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"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

(1 Corinthians 15:10 NKJV)



We hear Christians say repeatedly, "thank God for His grace," and what they are inferring is that grace covers them when they mess up or fail. While this may be true in a sense, it sells grace far short of its real power in the life of the believer.

The Apostle Paul states in the above verse that his life was nothing more than a demonstration of grace. When we think about Paul's life, we can clearly see that he is not using grace as the cover-up catch all for an ungodly lifestyle that many believers relegate it to nowadays. He saw grace as the reason he was able to live in a way that pleased God and explains this in his letter to Titus:

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age." (Titus 2:11-12 NIV).

In light of the empowering quality of grace, I realized why all of Paul's letters opened with the order of "grace and peace to you." He never said "peace and grace to you." The Holy Spirit, through the pen and experience of this Apostle, was highlighting the reality that we will never experience the peace of God until we are empowered by the grace of God to live our lives in a way that says "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and "yes" to self-controlled, upright, godly living.

As a potter, I considered the concept of grace in the intricate relationship of the clay, the water, and the potter. I began to see that there was an inseparable interaction that required all three components in order for the mission to be accomplished. Without me, there is no one to shape the clay. Without the water, shaping the clay is impossible. Without the clay, there is nothing for me to create. Yet when all three are working together, there comes a special moment in the process when I sense the clay begin to grow. It has become empowered by the water and the potter to make peace with the wheel. It is then that I am able to take it to its fullest potential and make it into the masterpiece I have envisioned for it from the beginning.

So it is with God's grace in our lives. We need to be willing vessels of clay, which are watered every day with the Word, so that when the touch of God's grace is on our lives, we will grow peacefully into the masterpiece He desires.

As you read the stories in this issue of our magazine, I believe you will see God's grace manifest in stories of our interns and the kids. Yet, God's grace is also very evident to us in the unpublished stories of those of you who, by the grace of God, have said "yes" to the call of Christ in supporting this ministry both financially and prayerfully! Thank you and enjoy the beauty of your masterpieces!

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But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 19:13-15)



Many missionary efforts can tend to focus on the glaring material needs of the people to whom they minister, while their spiritual needs often may take a back seat in the process.

For that reason, when Potter's Field Ministries decided to branch out into their Potter's Field Kids (PFK) missionary endeavors, we purposed to make it a priority to focus on the spiritual needs of the children and their families. That required us to work alongside local churches and to provide the hands and feet necessary to ensure that our focus was maintained. The result is that we are watching God transform lives eternally while meeting many of the physical needs as well. The PFK program in Kenya is a great example of this.



After a couple of years of faithfully teaching the Word of God in Kenya, the Lord turned our attention to a very big need. Through the relentless efforts of our overseers, Geoff and Linda Simpson, and their kids, as well as the IGNITE interns, God opened all the doors to start a school.

Potter's Field Academy in Ongata Rongai has enabled children that normally wouldn't be able to afford school to learn in a safe, Christ-centered environment. We also have a tutoring program every Tuesday and Thursday for kids in third grade all the way through high school. Additionally, on Wednesdays and Thursdays the IGNITE interns have been given permission to go to the public schools and teach Bible lessons.

Along with all of that, we have close to 400 kids show up every Saturday for Kids Club. They sing, listen to an interactive Bible lesson, and then receive a meal. Lastly, every Sunday we visit a children's orphanage where we spend time with the kids and teach a Bible lesson on their level.

Through PFK Kenya, children are being loved on, fed, and given an education, but more importantly they are hearing the Gospel in a way that is personal and tangible. Lives are being touched and leaders are emerging out of the next generation because our family of sponsors and supporters are giving and praying! Thank you!

Beautiful Submission

"He said, Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does? declares the Lord. Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel!"

(Jeremiah 18:6NIV)



This is one of many letters that we received from our time on tour. We felt that you should know how you are impacting lives through your support of this ministry.

