

The Wilsons

Colombia Youth Camp Report

June 2009

Daniel, Will and I just returned from Bogota, Colombia to help with a youth camp. We taught sessions that preceded the small-group time focused on making 'Biblical Choices'. It was incredible to have the opportunity to impact young lives with the Gospel. The national team was led by young people. Skits, games and small-group time built relationships that God used to transform and direct many hearts.



I taught on 'Forgiveness' in the final sessions and many hearts were touched. Keep in mind that most of them are from broken homes and are likely abused. They finished the small groups working through the "Precept 40-Minute Book about making Biblical Choices". *(This was a great \$500 investment you made in the camp!)*

Will and Daniel gave the messages God had them prepare. They competed on the sports teams with the kids. These youth are intense about team activities! I treated a sprained ankle and possibly a broken toe from the last race!



The most touching time were the testimonies at the end. Several youth shared about what God had done in their hearts:

- ☪ The first girl shared what learning about forgiveness had done in her heart.
- ☪ The next girl told that she now knows the importance of choices made today.

☪ Another girl said she had committed her life to living for God.

☪ One girl said that God had confirmed her decision to leave sports (semi-pro?) to continue Bible School for training so she can be a missionary to indigenous tribes there.

☪ A young man from a former gang told about hardships and about the encouragement he had received that weekend to continue to pursue Christ. His former gang attacked him, intending to kill him, 3 weeks after his conversion (which was not long ago).

☪ Harold, a kid from the roughest section of Bogota, gave his life to Christ and prayed with Jim (my coworker and translator) after we gave a late night small group challenge to each in the group. Harold was a changed young man on the last day; radiant and all smiles. This was the power of the Gospel of God!



☪ Many of the 30 un-churched young people surrendered their lives to Christ. Praise the Lord!



Prayer Requests

∫ Please pray for those who did not respond to the Gospel. Pray the seeds will grow.

∫ Pray for those returning to difficult family situations. I am certain spiritual attacks will abound to test their commitments.

Thank you for praying and giving so we could be there. Your investment will and is reaping eternal dividends. Lives are being transformed as young people responded to the Gospel.

I will be in Argentina June 27-July 7 teaching "Marriage and Family" to pastors and leaders in the World Reach Bible Institute near Cordoba. Please pray for wisdom, direction, travel and funds for the effort.

Till He comes,

Bobby