



HIMN September Newsletter

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FEATURE TESTIMONIAL OF THE MONTH

This is the testimony of our newest volunteer, Femi Bada. Femi is an African American brother in Christ who attends Fort Bend Community Church. He attended his first sharing event at West Bellfort on 9/14/2013.

I cannot express how confused and unsure I was of what we were going to do on Saturday. I thought it was just going to be us listening to a guy preach to Hispanic workers about turning to God for eternal salvation and peace. But upon arrival I felt as though this was going to be a learning experience. I was able to see the confidence that is found when living according to the Spirit of God. The way the women spoke to the people with such passion and conviction convicted me in my own walk with God. By buying snacks and giving water to those without any, these women of God showed me what 'walking in his path' really meant. It made me question if I trust and love Him enough to give my time and money to his works and his plans. But above all else, it opened my eyes to the realities of this world, its darkness. I specifically remember one of the men, Antonio, who looked like he had given up on life. He was hopeless. And through that moment, God reminded me that He is Hope. To Love, To Give and to be the Hope of the world, that's what He called me to that day. And that's what I will live for.

PRAYER ITEMS

1. The coming volunteer appreciation party. We want to show our appreciation for all volunteers who have participated in sharing events in the past or have generously donated money to our ministry.
2. West Park location. HIMN's volunteers had met opposition from the owner of the Shell gas station in the area. In the past, we would be confronted by the security guard there, who would tell us not to park in the gas station parking lot. Now whenever we would go to the Shell gas station to minister to the workers standing there, someone would go on the gas station's PA system and order us to get off the property. This is the second time for this kind of things to happen, although we did not really notice the first time this happened. Pray that we can find a solution to this problem.
3. Femi Bada, our newest volunteer, who attended the 9/14 sharing event at West Bellfort. Pray that HIMN's ministry would be a good fit for him.
4. Jessica, Graciela, and Landy Gonzales, three of our newer volunteers, who are able to go to almost every sharing event we have. Please pray that God will give them the strength to continue serving him.
5. Santos Gonzales and Jose Macareno, who came to Christ in at our Bellaire sharing event on 8/28/2013. Please pray that God will look after them.
6. Ruben and Giovanni Rapalo who were came back to Christ. Please pray that God will look after them as well.
7. An available Spanish speaking preacher who is available mostly every week. Sometimes, none of our Spanish speaking preachers can come and we've had to rely on Jessica, Graciela, and Landy to share with the workers, which is not as effective as a sermon. Please pray that HIMN will find a preacher who is available every week.

9/7/2013 SHARING EVENT AT WOODRIDGE

Paco's Report:

Showed up Manny and his son Manuel, Ramon Cerda and me. I brought sodas and water. We started praying together at 8.45am, then we gave tracks around 45 workers. We preached to two different groups of people. Manny's son preached the first group and I did the second group. I preached around 15 workers, they listened very carefully and at the end when I prayed it started raining hard. When I finish I was little wet and I could not ask about their decision of salvation, but I know we put the seeds of the Lord in their hearts.

I preached about my own testimony and what faith means. I used Ephesians 2:8. We finished praying together around 9:40 am.

In the love of Christ,

Paco Ramos

9/14/2013 SHARING EVENT AT WEST BELLFORT

Andrew's Report:

I arrived at the West Bellfort location at 8:15 AM. Jessica arrived at around 8:30, Graciela and Landy arrived at around 8:35, and Femi Bada, a new volunteer, arrived at around 8:45. I began at 8:45 with a word of prayer. Femi and I then began to pass out tracts and bottled water to the workers while Graciela, Landy, and Jessica shared with them. The ladies also brought food to give them. We did this with every group we saw, not wanting to miss anyone. Femi ended our time with a closing prayer and we left at 9:50 AM.

