



GOOD NEWS FROM ECUADOR

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NOTE FROM ECUADOR TEAM.

Dear family and friends, firstly to say we pray for you all often , for each of your situations, lives, families, health, provision and for clarity in the Lord´s

guidance for your lives. We are so grateful for your friendship.

- JENNY

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IT IS NO USE WALKING ANYWHERE TO PREACH UNLESS OUR WALKING IS OUR PREACHING. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

As you can see from the attached photos, we still are busy with our tract distribution and soul winning as we are out and about, The photos of Gonzalo are whilst we were on our way to a clinic to make medical checkup appointments! Because we take long bus rides and walk a lot from one place to another we have ample opportunities for God's setups!.. For example..and elderly recently widowed lady selling cheap eggs from her

small tent kiosk in a garden, a few beggars, those who sit with us on the bus...we sometimes do not sit together so that we allow the Lord to put that person beside us with whom we can engage in conversation..or pass a tract to..and with whom we can sometimes pray with... Although with the young ones plugged into their phones, conversation is not always forthcoming..but a tract given to them at least can be browsed through later!

The photos show an outreach in a very busy weekend shopping, street vender place. It is also the centre of the capital..a real downtown area where drug business and other underworld business is conducted, The place is patrolled by many police, however crime still happens under their noses.. we are not sure if the police just turn their heads sometimes!



BUILDING BRIDGES

I felt led to approach a very well tattooed tall young man standing outside a store, to give him a tract (see photo attached)... he was also full of piercings..I felt that "This is someone's son, someone's grandson, brother, lost in the underworld here..He held himself like he was in some kind of authority. Yet as I gave him a tract and asked about his faith terrain, his face was so childlike and with a smile agreed to pray with me to receive Jesus.. Most latinos have a seed of faith, even if due to family Catholic tradition. I also prayed over his tattoos that were visible on his arms, to bind and satanic powers they might hold over

him,..he allowed me to do this as meekly as one offering a nurse his arms for an injection! The Lord had touched him. God does everything possible to win us into His Kingdom..He came not to condemn...." "If Thou Oh Lord shall mark our guilt, who will survive? psalm 130 verse 3" Oh Lord, He is someone's son, some mother, grandmother is on her knees praying for him, just as I pray and weep for mine! As I approached a scantily dressed girl also standing some distance away from him, she asked, "Do you KNOW that person?" In a manner of alarm.. (I supposed he is someone in authority in that sphere of

society)..I told her that yes and that he had just prayed with me to receive Jesus..she also believed in Jesus and prayed with me... Perhaps he was her "BOSS" and what the boss has done she wanted to do also! It is one by one in these underworld situations, to reach some of these deeply trapped ones, and by being truly led by the Holy Spirit as I am not one to deliberately seek out the underworld crowd..It is just being available I think and the Lord engineers the rest, the Divine appointments!

Eschatology

Gonzalo is also studying the prophecies in Daniel and has given Daniel 2 class via whatsapp to a bible student. Sometimes it is not always feasible to follow the proposed class all the way through as questions come up and then we need to personalise the class.. according to the needs! I then send the text of the class to the person via whatsapp.. so they can study later..

Prayer Request

Now to a need for prayer for Ecuador and the increasing violence due to narcotrafficking, and increasing contact with Mexican cartels especially in prisons. A recent massacre occurred in an Ecuador prison 3 hours drive away this month. Our prayers are set on reaching the youth and younger ones with the message of salvation so they can have the opportunity to have a transformation of soul and spirit, which also can help them stay on a healthy path in life. We also pray for the Light of truth to miraculously enter into these prisons. Please also pray for an increase in employment here.

Unemployment also contributes to individuals being prey for underworld life..... Please also pray for our guidance and supply for the theme of our next printing project. I, Jenny, am also getting a vision to produce a simple pocket size booklet with compilation of thoughts and resting in the Lord, how to allay anxiety..seeing as I am personally and continually learning about this..HA!



In Philipians 4:6-7, the apostle Paul instructs the believers: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Attaining relief from anxiety, worry, stress, and pressure is a high priority for most people today. We live in a world with an increasingly rapid pace of change, and change brings uncertainty. Uncertainty tends to bring worry, stress, and a general feeling of being unsettled. A friend of mine expressed it like this: "When I feel unsettled, I feel uneasy, like something is going to go wrong, or like I'm missing something important. It often involves an unknown, a