"At a very young age I came to find out about sex and experimented as early as 11. Nothing really happened with it until I turned 17 at which time I started acting out on it. For years I had struggled with porn. My addiction led me to looking on Craigslist for people and doing that put me in dangerous situations. I had basically let my addiction to sex spiral out of control and consume me.

I had attended church for several years with my wife, who grew up as a Christian, but I was not a believer. Part of me wanted what she had with the Lord but at that time I was not ready to let Him in. When my addiction came to light, my wife asked me to leave and I found myself alone with God. It was then that I began to speak to Him.

Two weeks into our separation, you came to our church. I thought this could possibly be our last time together. I was listening to you both and fighting to hold back from breaking down. I felt myself on the verge of tears through the entire service. I think about it now and how ironic it is that as you were talking about breaking vases and molding new clay I was wrestling with God not to break me.

Towards the end of the service my fight was not strong enough to compete against the Lord. I felt shattered. I lost it. I couldn't stop crying, and by crying I mean full on sobbing. I pulled it together enough to get to the car. I remember getting in, sitting down, and as the door was shutting I broke again. My wife had gotten in and through my sobbing I didn't even notice she had been crying as well. She told me that this was God touching me. I then asked her why she was crying and she said that she was so happy for me and that she also had been touched. She said God had softened her heart to look past everything and to move forward in our marriage. She knew that if we both had the Holy Spirit in us we could make it through anything. Later that summer we renewed our vows in front of our family and friends at a baptism service the church was doing at a park and were both baptized.

I wanted to thank you from the depths of my heart. My journey started at that service. He planned everything so perfectly. You, Pam, and Potter's Field Ministries are always in my prayers. I ask God to continue working through you to touch and change lives, like He did with my wife and me."

Jerry

Simple Victories

Jonathan Wagner – Age 18

By Pam Rozell

Co-Founder of Potter's Field Ministries



As Michael and I have traveled extensively in the USA and abroad for 23 years sharing the good news of the Gospel through Potter's Field Ministries, I've always had a desire in my heart to share the love and healing that horses have to offer with children in some way. The Lord has recently fulfilled this desire through the horse camps at PFK Whitefish. Jonathan is some of the first fruits to come from this ministry. This is his story.

I've known Jonathan Wagner since he was a young boy so I was elated when his mom brought him to PFK's special needs "Champs Camp" this year. It was so

heart-warming to watch him progress during his week with us. He started off shyly and not so talkative, a bit nervous about his new surroundings and being around strange people. Although he would ask me the moment he got on the property every day, "Are we going to ride now?" when the time would come to ride he would get on his horse, Belle, and within moments want to get off. Then something very wonderful happened. Slowly his fears turned into confidence. When we first asked him if he wanted to "trot" he would only let us do it for about 10 seconds. Then he got to where it would be the first thing he wanted to do when he got on Belle. The laughter and giggles seemed to emanate from the bottom of his toes and it was delightfully contagious! Eventually, he looked forward to riding for the entire allotted time. Interestingly, over the week, his speech became clearer, his focus improved during all his activities, his social skills sharpened, and his joy was uncontainable.

His mom, Linda, told us, "By the third day of camp I watched as Jonathan fell into the routine of getting ready to ride his new friend and partner, 'Belle.' When we arrived, he was out of the car checking on the goats, and then it was off to see the ponies. He headed for the tack room, grabbed his saddle and blanket heading for the paddock with a smile as big as I have ever seen stretched from ear to ear. The riding brought him such joy! He has found a place. He has found a connection. And he is making new friends."

His mom also shared with us that, "One night he came home with a bird house he had painted at camp. Right before dinner he took the step stool and hung his new birdhouse on a hook over our table. This was a brand new behavior! His sister, Hannah, and I were both elated by this simple act and the pride he exhibited for what he had made!"

His mom continued, "Jonathan has his own desires, dreams, and abilities yet to be unlocked and developed. Champs Camp began the process of tapping into that potential."

We covet your prayers as we plan to hold twelve Camps throughout Summer 2016. We hope to do two Champs Camps, three Foster Care Children Camps and five with children from the Flathead Valley. We are beyond grateful for the on-going contributions and prayers of our sponsors and supporters who are unlocking the potential of not just Jonathan, but children all over the world!



