend heard her singing and approached us to ask if she would like to be a part of the Sunday morning worship team. We were excited for this opportunity for her, not only to develop her musical giftings, but also to learn how to use them to honour the Lord. She was baptized in this church a few years ago, and after having undergone a discipleship process, she is now participating in the worship ministry.

We've also been proud of her progress in the home, as she is beginning to take some leadership and responsibility, and set an example for the younger girls. We pray, and ask you to pray, that God would continue to conform her to his image, so that his love and glory would shine forth in her life.

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