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Bible Clubs

As most of you know, I worked in several Bible Clubs in Mexico. I will also be starting Bible Clubs in Croatia. A Bible Club meeting is held during the week in a neighborhood. During the meeting, the kids learn how to pray, sing Bible songs, memorize verses, hear a Bible story, receive the gospel, play games, and have a snack.

Is a Bible Club really necessary? Can't these kids come on Sunday or Wednesday to church? Isn't it just a party time? They don't really learn anything, do they?

I'm so glad you asked! I believe Bible Clubs are ESSENTIAL to reaching children for Christ. Some parents will not allow their kids to go to a church service. Some kids have no interest in going to church. Many kids will attend a Bible Club, though. Also, many parents are more willing for their kids to attend a Bible Club. That means many kids that would have never heard the gospel now have that opportunity. As for learning anything, I have seen so many children in Mexico grow spiritually because of a Bible Club. Several of those kids now regularly attend church, because they want to learn more about God. One of the major things these kids learn is of course, how to have a relationship with God. The Bible states that we can only have a relationship through Jesus. If we accept His gift (Jesus dying on the cross, and coming back to life 3 days later) we have that relationship. Many kids have accepted Jesus! These kids are learning many spiritual truths, as well as how they should act in daily life. They are learning not to hate, not to fight, how to treat family, etc. Also these kids are learning how to pray. They learn how to approach God...simply by speaking to Him. In one of these Bible Clubs in Mexico, the director, my good friend Rosy, had the kids write down some prayer requests. I would like to share these requests with you. These requests show how some the kids have grown, and are growing. It also displays the hard times they are having. Would you please pray for these kids with me? I have translated these requests as accurately as I can to the originals.

Children's Prayer Requests

Maritza: God help me with school tests, help my grandparents who are sick, protect my family and me.

Esdras: Jesus, I want you to help my mom buy me a laptop and printer to do my homework.

Dayana: For my grandparents, for my mom, for my dad, for my cousin.

Brenda: My problem is: My family. I always scream at my dad, my mom, and my grandma.

Alday: For my family's protection and health.

David Castillo: That I always have good dreams. I want a bike. For school, and to learn the Bible verses.

Brandon: That Jesus would help my mom to be healthy, and dad to do well at work.

Jesica: That Adolfo would not bother me anymore.

Ricardo: Help me in my school tests.

Alex: Sometimes the kids, Ivan and Landon bother (*bully*) me.

Gretel: That Jesus helps me in first grade school, and my brother who has the cold.

Bruno: That my dad would stop hitting my mom.

Daniela: That my mouth would stop hurting. Amen.

Miguel: A boy bothers (*bullies*) me. I have strange dreams.

Cinthia: Help me that my parents stop fighting, because I pray and pray, and they keep fighting. It makes me sad that they fight, and my brothers also feel bad, and cry because they always argue or get mad.

Melani: For my grandma, that she would not be addicted to beer. For problems at school.

Treicy: God help me in the school tests.

Angel: For my grandma and my family, for my grandma's feet to get better, and that God would protect me.

Debany: God help and bless my dad in his work.

Yesenia: The problem I have is that my brother lives with us, and last night he fought with my mom. My dog and I left crying and I said "God help me that my brother comes back home" because right after, I thought of God and said "God help me please."

Samantha: Help me that my dad stops drinking, and doesn't fight with my mom, please help me God.

Francisco Javier: A boy bothers (*bullies*) me, and I don't want to hit him. I want you to pray for him, so he doesn't bother me anymore.

Odalis: I want to learn to read. That Angel doesn't bother me. That my mom feels good and doesn't get sick, and God heals her.

Carmen: I ask for my grandma and mom, and dad. I ask for the test, and that God watches over the Bible Club, and Church. For my family's health. For Rosy and Saul (*director of the Bible Club and her husband*). Thank you Lord, amen.

Eveline: God, I want you to give me strength and that we go back to my dad, and that if mom is going to be single, that she stays single and doesn't date Jorge or any other man. Please, I ask you. Pleeeeeaaaaase!

Gerardito: I have bad dreams.

Merari: To have more wisdom in school and at church, and everywhere else.

Arnol: Health for my family, and that I pass to the Secondary school. (Junior High)

Brayan: Health for my grandma and for all of my family.

Edson: A boy in sixth grade bothers (bully) me and says to others "Don't be friends with Kalimba because he will attack you."

(Kalimba is a Mexican singer with dark skin and curly hair who was arrested on rape charges, and Edson has dark skin and curly hair, which is not very common in Mexico, so the kids make fun of him.)

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