

"Proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light"



1 Peter 2:9

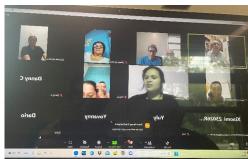
## BELOVED FRIENDS,

"Sing to the Lord, all the earth, announce his salvation, day after day. Tell His glory among the nations; among all peoples, His wondrous deeds." 1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Rejoice with me in the work God is doing in Colombia. For various reasons, it has not been easy to coordinate the Zoom follow-up. However, we have been in constant contact with Danny, our host, and last week we were able to meet with a group of participants. We wanted to see them and hear how they and their families are doing. It was a call with no agenda but truly seeking to nurture the friendship and hear for them.

It was a joyful meeting. There were about 15 in attendance. Others couldn't meet because of previous commitments but they sent regards and are looking forward to the next opportunity. There was a common feeling that they were glad to see us and hear from us. Their countenance seemed different and their commitment to the Lord stronger.





## Here are some testimonies:

"The topic of the value of life and abortion has been the elephant in the room. We knew it was there but didn't know how to talk about it. Now I have a new perspective and way to approach the topic." (Andreas)

"The workshop was very edifying. It talked about giving life and bringing hope. I was made conscious of the loss of respect and value for human life in our society." (Dario)

"I am a taxi driver and one day a young woman asked me to take her to a certain location. The lady seemed disturbed, so I asked her if she was okay. She told me that she was going to the abortion clinic because she was having complications after having had one. I felt something inexplicable, it made me sad. I was able to give her hope, that God can forgive and heal her." (Paola)

"Learning about the number of abortions in the world through the beans exercise broke my heart. I remember the exercise and I am moved to talk to people about it. I want to bring awareness to families so that they will turn back to God in repentance. This will bring forgiveness and healing." (Angela)

"I was very touched by the workshop. I learned that it is not my place to judge but rather walk with people facing a crisis pregnancy so that abortion is not an option." (Leydi)

"I have had three miscarriages and have been grieving deeply. Although I still grieve, I have been able to process the loss and feel a little better. I also learned and understood that God forgives abortion." (Liliana)





Dani shared that he and three other people on his team participated in a Women Leaders Camp. There were one hundred women in attendance. They came from different regions in the country. Using the fetal model they received in the workshop, they brought awareness of the value of life and the pain of abortion. Many women told about their own experiences with deep grief.

One of the participants in the Zoom call was Diana. I couldn't recognize her face and after some time struggling to remember her, I honestly said, "I am sorry, please remind me of your name." She then told me that she attended the workshop by phone. "Oh, I thought, she was one of the virtual attendees." I never thought we would see fruit from that. But God... She then said, she has studied the manual and she is actively seeking to use it.

There are times when I feel very discouraged. It seems there is no fruit to our labor. I was greatly blessed by seeing and hearing from our friends in Colombia. I hope you are too!

As a result of our training, they are requesting an Abortion Recovery Retreat. They see the need to be equipped to assist others facing the loss and pain of abortion. I know this will not only equip them but also transform them. The suggested dates have been set for late November 2023. I will share more information as planning develops.

## My last prayer letter listed the following prayer requests:

- For our new friends in Colombia. That they will continue to absorb what they learned and that the Holy Spirit will strengthen, guide, and empower them for His Kingdom work.
- •That the truth that God is the giver of life will be embraced in a transformational way. In each individual first and in the community as they shared and multiply the message.
- For the follow-up that happens via Zoom. Continued interest and commitment to meet.
- Praise and thank the Lord with us for this opportunity to bring a life-giving message to the church in Pereira. All for His glory and His namesake.

We can give thanks to the Lord for answering our prayers. Please continue to pray that the work will continue to bear much fruit in Pereira, Colombia.

Please continue to use the previous requests to guide you in praying. And I would like to add the following:

- For the upcoming abortion recovery in November: Logistics, team, travel, finances, and for the participants.
- For new relationships that are being developed in two other Latin-American countries.
- On the personal front, please continue to pray for Philip and Alyson, and for Eliana. God's grace and mercy, and direction for their lives and future.

I pray for you with thanksgiving for our friendship and partnership in bringing the love of Christ to the nations. May the Lord cover you under His wings.

With gratitude and love, **Catalina Tate** 



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