



"...but the greatest of these is love"

PRAISES

- ♦ GOD HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYER FOR BUILDING EXCITEMENT AMONGST OUR STUDENTS IN EVANGELISM!
- ♦ OUR MID-YEAR RETREAT WAS VERY REFRESHING AND CHALLENGING FOR US (IN A GOOD WAY)
- ♦ OUR STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE FINDING SUCCESSFUL WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS AND MAKE THE MOVEMENT MORE SELF-SUSTAINABLE

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ♦ **MOVEMENT STRATEGY:** PRAY FOR US TO THINK UP AND IMPLEMENT NEW WAYS TO REACH AND EMPOWER MORE STUDENTS.
- ♦ **LABORERS:** PRAY FOR AMERICAN STINTERS TO BE RAISED UP TO COME AND SERVE HERE NEXT YEAR.
- ♦ **SPRING BREAK:** FOR THE TEAM COMING FROM CAL POLY MARCH 20TH TO BE USED TO ADVANCE THE MOVEMENT AND OPEN UP NEW DOORS IN THE MEDICINE AND BUSINESS SCHOOLS.

CURRENTLY READING

- ♦ "BOUNDARIES", BY DR. HENRY CLOUD AND DR. JOHN TOWNSEND

BLOG: FUN STORIES
Living-life-in-el-salvador.blogspot.com

In my last newsletter, I told you about **Jairo**, a student leader of ours who was challenged at our Christmas Conference to step out in faith on campus by reaching out to his peers. I've clearly seen him respond to that challenge in the last couple of weeks. He's been taking nearly every opportunity he's had to **engage in spiritual conversations** with students. One day, we planned on going out to share the gospel after his class, but he even found me twenty minutes before this class, eager to seize this opportunity as well. As he left for class, he told me that he wanted to go out again when he was done! Having already gone sharing (in Spanish), I was tired; but his persistence led us to a student who was very responsive to the message of hope in the gospel. Jairo pushed through a long conversation to share the gospel clearly and completely!

Getting to a healthy point of connection and trust with Jairo has taken much time and effort, due to the language barrier and his naturally being a private person. **Recently these efforts have come to fruition**, as we've had the opportunity to repeatedly connect one-on-one. Two weeks ago, he shared that his father and brother have no desire to know the Lord, which has been painful for him. He's been conflicted about the reality of religious differences in families: that some love Jesus while others are actively opposed to him. I led him through some scripture where Jesus talks about the message of the gospel being divisive, even within families, but that we're called to love Jesus more than anyone, even our own family members. I also explained to him the importance of still respecting and honoring his father despite his disbelief, as well as how **we're empowered to love our family more through knowing Jesus**.



JAIRO



AMOR REAL OUTREACH



LOVE FUNDRAISER

Our **love outreach**, "Amor Real," was a great success. We used Valentine's Day and the theme of love and relationships to enter into dialogue with students and reveal God as the author of love, our foundation for healthy relationships. Components of the week-long outreach included the following: a survey that asked students about their thoughts and feelings towards these things, three big discussion board banners asking questions such as "**What does your generation need to hear about love?**", and two seminars about true love. Some students packed the nine foot banners with their responses to the questions, others were challenged by thinking about the question "**What is your response to the statement 'God loves you?'**" in the survey, while others attended a seminar and heard stories about failed relationships. Ultimately, we aimed to communicate this: **God is the One to ultimately satisfy our relational needs**.

The second part of that week was our first **fundraiser** as a student ministry! We sold roses, cards, and candy to students on campus to raise money for the outreach and other ministry projects in an effort to make our ministry more **self-sustainable**. The most exciting part of it was seeing students, new and old, come alongside us in the effort. It was a compelling way for us to work together towards a tangible goal. Our profit was humble, but God really rewarded our efforts with more cohesive relationships!