

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

After my second visit to Los Guido, I realized something had to change. Obviously, in a



neighborhood ruled by drugs, violence, and prostitution, things need to change. But I realized how greatly it had impacted these kids. They were prone to violence, rebellion, and anger. I knew we couldn't

expect good behavior without teaching them what that is. So once a month, in addition

to the Bible teaching, I'll be teaching the kids about character. We started this month with respect. Since the Supremes didn't have a Spanish version, I had to write one. It was called R-E-S-P-E-T-O.

Cultural Day

Three years ago the founders searched to find a name to capture the vision the Lord had given them for the new church that was about to be born. They decided on "International Friendship." Their heart's desire was to reach out to Columbian immigrants that had fled from their homeland to find refuge in Costa Rica. The name definitely reflected the plans that God had for the church, but they were plans for an "international friendship" than crossed more borders than the founders had ever imagined.

There are approximately twelve nations represented in our congregation of 120. It is so incredible to see



A Scare in Tibas

Tibas, the slum where our second HOPE group began, is a neighborhood made up of Nicaraguan immigrants. The majority fled from Nicaragua after the civil war. Like all slums, there's lots of alcohol, prostitution, and drugs, and little money and jobs. Since the future isn't bright for these youth, with little education and few opportunities, they turn to gangs, theft, and drugs.

Last week, one of these gangs of 20 youth arrived at the door of Johnny's family's house with the intention to attack and kill them. That night the gang was unable to enter the house. However, the following night they beat up two of Johnny's brothers in the street. Please pray for God's protection over the family.

God's family represented from all over the world-England, Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, and the United States, to Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Peru, Columbia, Venezuela, and even some from Costa Rica!

October was Missions Month. We celebrated with a cultural day. In pigtailed and overalls I proudly represented the USA, and Edgar with his sombrero, khakis and white button-up represented Columbia.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ◆ For wisdom and direction leading the HOPE groups
- ◆ God's protection over the HOPE group in Tibas
- ◆ God's blessings on Edgar's English studies
- ◆ Kids in Los Guidos
- ◆ God's help and guidance is preparing for next summer's mission teams

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