

STARTING NEW CHURCHES

A Changed Heart

(Mexico) Xavier tried to fill his empty life with drugs, alcohol, and bad company but he still felt a huge void in his heart. Xavier felt God calling him to change but he pushed aside the feeling and continued to live as he wanted. Besides, “God only wants good people.”

Xavier did not consider himself a good person, worthy of God’s love.

But the Lord touched his heart and softened it. God brought people into Xavier’s life to show him the way, and his eyes were opened and he repented. A new sense of purpose filled Xavier. He felt happy, fulfilled, content, and rejoiced in knowing Jesus as his Lord and Saviour. He can’t wait to tell others.

To equip himself to more effectively share the Gospel, Xavier went through the training program to start new churches, provided through your support. Putting into practice what he learned, Xavier started a church in Ecatepec, Mexico.

The church and its believers bring friends and family to their gatherings, and have been able to witness to many simply by the way they live their lives. Many new believers are coming to the Lord!

With as many as possible, Xavier shares his testimony of how far God has brought him from the man he used to be. When asked what happened to him, Xavier tells them, “God, the true God, the Creator of earth and heaven, changed me.” Xavier believes that through this witness he can carry out the Great Commission, teaching others about Jesus.

“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

– PSALM 103:2-4 NIV

TRANSFORMATION NEWS

You helped make these testimonies of new believers possible!



6.6%
of Mexicans
are Evangelical
believers

A Good Place to Be

(India) Rani, her parents, and four brothers lived in the slums in a one-room house. A plastic sheet served as the roof, rain often seeping in and turning the dirt floor to mud. Twelve-year-old Rani had never known any different.

Rani’s father and two older brothers worked as drivers—earning just enough money to send Rani to school.

But Rani often skipped classes, to go pick through piles of garbage in the slum, searching for rags to sell for a little bit of extra money.

One day while Rani heard the sound of children singing. Curious, she followed the voices and found a Children’s Bible Club, made possible through your support.

Shama, the leader, gladly welcomed Rani to join in. She invited her to come every day after school to be part of singing songs, and she would help with her homework, too.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY



(over please)

The Bible Club was filled with Christ-centered action songs and fun games. And as Rani received daily homework help, she became more interested in her studies, and she stopped skipping school.

Other activities included praying to Jesus, learning good hygiene practices, and listening to Bible stories. Even before Rani fully understood who Jesus was, she knew that the Bible Club was a good place for her to be.

Little by little, through the work of the Holy Spirit and Shama's leading, Rani's heart began to change. Her parents even noticed her improved behaviour and attitude at home!

Rani began to attend a worshipping group with Shama on Sundays. And, after experiencing the peace she felt through Christ, Rani received Him as her personal Saviour!

Rani is already shining the light of Christ. She started leading her family to attend the worshipping group with her!

Today, even while living in the slums in the midst of a pandemic, Rani believes she has much to be thankful for. She knows that she is loved by God and her Redeemer lives!

A Miracle of Healing

(Serbia) Bozica is a leader of an adult Bible study group, made possible through your support. She shares a story about the difference you have made for her friend Milena:

Milena grew up in Serbia during the time of communism so there was never any conversation about faith, religion or God. She had a happy, normal childhood and high school years. She got married young, and gave birth to two boys. But life changed dramatically after her husband was killed in the Yugoslavia civil war.

And her pain continued to grow.

Milena was totally heartbroken when her son died. Her depression and grief caused her relationship with the other son to suffer, and for 4 years they hadn't even spoken.



ADULT MINISTRY

Bozica started to share the Gospel message with her, but Milena was not interested.

Bozica told Milena she would continue to pray for her and for reconciliation with her son, knowing that only God could restore what was so broken.

Three days later, Milena's son came to her and asked for forgiveness! A miracle happened: his anger had left and he wanted to reconcile with her.

Milena was so overwhelmed by

this that she asked Bozica to lead her in a prayer for reconciliation with her heavenly Father. And so she came to the Lord and asked Him for forgiveness. Milena became a follower of Jesus that day and with her new Bible under her arm, now attends Bible study meetings with Bozica.

Be encouraged to see how God works in the hearts of people like Milena and her son! He brings peace and healing to broken hearts and changes sorrow into a hope in Him.