"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

(Psalm 37:4 NKJV)

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink."

(Matthew 25:35a NLT)

A Life That Matters

Lyna Khon – Age 11

Shelby Powell, Calvary Chapel Sun Valley

Kaitlin Kurutz, Calvary Chapel Vero Beach

IGNITE Class 8 – Team Cambodia

The village of Kraing Tnong is one of eight Potter's Field Feeding Program locations in Cambodia. Through the Feeding Program, five days a week about 40 children at that location are receiving a physical meal, being tutored in many school subjects, and learning more about Jesus.

Among the many children who are blessed to be a part of the work in Kraing Tnong is Lyna. She is a beautiful Khmer (Cambodian) girl who captured our attention as a bright light within that village. From the way she greets you with sparkling, intelligent eyes and a smile on her face, to how she holds your hand and gives you flowers that she knows you like, this young girl melts your heart within minutes of meeting her.

Lyna is in sixth grade at Angborichack Primary School. She lives with her mom, dad, brother, and sister. Her father works on a plantation farm; her mother works for a garment company. Her brother is also part of the Potter's Field Feeding Program.

After being encouraged by her teachers to come to the Feeding Program, Lyna has been faithfully participating in the program for almost two years. In complete eagerness, she joyfully soaks up every ounce of the teachings. It is inspiring to watch her lovingly put into practice the simple truths of the Bible she is learning. Her eyes emanate a consistent desire to know more about the God who created the whole world and intimately loves her. God truly is using His Word to lovingly mold this young girl into a woman of faith!

Lyna shared that she enjoys coming to the Potter's Field Feeding Program because she gets a meal every day, but also because she receives tutoring for subjects that she is learning in school. She told us that she has advanced in many subjects because of the tutoring, especially English, Math, and Khmer. She also loves that the PFK program helps her to understand the Bible more fully.

Lyna is a natural leader with a heart to serve others. She is a very compassionate young girl who loves helping people. She wants to be a doctor when she grows up so that she can care for people as a vocation, especially her parents. She has attended the church in the village since she was a very little girl. Always wanting to know more about the Bible, Lyna said she loves the book of Genesis because it reminds her that God created mankind and that He loves His creation.

Lyna is a life that matters to God and our sponsors have picked up the torch of making Lyna's life matter to them as well. Thank you!



A Tangible Difference

Jaquelin Andrea – Age 7

MaKayla Ross, Calvary Chapel Perris Valley

IGNITE Class 8 – Team Guatemala



"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is..."
(Ephesians 3:18 NLT)



Potter's Field Center
Antigua, Guatemala

Andrea is a serious, yet precious little seven-year-old girl who is in first grade at Luis Mena in Antigua, Guatemala. She likes learning English at school and I have had fun quizzing her on her English at Kid's Club and teaching her new words when she asks. Andrea lives at home with her mom, dad, and three brothers.

She is very shy upon first glance but becomes adorably silly and playful when she gets to know you. She and her brother, Fredy, love giving people bunny ears in almost every posed picture. Andrea's mother, Julia, accurately describes her daughter as loving and friendly. I've so enjoyed getting to know this lively little sweetheart.

Andrea, Fredy, and their cousin, Fatima, have been coming to Potter's Field Kid's Club in Antigua almost every single week for about a year. She told me that she loves to come to Kid's Club to play games with her friends, learn more about Jesus, and sing songs. Her favorite song is Rio de Dios (River of God).

Julia, Andrea's mom, says that Potter's Field Ministries has had a powerful impact on her family. She is involved in the women's Bible study almost every week that runs concurrently with the Kid's Club. She was also blessed to attend the Women's Retreat hosted by Calvary Chapel Antigua in April. Andrea and her mother asked us to pray for her family - especially her father.

