



Missionary Reports

Acts 21:17-20a

Monday at breakfast we were gathered for our morning Bible study. As I opened the door, I spotted one of our members who hadn't been able to meet with us for almost three months. "Hi, Randy! Man, it's good to see you. Can't wait to hear how things went in Colombia."

For the last two and half months Randy has been working with [e3 Ministries](#) in the area around Armenia, the capital city of the Quindio department in western Colombia. He trained teams of believers who could join up with believers coming from Texas to go out and share the Gospel.

After our eggs, cereal, or just toast were delivered, Randy started into his report. "One of the most important things I experienced was the direct power of the Spirit to transform hearts. In one of the parks where we were using the evangecube to tell Jesus' Story there was a big powerful man strutting through the groups trying to hear the presentations. 'What are you Christians doing here? You're wasting these folks'

time.' He got louder and more belligerent.

One of the experienced Colombian ladies from our team started interacting with him. She didn't raise her voice to match his anger but patiently and firmly persisted in explaining to him what the team was doing and why. Fearing the big guy might hurt her, I moved closer when suddenly another member of our team walked directly up to the man and interrupted, 'Do you mind if I give you a hug?'

What in the world? Where did this come from? I could only imagine how the guy would react, but as the believer wrapped his arms around the angry man, the anger cooled. He quieted down and said, 'Could one of you take that thing, that cube, and tell me what it's about?' After hearing the Gospel, he prayed to receive Jesus."

Randy ended his sharing, "I don't think I've ever seen the Holy Spirit so drastically and quickly take a man from angry opposition to joyous forgiveness in Jesus"

When Randy finished this story, praise filled all of our hearts. And when the Apostle Paul arrived in Jerusalem, he didn't just go to a men's breakfast like Randy, he went to meet James, the half-brother of Jesus, and all the elders in the Jerusalem Church. He had a lot to tell them about his mission trips.

"When we arrived in Jerusalem, the brother received us warmly. The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. When they heard this, they praised God." Acts 21:17-20a

This summer in your church there will be fellow believers, like Randy, who return from summer mission trips. Be sure to take the time to have them report in detail about how God worked.

LORD, I pray for this new Colombia brother who, because Randy and his team shared the Gospel, became a new man. Move church leaders this summer to schedule time so that their entire church families can hear the reports of what You are doing in building Your family around the world.



Message This Week:

Vital Parts Of The Body Part 2

Too old, too old, too old. Some of you have heard this refrain and it has sucked away your meaning in life. Well I've got encouraging news for you. There is a group where no one becomes too old to play a vital role. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11