



APRIL UPDATE

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."
1 Corinthians 6:14



Dear Friends,

Holy Week is definitely considered in a different light in El Salvador than it is for most people in the States. Almost everyone has at least part of the week off, schools are closed, and Good Friday is the one day of the year that even grocery stores shut down. Colorful processions line the streets and churches fill up with services as hearts turn toward Jesus' death and Resurrection.

During Holy Week, our hearts will also turn to rest and reflection as we consider this central truth on which our faith hinges...Jesus Christ, crucified and raised from the dead.

We work hard to develop programs that don't focus on simply physical or medical means for treating things like trauma or addiction, but we also don't ignore the physical side and tell people to simply pray their pain away. We take a holistic approach, but sometimes we must pause and remember that no program no matter how well researched and no matter how professionally executed can take the place of resurrection power.

Just as God raised Jesus from the dead, so we have seen him intervene in impossible circumstances. He has touched those with addictions, he has healed women overwhelmed by trauma, he has drawn hurting teenage boys to himself. This isn't a trite answer or a stripping down of complex issues into a simple spiritual solution. No, this is an understanding that there are places so dark that only the power of God can shine a light into them.

We embrace that light, we lean into it, and we believe that God has power to raise the dead. To heal the hurting, and to make all that is wrong right...because if Jesus is still dead on the cross, aren't we all? If Jesus never rose, what point is there to anything that we do?

We work hard, and we do our best to be good stewards of our donations and resources. We research and diligently employ best practices. We strive to be responsible professionals. And we pray for God's power to do the the heavy lifting...His resurrection power. And He does...every single day. Check out the photos above to see how He has worked just this month. Women graduated from the Free The Girls project and another container of bras arrived enabling new women to begin life changing businesses, another graduate finished New Dawn and a new resident entered, we were able to connect as a staff at our first retreat in two years...and God is in all of it working powerfully.

Our prayer for each of you in this upcoming Holy Week is that you would know God's power. the power of His Resurrection. The power that raised His Son from the dead and His power that can raise us too from the darkness of sin, addiction, and pain that we see everywhere on this earth.

Happy Easter...He is risen indeed!

For Freedom,
 Jon and Danielle Snyder

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Pray with Us!

We thank you for praying for our work! Please join us this month in praying for the following requests:

- For wisdom as we seek to fill several staffing needs on our team. Pray for the resources and right candidates for the job. As our ministry grows, so does our team and we want to make sure we are growing well!
- For encouragement for our Lighthouse Resource Center team. They have dealt with relapses in some of the cases they have been working with for a long time. It's so discouraging to see clients who have come so far take so many steps back. Pray for them to celebrate the progress they see in others and trust that God is still in control of the process.
- For our latest New Dawn graduate as he is working to adjust to life outside of the program. He has a difficult past so it will be tough for him to continue to move forward so pray for God to be present in all of this.
- For the newest New Dawn resident as he is in the blackout stage of the program which is always very challenging as he is going through detox and beginning to adapt to the new process that he is starting.
- For the 7 women who just graduated from the Free The Girls project as they continue to work toward their dreams and focus on what is next in their lives as they move away from a business just focused around selling bras and onto other things.
- For our family (the Snyders) as Jon and Danielle are wrapping up their first year of seminary and Tori is preparing to graduate from high school. She will be attending Geneva College in the fall so we have many changes ahead for all of us!

Thank you for praying!

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