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A drunk seeks forgiveness and salvation

AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE

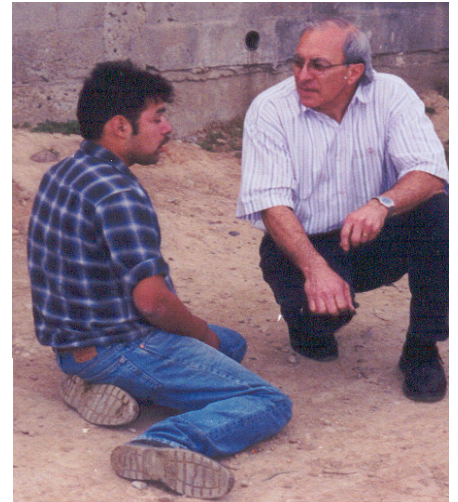
In March 2002, while on an outreach with a team visiting us from Ottawa, we were ministering in one of our TLCCM locations in Colonia Monte Olimpico, Tijuana, Mexico. At the time we had 80 kids in the program in that area. We were outside on the side of the little dirt road because our leader's house was too small to accommodate all these kids.

The children were singing praises to the Lord when a drunk drove up in an old beat up truck. He got out of his truck and listened to the kids for a few minutes. Then, the Spirit of the Lord hit him like a ton of bricks. He went directly to Roger saying that he felt really convicted. He was crying and was telling Padre Roger (he thought Roger was a priest) that he was a really bad sinner. He admitted that he had even been a hit man for the Mexican drug cartel. Roger explained to him that there was not a sin or sins too big that the Lord would not forgive if he repented. Right there, in the middle of the little dirt road, he asked for forgiveness. Then Roger led him through the sinner's prayer and to the Lord.

Meanwhile, I was continuing to lead the children in songs of praises, but I knew something divine was happening on the road between the Lord and this drunk. After a little while, Roger called me and asked that the visiting team, along with the children, gather around his new found friend. We laid hands on him and prayed for him. The amazing thing is that when Roger helped him to get up from the ground, he was stone sober.

By then it was time to feed the children. He stood there by our ministry van just watching us. Once the kids had all received a plate of food, I made him a plate also and brought it to him with a glass of punch (not something he was in the habit of drinking). After a while he quietly disappeared in his old shack. We took time to explain to the children that this was a perfect example of the forgiveness of God, **if we repent**. We came back to San Diego that evening, knowing we had experienced a divine appointment.

Praise God for His forgiveness and for the privilege of being His hand extended in such a time as this.



Dear friends and partners,

This testimony is to encourage you to always be ready to share the gospel. You never know when the Lord will put "a drunk" on your path. You too can experience being His hand extended in such a time as this.

Please continue to pray for this ministry. If some of you would like to partner with us, we would be grateful. All donations can be sent to the address above.

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