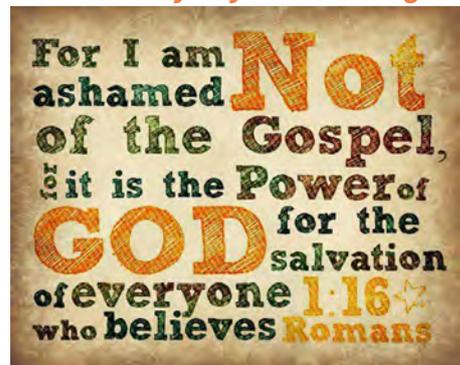
risk, and it brings in an overall unsettled, in-flux feeling." Sometimes you just wake up feeling unsettled, or you feel uneasy but you can't pinpoint why. Other times you know or have an inkling why you're feeling that way, what circumstance or decision it's connected to. It could be that you're putting off making an important but difficult decision. Perhaps you're experiencing conflict in a relationship and amends need to be made. Maybe it's time for a change in your life—of career, location, parenting, priorities, or within your circle of friends—and while you know the change is needed, it will cost you personally to make the change, so you feel reluctant or afraid, and as a result, you avoid doing whatever it is you feel you need to do. Or maybe you are taking

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Jesus, when I feel weak, tired, or out of sorts, You're right there to put Your arms around me, to comfort me, and tell me that everything is going to be okay. You reach out and soothe my ruffled nerves, melt away my worries and fears, and lift the confusion that surrounds me.

Thank You that I can find relief from the pressure of a busy schedule by turning to You. When I stop what I'm doing and take a few minutes to think about You and Your love, my spirit is refreshed and I find the strength to continue on with my day.

Thank You for the peace You pour into me when I'm stressed or down. And thank You, too, that when I feel good, You make me feel even better.



steps toward a change in your life and you feel unsettled because you don't know how things are going to play out.

Feeling unsettled, uneasy, and anxious tends to sap your joy and faith. Those feelings of dread or "not knowing" can throw a wet blanket on your outlook or hope for the future, and can inhibit you from making solid progress in your life. That gnawing feeling of too many loose ends, lingering decisions that need to be made, things you might be forgetting or just can't get to can leave you feeling frazzled, nervous, distracted, and emotionally exhausted.

There are several wonderful promises in the Bible on this topic which give both spiritual and practical advice. For example:

- *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.²*
- *Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.³*
- *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.⁴*
- *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.⁵ Learning to "give all our worries and cares to God" and to be "anxious for nothing"⁶ is a process that requires practical steps on our part. We need to*

make a conscious effort to give our burdens to God. We must commit to spending regular time with Jesus. We need to learn to surrender our fears and worries to Him. We need to meditate on God's Word and intentionally focus our thoughts on things that are praiseworthy, noble, good, true, honorable, and right.⁷ We have to make a conscious effort to replace bad habits with good ones that lead us to a healthy lifestyle.

Some people assume that once you become a Christian, God automatically protects you from bad things. That's not how it works. Trusting in God doesn't eliminate problems, stress, or difficulties that might arise, but it does provide us a firm foundation for our confidence and an outlet for our anxiety: God Himself.

I find it helpful to review God's promises to remind myself of His unconditional love for me. He cares. He wants to help me. He has promised to take care of me. When we put ourselves and our loved ones in His hands, we can know that it is the best place possible.

There are also some helpful practical tips, and I'll include a few below. Write down your concerns and anxieties. This is especially helpful if you have a lot on your mind. Just listing it all can bring some clarity and relief. Write down your worries and give them to Jesus.

Once you have written down everything that is weighing on

you, that list can become a list for both prayer and planning. If you can take action on a few items, even if they're smaller points, it will whittle down the list and give you a sense of progress.

Talk with someone—your spouse, a friend, counselor, mentor. It can help to talk through your situation and seek good advice. Beware of the "god of options." This term represents the overwhelming number of choices available today. Too much information can result in decision paralysis, not to mention wasted time.

Be mindful and disciplined; seek out the information you need to make a decision, without getting caught up in the never-ending flow of new information and options.

Take one step at a time. If you are facing a number of issues that need resolving, don't try to tackle them all at once. Pick one to think and pray through. Consider the pros and cons, with the end goal being to make a decision. Decide. Do. Trust. Repeat. Once you make a prayerful decision, don't keep doing comparison research or second-guessing your choice. Trust that you made a decision that is good enough. I read a quote on the topic of open doors and the struggle that we, as Christians, often face when making life choices as we seek God's will. The author wrote, "God can use even what looks like the 'wrong door' if I go through it with the right heart."⁸ I believe that is true, and it is

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deeply comforting, because we will never get every decision 100% right. That's part of the life experience. If we can keep a more heavenly perspective, we'll enjoy life's journey more. Granted, the problems we face in life are not "easy." But Jesus promises to give us strength to enable us to carry those problems. He says, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light."9 When we draw on His strength, we can have peace in the midst of a storm and deep joy even in trying circumstances.

Jesus is our source of peace. His name "is a strong tower," which we can "run into and be safe."10

Our great appreciation to you all for your support and prayers for us, Gonzalo and Jenny

PS a helpful short youtube sermon by Max Lucado we watched this morning:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jr6J-YfmWA>



The Gospel online and in person



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