

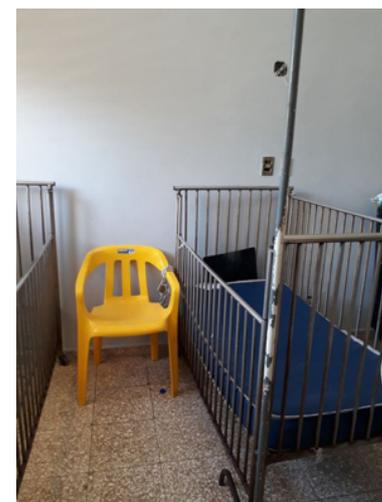
Grace and Peace Missionary Fellowship April, May and June 2017

*Evangelism Program
Prison Ministry
Hospital Ministry
Church Planting
Widow Program
Children's Bible Program
Love United
Medical Missions*

Look What's Happening!

So far this year, 81 people have given their heart to the Lord through Grace and Peace's prison, hospital, street evangelism and medical missions ministry. God has provided the ready hearts and answered our prayer as we embarked on making evangelism our focus in 2017. We have been evangelizing for more than 18 years through these different activities, but this year we have been praying for more and more opportunities. As well, all we had here at the house were children's Bibles. We prayed, and someone contacted Bill and I saying they would like to donate the necessary Bibles. We've budgeted the money for the shipping through Missionary Flights International. Before the donor contacted us though, we were budgeting to buy as many as we could with what we had plus allow for shipping. Now, with only having to pay shipping, we are able to buy even more Bibles later this year. As our evangelism team has gone into both the prison and the hospital over these last few months, they generally come back with some pretty amazing God stops. While ministering in the hospital in March, and as Keila was leading different patients to the Lord, she always asks her team to take pictures so Bill and I can see who

it is she is speaking of when she tells us a story of those with greater needs. The top picture of Keila crouching down with a woman carries with it an amazing story. First and foremost, Bill and I were blessed as she told us she led this woman to the Lord. When Keila first met her, she told her she had no one and her little baby was close to death. This woman was very distraught. Keila ministered to her and said she would be back to help in any way she could. She showed us the picture of the woman, and we were rejoicing that she was a new Christian, but immediately noticed her sitting on the floor. I asked, was she so upset that she slid down the wall and fell on the floor? Keila said, "Of course not. She was very low emotionally, but she has to sit on the floor. The area where the babies are doesn't have tables or chairs for the parents of the children." I was speechless. We had gone into that hospital multiple times, and I never remember seeing that. I do remember seeing in the pediatric ward, the parents sitting on the beds with their children. In the nursery, the babies are in cribs. There has never been anywhere for the parents to sit except on the floor. We gave Keila money to go to the store, buy chairs and a chain to secure them, and she delivered them as fast as she could. Giving them the opportunity to accept the Lord is the greatest privilege we have.



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Buying them chairs so they don't have to sit on the filthy floor is why we have such a strong humanitarian side of our ministry. We can't hand them Jesus, a Bible and walk away when we have the \$16 to buy them a plastic chair and show them they have worth to us as well as the Lord.

Onto the prison ministry. Our evangelism team goes into the prison one month, then into the hospital the next month. We always like to take something to everyone we minister to. In the hospital, we will take donated clothing, toothbrushes and toothpaste. In the prison we take them body soap and laundry detergent. The conditions in this prison are deplorable. But we found out about another side of the jail this past time. The country club side. It's definitely not an American country club. In fact, the conditions on that side of the prison here are far worse than just a regular prison in America. Nonetheless, our evangelism team decides they are going on the country club side this visit. Interestingly enough, the last time they were on the regular rough-it side, 11 people gave their heart to the Lord. They went into the country club side and led 42 prisoners to the Lord that visit. Nothing short of amazing. Our procedure is to follow up on new converts to be sure they are being disciplined. So, as Keila is writing down each newly saved person's name and address, this young man steps up to her and says, "My name is Little Fire," in Spanish of course. Keila writes it down and says, "Can I have your full legal name, please?" He continues on, "You don't know who I am, do you?" Keila responds that she does not. He says his full legal name and her pen stops mid-sentence. This man who goes by "Little Fire" is the biggest murderous gang member in our town of 138,000 people. And Keila, so meek and mild, led him to the Lord. She said she was literally shaking when she tried to take down the

rest of his information. But our evangelism team is so strong in the Lord, and Keila knew God had granted her this divine appointment to lead him to the Lord.

I'm not 100% positive where I heard this or who said it to me, but at some point in 2017, I was having a conversation with someone somewhere...yes, this happens to me now, too...and I was told, "You know, Karen, there are times as ministers of the Gospel that the Lord asks us not only to lead someone to the Lord but to also do something for them so they have something tangible to look at and remind them of God's grace." I tucked that away in my memory and when "Little Fire" accepted Christ, I felt led to buy him a Bible with his name etched in gold foil letters. I also chose a Spanish Study Bible for him. It cost us a little bit but I felt a whisper in my heart saying, "Give him something he can't turn his eyes away from." And that's exactly what we did. The Bible arrived down here and I shared that story with a group of 5 men from Canton First Friends, who came to do widow house maintenance. One of the members of that team, Dan, said, "Karen, let's pray over this Bible." And so we prayed. I'm thinking by the time all of you get this newsletter, Little Fire will have his Bible. When you think of this story, lift him up. He's in jail for murder, and the Lord only knows how many he has committed, but we've seen people be released from jail down here who should have served life sentences. We will continue to check up on him and see how he is coming in his new studies. As always, we covet your prayers for him and for our ministry as a whole. We're blessed with faithful supporters. We are also blessed with those that lift our whole mission in prayer regularly. For that, we are so grateful.



G&P Evangelism Team Member Jason leads an elderly gentleman to the Lord during Hospital Evangelism



Keila's mother, Pastora Ofelia, prays for an ill child in the hospital



A volunteer prepares gifts of soap for all the prisoners. There are an average of 800 prisoners at any one given time.