I remember two songs which I heard on the radio, one which I heard on the way there and the other I heard on the way back. Both songs were written by a Christian artist named Brandon Heath. The song I heard on the way there was called "Give Me Your Eyes", which asks God to give us his eyes so that we could see what he sees. This is what the chorus says:

Give me your eyes for just one second
Give me your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing
Give me your love for humanity
Give me your arms for the broken hearted
Ones that are far beyond my reach.
Give me your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me your eyes so I can see

The second song by Brandon Heath, which I heard when I was driving home, is called "Your Love". This song reminds us that we need God's love in our lives, and that we need to give God's love to the world. This is how the chorus goes:

But Your love!
Your love.
The only the thing that matters is Your love
Your love is all I have to give.
Your love is enough to light up the darkness!
It's Your love!
Your love.
All I ever needed is Your love

I am glad that we have volunteers like Jessica, Graciela, and Landy who can speak Spanish and can speak to the workers in their native language. It really helps in sharing the gospel with the migrant workers. It especially helps when we have volunteers, like Jessica, Graciela, and Landy who can make it to almost every sharing event we have. Please pray for these three ladies as surely going to the sharing events every week must be exhausting. Pray that God will give them the strength to continue serving him.

9/28/2013 SHARING EVENT AT BELLAIRE

Andrew's Report:

I arrived at the Bellaire location (the parking lot of Joshua's Asian Cuisine) at 8:10 AM. Pastor Oleg and a brother from his church, Joshua, arrived at 8:40. Joshua brought his 3 sons with him. Their names are Jeremiah, Jonathan and Josiah. Jessica and Graciela arrived at around 8:40 as well and Paco arrived at 8:45. We began at 8:45 with a word of prayer from Pastor Oleg. We passed out tracts to the workers while Paco preached his message. After Paco's sermon, we passed out the donuts and drinks to the workers that Pastor Oleg and Graciela brought.

Then, we went to the Shell gas station and did the same thing. After that, Joshua ended our time together with a closing prayer at around 10:00 AM. I was glad when Joshua and Pastor Oleg showed more interest in HIMN's ministry so I gave them our business card. I hope we will see them more in future sharing events.

When I was driving to the Bellaire location. I heard two songs that were appropriate. One is called "Hello My Name Is" by Matthew West and the other is "Until the Whole World Hears" by Casting Crowns. The chorus of "Hello My Name Is" goes like this.

Hello, my name is child of the one true King
I've been saved, I've been changed,
And I have been set free
"Amazing Grace" is the song I sing
Hello, my name is child of the one true King

This song reminds us that we are all God's children. We should remember that we are the children of the one true king. Similarly, "Until the Whole World Hears" tells us that we should lift up God's name until the whole world hears. The chorus goes like this:

Until the whole world hears Lord we are calling out
Lifting up Your name for all to hear the sound
Like voices in the wilderness we're crying out
as the day draws near
we'll sing until the whole world hears

That is why we are ministering to the migrant workers. We are letting the whole world know about God.

Paco's Report:

We started around 8:45 am, we prayed together and then we started handing out tracks, drinks and donuts to workers around 25 or 30, after that we started to preach about Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:2,3, where the serpent deceived Eve and then Adam disobeyed God. This is where the origin of sin begins. Now in Genesis 4 is where we can see the fruit of the sin with Cain and Abel. The bible says that Cain killed his brother Abel by jealousy and after that the sin filled the earth and we are all sinners as it says in Romans 3:23 and the only solution is Jesus Christ as 1 Timothy 2:4,5,6. We can continue disobedient as Eve, Adam and Cain or we can obey God as Abel, who pleased God with his obedience as Hebrews 11:4. God wants us to be obedient to him and believe in his son Jesus Christ as the only way to get the heaven and live eternally with him. Do you believe this? it is the question for us, in John 11:25.

Showed up Pastor Oleg Xu who brought the drinks and donuts, Joshua father of Jeremiah, Jonathan and Josiah, who help us faithfully, also Graciela brought donuts too and Andrew who took pictures for the sharing event. Two workers accepted Jesus and confess their sins; their names are Santos Gonzales and Jose Macareno; if you know some church or Pastor near to these new believers please contact to them. Also two more workers come back to the way in Jesus Christ their names are Ruben and Giovanni Rapalo, please pray for them. We finished praying together around 10:00 am.

God Bless this ministry!! We are working for Him!! and for his Glory!!!

Paco Ramos.

