



FAR REACHING MINISTRIES



THE RESCUE OF CLARA

In my years in the Sudan, I have seen great cruelty done by man and I am not surprised by much. But, the cruelty that has been done by men to small children, and justified by the perpetrators, is still hard for me to fathom.

I traveled down to Mexico to meet with the staff of Horizonte along with Pastor Jonathan Domingo. We had just recently helped Horizonte open a satellite church location in Ensenada. We had provided funds for 400 new chairs and extra support for the starting of the new church. Horizonte Church has quickly become a mega church in Mexico. They used to have two services at their main campus and have now grown to four services. The church body is mostly made up of young people, ages 25 to early thirties, and every service is full. With the satellite location, they will now have five services.

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Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) got involved with Horizonte just a few years ago. What we have invested, has borne great fruit. Last year, I realized that the senior pastor's car had over 250,000 miles on it and the assistant pastor's car had even more miles.

The woman in charge of the women's ministry did not have a car and borrowed one that was donated to come up and meet with me at our U.S. headquarters. After the meeting, the staff took her to lunch. I noticed that one of the tires had two lug nuts that were missing and that was because there were no bolts to screw them onto. I did not feel it was safe for this young lady to drive back, so I had the car taken and repaired

before she returned. The next week, I met with the pastor, the assistant pastor and the leader of the women's ministry. I had them come up to meet me at



Horizonte Ensenada

a car dealership, where a good friend of mine works (in fleet sales) and bought them each a brand-new Toyota Corolla.

After our meetings, we went to lunch and Jonathan told me that they had received a new child in the orphanage who had been terribly abused. I told Jonathan that I wanted to go and see the little girl. Her name is Clara and she is only three years old. Jonathan shared that the child had been being raped by her father from the time she was two years old and had a sexually transmitted disease.

When I walked into the room to see Clara, she began to cry—she is afraid of men. She raised her arm to cover her face and would peek out over the top but would not look directly at me. She was afraid. Vicky, one of the heads of the orphanage, told me that when she has her diapers changed, she will cry because she fears she will be abused again. She does not want to be touched, but she also does not want you to leave, as she is afraid of being alone. We talked to her in a soft voice, and then laid hands on her foot, so as to not alarm her, and prayed for Clara,

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which seemed to calm her down.

This is the hard part for me. When I left the room, I could feel the rage rising in my heart. How could a man abuse his own daughter? I know the love I feel for my own daughter, Jennifer, and I could not fathom a father doing this to a baby. When Jennifer got married, her future husband came to see me. He said, “Wes, I am afraid of you.” I told him that he should be afraid. I then reminded him that if he mistreated my daughter, he would reap what he sowed. Fortunately, he has been truly growing into a Godly man and father.

The good news, folks, is that in the few short weeks that we have had Clara, we have seen her improve and play with the other children, even smiling and laughing. She cannot walk or talk, and the staff is working with the doctors to find out what her long-term prognosis is. It is my hope that through prayer, and God’s people showing her love and tenderness, she will be able to heal. She still cannot express her needs or wants and pulls out her hair and cries uncontrollably when she is angry.

We hope that we will be able to find a family who will adopt this little one and show her real love, but it is still too soon to know what we are dealing with yet. If you would like to donate towards Clara's care, I can promise you, we will give one hundred percent towards this child's care and for her future needs. She will require 24-hour care, seven days a week. We will have to raise quite a few monthly sponsors just to care for her on this level. If you would like to become one of her monthly sponsors for \$50 a month, please fill out the enclosed card "For the Love of Clara". It does not have to be \$50—your gift can be whatever God puts on your heart. The one-time donations will also go towards her medical care and whatever else she will need.

Over the last few months, I have had many of you contact me, with very kind concern saying, "Wes, we can feel the stress you are going through in the newsletters." And, yes, it is true that these last few years have been extreme. In the first five months of this year, I had to make two emergency flights overseas along with three other scheduled trips. It is extremely hard to find peace in the world I live in. And, while my

stress level is difficult, it is nothing compared to what Clara is going through. Folks, I am a soldier and a man who is trained for war and who handles hardship well, but even for me, it is things like this that vex a man's soul. I know the sensitive nature of putting Clara's photo in the newsletter, but we have been asked to do so by the church, in the hope that the Lord will put it on someone's heart to adopt her in the future.

