



Outreach Update July 2004

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Jessica Cruz is part of our Summer Staff. She has done a wonderful job working with the teams coming to help us as well as being the co-director of the mission at Huntington Ridge. Here is her end of the Summer report.

Greetings from Atlanta!

I am amazed at all that has happened since I have been here and all that God has shown me through these children. I am beginning to have a clearer picture of how our heavenly Father views His children. Throughout the summer the children have gradually begun to open up and have allowed me become part of their lives. Their trust is such a powerful thing. In the last week I have been able to see the beginning of a powerful work that God has started.

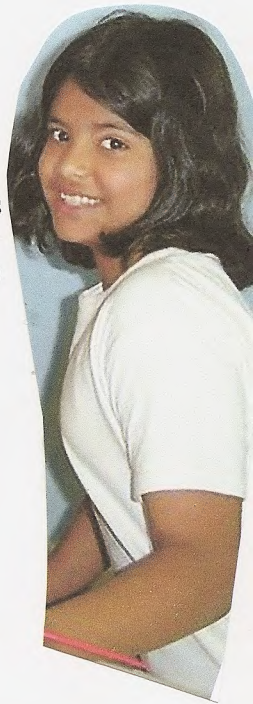
Most of the people here are familiar with Christianity but there is a lot of confusion about the difference between God and Jesus and significance of Christ's death and how it relates to them. One of my greatest desires is for these children to understand the intense love and passion that God has for them. Monday as I was preparing the next couple weeks set of Bible lessons, I felt like God was directing me to teach on who God and Jesus are. While planning I was praying that God would open the children's hearts and that they would be hungry for the truth. An hour after planning the lessons the kids came over to the apartment. In the middle of their card game Vanessa announced to me that "all we know is bad stuff, but we came over so you can teach us about good things, like God and Jesus." I was so surprised! Thank you Jesus for answering prayer!!!

Please pray:

That God would continue to work in the children's hearts and that they would be drawn into a deeper knowledge of Jesus' sacrifice and its meaning to their lives. For Ivonne and Aide as they participate in Camp All-American July 26-30th. Continue to pray for our Thursday night Bible study. Our block party taking place July 31st- that God's love and the Gospel would be well received by the people here through the friendship that will be established. Thank you all so much for all the support and prayers! **Love, Jessica.**

My daughter Ashley has also been very involved with our ministry this Summer. She has been part of our "Impact" team. They served in 7 different complexes!

Hello! Three days out of each week I go to several missions to do Backyard Bible Games (Pin the Love of Jesus on your heart), make balloon animals, do crafts and tell Bible stories. It's been really fun playing with the kids, getting to know them and making a difference in their lives. I have enjoyed this and I hope that everyone will try to get more involved. **Love, Ashley**



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