It is difficult to measure the difference that your faithful support of Potter's Field Ministries is making in the lives of families like Andrea's, but I can attest to the fact firsthand that it is tangible. Through your selfless, sacrificial contributions and prayers, I have been able to witness lives being transformed by God's love in Guatemala. I cannot thank you enough for also impacting my own life by changing my perspective of how big God really is and making a lasting impression on me for all eternity. Thank you!



*"Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear your call."
(Isaiah 59:1 NLT)*

A Serious Soul

Roy Mwangi – Age 8
SavHannah Crabtree, Calvary Chapel Secret Harbour, Australia
IGNITE Class 8 – Team Kenya



"Teacher SavHannah, I am not going to school. Can you help me? I want to go to school." This heart-felt petition from a little boy in my class at Kid's Club caught me off guard. Little did I know, this second grade, 8-year-old child would eventually steal my heart. His name is Roy. He lives with his mother, Agnes, and his younger sister, Tracy. Agnes works casual jobs during the day and is often out of work, which is why she cannot afford the fees for Roy to attend school. You can imagine how over-joyed I was when the next Monday both Roy and his sister started attending Potter's Field Christian Academy in Rongai, Kenya.

Roy is very bright and loves school so much that he is truly excelling. Even though he came into the school year almost halfway through, he caught up after only a few weeks. He dreams of going to University one day and wants to be an artist. He loves to draw, ride a bike, and read. His favorite subject is Math.

Roy is very serious. I discovered that this is due partially to the fact that his dad isn't around so he has had to be the man of the family even though he is only 8 years old. The first few weeks I made it my job to just make him smile. It took a while, but he is now smiling and laughing as he is allowed to become a little boy again.

He still worries about his mom. He loves her and prays for her to have a better job because they struggle to pay rent and have food. I suddenly realized that we are an answer to Roy's prayers for provision because Potter's Field Christian Academy provides lunch for him and his sister every day at school. They also get lunch every Saturday at Kid's Club.



Roy only started coming to Kid's Club this year but he attends faithfully every Saturday. His favorite part of the program is singing songs, especially one called "Jesus' Love is Bubbling Over." His favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17, because it talks about those who follow Jesus being made new. God is teaching him to forgive others and not fight with them. His favorite person in the Bible is Mordecai because he cried out to God and tore his clothes, and God heard him.

Roy asks for prayer that God would continue providing and that his mother would find a better job. They are struggling and he feels the pressure of that. He has a hard time balancing being the man of the family with also being an 8-year-old boy.

I was blessed to witness the work God is doing in Roy. Please continue to pray that God will grow him into a young man after His heart and that he will have the spiritual eyes to see God's faithfulness in the answers to his prayers.



A Thankful Servant

Timothy Suubi – Age 12

Betty Abang

PFK Liaison, Uganda

Timothy attends PFK Saturday Club almost every week in Entebbe, Uganda. When you see the joy on Timothy's face as he is playing with other children or just walking about the compound you'd never imagine the loss he has experienced in his 12 years of life. It is perfectly fitting that his last name is Suubi, which means hope in the Ugandan language.



As with the majority of our PFK children, his story is not just about them, but includes his whole family. Timothy is the eldest of three. His siblings are Gideon (11) and Anna (9). All three are students at Calvary Chapel Christian Academy. They live with their grandmother, Eva, in a one-room house that is a 10-minute walk from Calvary Chapel Entebbe.



Timothy's mother was HIV-infected and died in 2007. His father died of the same in 2013. His dad used to work as a janitor at the school that Timothy attends. In addition to being a janitor, Timothy's father was part of a group called Dorcas family, which is a choir that mainly sings local worship songs.

I remember that while Timothy's father was alive, their grandmother, Eva, used to come to church occasionally. After her son's death she took on full responsibility for Timothy and his siblings. She faced the daunting task of taking care of three children on the income she earned as a market vendor. Eva was deeply touched and moved by the support given to her by the church and a particular American family who visit the church at least once every year. It was because of these acts of care and kindness that Eva began attending church regularly. It is evident that the Word is bearing fruit in her life, as she recently became part of a door-to-door evangelism team that goes out weekly.