I am in Moscow, as I write you this newsletter. One of our Russian missionaries' father had died, but was resuscitated. He went into surgery where they removed two cups of blood clots. I had led his wife to the Lord a few years ago and baptized her. Last year, she went home to be with the Lord. I had also shared Christ with his granddaughter who has come back to Christ and her walk is very strong. He had come close to receiving Christ but pulled back and would not receive. The doctor said that the last seven patients, who had undergone this type of surgery, had all died on the operating table, including a 22-year-old woman. It is a miracle that at 78 years old, this man survived and is doing well. I shared with him once again, and he said, "Wes, I did

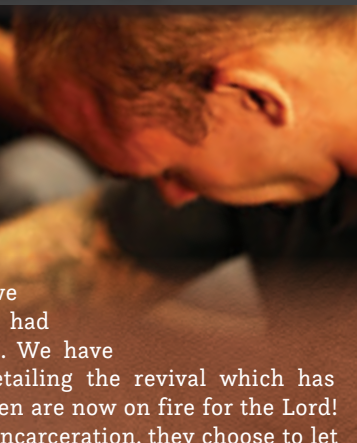


BIBLES FOR INMATES

"...as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." ~Jesus

In our February newsletter, we shared about our inmate Bible ministry, which started two years ago by one prisoner writing us for a study Bible and discipleship materials. In that newsletter, we mentioned this ministry had grown to include 22 prisons. We have received letters of praise detailing the revival which has taken place, and how these men are now on fire for the Lord! Regardless of their length of incarceration, they choose to let the Lord use them. The great news is in four short months, this ministry has grown to 44 prisons and this number continues to increase! We have mailed out thousands of Bibles, along with other discipleship material. We are asking you to prayerfully consider financially partnering with us, as this ministry continues to grow exponentially. If you would count it a privilege to provide the Word to those incarcerated, please indicate "BIBLE FOR INMATES" on the enclosed gift card, along with your gift.

"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated since you yourselves are in the body also." ~Hebrews 13:3



WIDOW'S HOME



In South Sudan and Uganda, we are building homes for widows who have suffered the loss of their husbands from war or at the hands of terrorists. This is an opportunity for God's people to help the widows and their families, to ease some of their anguish by having a secure

place to live. These homes will not be western style-built houses—just bricks, cement and a metal roof. Each house will consist of two rooms. These new homes will be a great blessing to widows and their children, as most people in the bush live in a mud hut with a thatched roof.

The cost to build each house is between \$4,000 to \$5,000, which is more than they would ever be able to afford. To be part of building one of these homes, please indicate "WIDOW'S HOME" on the enclosed gift card with your donation. Please join us in prayer as these women take on the monumental task of raising a family on their own.

ask God to forgive me." I said to him, "That was good, but did you ask Him to be your Savior?" And, he said, "No." So please pray that he would fully surrender.

Though the war continues to rage in South Sudan, there are ministry needs around the globe that need our attention. We thank you for standing with us as we shoulder the burdens of our brothers and sisters—caring for the least of these and the elderly—those whom the Lord has put in our path, such as the Clara's of this world.

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FOR THE LOVE OF CLARA



Casa Horizonte orphanage has received a new child. Clara is just three years old. This precious child had been sexually abused by her father from the time she was two years old. She cannot walk or talk, and the staff is working with the doctors to find out what her long-term prognosis is.

In the few short weeks that Clara has been at Casa Horizonte, the staff has seen her improve; she now plays with the other children and even smiles and laughs. Her caretakers have started her with a walker to improve her mobility, so she will be able to walk in the future. It is our hope that through prayer, and God's people showing her love and tenderness, she will be able to heal from the trauma that has been inflicted on her.

If you would like to donate towards Clara's care, I can promise you we will give one hundred percent of your donation toward this child's care and for her future needs. She requires 24-hour care, seven days a week. To provide this level of care, we will need to raise several monthly sponsorships to cover the costs. If you would like to become a monthly sponsor for Clara at \$50 a month, please fill out the enclosed card "FOR THE LOVE OF CLARA". If you are unable to donate the full \$50, your gift can be whatever God puts on your heart. One-time donations will also go towards her medical care and whatever else she will need.



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