

Compassion in Action

Nicaragua



Ministry update from Dave and Tamra Bryant



I met Roberto about 2 years ago...

I was surfing at one of our local beaches and as I got out the water to walk home I noticed a small group of men trying to pull a sailboat from the beach that had washed up after a recent storm. Roberto was one of them and he asked me for help. As I got closer to him I could smell the distinct odor of stale alcohol and sweat. He had the rough look of the guys that live at the beach in the sand under the palm trees and drink everyday. My heart immediately went out to him.

The Lord put him on my heart and I started to pray for Roberto from that day. Every time I saw him I hugged him, told him that Jesus loves him, that I was praying for him, and that only Jesus can set him free from his sin and the bondage of alcohol.

This went on for several months as we would run into each other at the beach, always hugging him, sharing Gods love with him and always the ever present smell of Rum.

After awhile he started opening up and talking more and more about his life. You see, Roberto had been one of the top 3 pro surfers in Nicaragua until he started drinking. Alcohol took him out of competition for sure as well as was slowly destroying him.

More and more the Lord brought us together. I shared about Jesus' love with Roberto and after sometime I started to notice that the smell of alcohol was less and less on him. He told me that "he" was trying to make a change in his life but didn't have strength and would return again to drinking. I shared with him about Jesus and His strength to literally set Roberto free. He always listened very intently and after awhile he asked for a Bible.

When we started the Bible Study, about a year ago, Roberto was one of the first to come the very first night and has been coming ever sense.

I am so happy to report to you that Roberto gave his life to Jesus! He was Baptized at our favorite surf beach this past Palm Sunday. He asked to have one-on-one Bible study weekly with me and we are going thru a discipleship book that teaches the Biblical foundation of his new life in Christ. Every time I see him now he has a smile on his face and tells me how happy he is. **Please pray for Roberto to continue to grow and that he would be a light here in San Juan as this town is VERY small and people are watching and searching for truth.**

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.." – II Cor. 5:17

– Grace and Peace, Dave and Tamra Bryant



A recent note from Roberto:
"Brother, since the moment we met my life changed and felt free from all the bad ideas. Thanks for helping me that God saves me and deliveries to save my soul. My heartfelt thanks, Roberto."

Please join us in Prayer:

- For favor with the office of Immigration, and that we would have patients through the residency process.
- For those that come to the Bible Studies to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.



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