

Child-Like Faith

Our family was waiting at the train station to head home after a long day. As usual, our little blond-haired children stood out and drew quite a crowd. While my wife and I sat on a bench a few meters away, we noticed two young women speaking to our daughter. Practicing their English conversation they asked basic questions like: "What's your name?" and, "Where are you from?" Only six years old, our daughter loved the attention. It was a treat to speak English.

A moment later we overheard her ask the women, "Would you like to hear about Jesus?" "Yes," they replied. Our little evangelist began telling them all about God, how He made the world and holds it in His hands! It was such a treat to hear her share these deep truths so casually and naturally. We heard a little voice start singing, and low and behold, our little girl was singing Jesus Loves Me while everyone nearby listened in!

Later, on our walk home from the train, we told her how great it was that she'd shared with the women about Jesus. She smiled and shrugged and replied, "Well, that's why we're here, right?" So straight-forward, so innocent, so filled with faith.

In a country where adults have to be cautious about what we share and to whom, our children have an open door when it comes to sharing their faith. We have never doubted that God had a reason for bringing us here as a young family, and at times like this we realize the amazing impact young children can have. We praise the Father for the plan that He has to use our children to be lights for Him in reaching this land!

Please pray for our kids as they start school, that God will provide caring teachers, new friends, and help them learn the language and adapt to the culture. Please pray God grants us wisdom as parents and ministers of the Gospel.

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Ordinary Miracles

The tragedy came in the form of a phone call. Alejandra's fiancé had been killed instantly in a car accident. What's worse, he had died a week ago and her in-laws were only informing her now. Her world began to close in around her. She put a hand on her pregnant stomach. How would she raise twins alone?

Devastated by the loss of her fiancé and the rejection of his family, Alejandra cried out for help during the most difficult time of her life. Because she was pregnant and unmarried, her own family rejected her as well. Alone, she gave birth to two boys – Axel and Allan.

Over the years, Alejandra worked hard to love and support her sons. She was even able to recover some of the relationship with her family. Yet, she always felt valueless. This lack of self-worth was unintentionally passed to Axel and Allan. Throughout their teen years they struggled to fit in socially.

But in a miraculous way, Jesus reached into their lives and began to renew them! Since we met this family eight months ago, we have seen God begin to destroy the lie of worthlessness and remind them that they are perfectly created and dearly loved. Alejandra and the twins have experienced this truth, not only through relationship with Jesus, but also in the relationships of their new church community in Campo Real, Mexico.

What a joy it has been to watch the boys change dramatically in the way they interact with others as they discover that they are loved and valued! As a family they continue to participate more in the church, recognizing that they have an important role in Christ's family. We are so encouraged to see how God continually reaches into broken lives and hearts, restoring them to live and love as He intended.

Please pray for the Wiests and Beltrans as they minister in Campo Real. Ask God to grant them unity and wisdom as the community of new believers grows and matures.

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