Timothy's life was also impacted and he has become a true little servant of God. He readily volunteers to help out with little tasks (like handing out coloring sheets) during Bible lesson time. Timothy also has a super thankful heart. I recently helped him to reply to a sponsor letter and each time I'd spell a word for him he'd say "Thank you so much." This happened about four times. I was so pleasantly surprised! I honestly didn't expect or think that he'd thank me every single time!

It is hard for you to know as you donate to Potter's Field every month, or lift this ministry in prayer, the difference that you are making. Yet, across the globe from you, in the corner of the world where Timothy lives, I am watching God take what you do and make something beautiful out of this young man who aspires to be a pastor and pilot. Your obedience to give and pray is creating a masterpiece of inspiration and joy in a young man named Timothy. Thank you!

*"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."
(Romans 5:5 NKJV)*

It was the day of the Lantern Parade in Villarreal, Costa Rica. We were all about to start walking, when Mijail had found us in the crowd and took great pride in showing off the lantern he had made all by himself. Then, he looked up at me and said, "I wish I had someone to walk with." "Silly, you can walk with me," I said. With that he just reached up, grabbed my hand, and started chattering away. After a while, nine-year old Anahi asked, "Where is your mom, Mijail?" He just looked at her and said, "Cassandra is right here holding my hand! Can't you see her?" The significance of that moment can be missed without the backdrop of Mijail's story.

Mijail was abandoned by his mother, but not before she made it known that she hated him. His mother is a prostitute and drug addict, and Mijail was an unplanned result of her lifestyle. His grandfather took him in and then went looking for his mother. He found her in Nicaragua, living on the street, prostituting and doing heavy drugs. He also found out that she had another baby girl, whom she had also abandoned. He took the baby girl into his home to live with him and Mijail.

Although his story could have dictated otherwise, this young boy is learning to rise above his rough beginnings. He steals your heart with his silly laugh, bear hugs, and bright smiles. He listens to every word a person says, even if he pretends like he doesn't care. He is still surrounded by walls of self-defense, but God is slowly breaking them down – one day at a time. I still remember the first day he gave me a hug for real, and that day at the parade is the first day he ever took my hand on his own accord. Seizing the moment, I asked him if he knew that I loved him. He looked me straight in the eyes and said, "Yes, I know."

Through the ministry of Potter's Field in Costa Rica, Mijail has been able to see past the failing love of his mother and experience the unfailing love of God. That love is slowly changing a stubborn, hurt, broken, fighting heart into a listening, soft, and joyful heart. To watch him sing praises to Jesus and give hugs to the leaders without any prompting, is nothing short of a miracle. We pray that you recognize the incredible contribution you have made in making that miracle happen through your donations to and prayers for this ministry. Great is your reward in Heaven!

"I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul."
(Psalm 31:7 NLT)

Binding Up Broken Hearts

Mijail - Age 7
Cassandra Tartter
PFK Liaison, Costa Rica



PFK COSTA RICA



Winning the Real War

Baraka Balume Christian – Age 12

Harrun Onunga

PFK Liaison, Goma, D R Congo

Harrun Onunga was a leader of the PFK Program in Kenya, working side by side with our overseers, Geoff and Linda Simpson. Then the Lord suddenly called him to move to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He did not have any contacts there or anything lined up, but he simply obeyed the Lord and left in April of 2015. The DRC is an unstable country, which still has rebel activity, attacks, and constant theft, and the people there suffer greatly. Harrun teamed up with a local Baptist Community Church and began teaching English and the Bible in a village outside of Goma (which is in eastern DRC).



What initially seemed like a loss to us when Harrun left, became our newest PFK location. Harrun's Bible study quickly turned into a PFK Kids Club Program on Fridays and a soccer program on Saturdays. Within two weeks 200 children started attending, walking long distances to come. These kids are hungry for the Word of God and grateful to be in a loving, stable, joyful environment where they can learn, have fun, and feel safe. Harrun wanted to share one of their stories with you.



Baraka Balume Christian lives in a small village area of Keshero in Goma town. He is one of the children who is privileged to have both parents following the sporadic attacks by rebels in the past, as many children lost one or both of their parents in those attacks. His family consists of six children. Baraka's father is a security guard, though he also pastors a church in a remote area called Masisi. His mom is a housewife and has an unknown medical condition that causes her to live in constant pain in her stomach and back.

One of the qualities that caught my eye about Baraka is his love to worship and praise God. When I asked him how he found out about the PFK program, he said, "A friend brought me." He continued with, "I love the Word of God." It didn't take me long to verify the truth of that statement. Baraka gets very excited whenever we sing, dance, and learn from the Bible. Besides attending Kids Club every Friday, he also loves to come and play soccer every Saturday with the other children, as the PFK Congo Program provides an opportunity for children all over the village to come and play.

One day when I was talking with Baraka, he told me, "Since I came to this program, I have changed; I used to beat people. Nowadays I don't fight; I listen to the Word of God and what the teachers tell me." He then confidently declared, "When I grow up, I want to work with an N.G.O. (non-governmental organization) and serve God."

Baraka is an eager child in a war torn country. Thanks to the prayers and support of our Potter's Field sponsors and family, he now has choices for his life he would never have had. Thank you!



*"You can make many plans, but the LORD's purpose will prevail."
(Proverbs 19:21 NLT)*

A Ministry of Passion

Senior Pastor Dan Carroll

Water of Life Community Church, Fontana, CA

As our church celebrates its 25th anniversary this year we have stopped to reflect on our journey, just as Samuel did in the below verse. One of the amazing reflections for me has been the relationships Jesus has given us over the years. Our friends, ministry partners, and others sometimes seem to have just happened until you look back and realize they were a gift from the Lord. Potter's Field has been one of those gifts.

I first met Michael and Pam when we invited them to minister at one of our services after hearing of their ability to touch the hearts of people. We were meeting in a junior high school auditorium and they showed up and blew us up. Michael's unique ability to preach the heart of God, making you laugh and cry at the same time, combined with his and Pam's hunger to touch the unbeliever were as powerful then as they are now. Their love for the broken and the lost was immediately evident and their unique presentation broke the mold. There was no pretense, only passion surrounding the message.

That was close to 20 years ago and we love them so much we have had them back annually. Our congregation quickly figured out that when Potter's Field Ministries shows up it is the perfect time to invite friends and co-workers that would never set foot into a church for a regular weekend service. The presentation itself is so powerful we have found that even those who would turn away from the teaching of the Word will listen when they can see an object lesson like the potter's wheel and experience the interaction Pam and Michael bring as God's heart moves in on people. Over the years, we have seen marriages healed, people saved, and many surrendering to Jesus because of their transparency and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading.

As the years passed it also became increasingly evident to me that Potter's Field Ministries was more than just a traveling evangelist with a unique calling. When Michael, Pam, and I would talk there was always a fire to do more. They wanted to touch and disciple more; to change lives and see people transformed. As I grew to know them personally it became obvious that they were Kingdom-minded and eager to impact the world. Their vision and that fire to build and disciple people have led to an ever-increasing reach of ministry that today stretches all over the world. I also share their passion for nations and children which led Michael and I on a trip to Cambodia together so he could see firsthand some of the work we were involved in with Cambodian children. Today we both partner in Cambodia where he and Pam are now doing an extraordinary work with very poor children through Potter's Field Kids Cambodia.

Michael, Pam, and Potter's Field Ministries have been a gift from God for us at Water of Life Community Church over the last 20 years. Whenever they come we look forward with an eager anticipation that they will impart that fire from their hearts into our people – and they always do!



WATER OF LIFE 

*"Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, thus far the Lord has helped us."
(1 Samuel 7:12 NIV)*

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Missions in 3-D

Family Mission Trip 2015

Antigua, Guatemala - August 8-14, 2015

By Heidi Morter, Crossroads Community Church



What a joy it was to see firsthand the work God is doing in Guatemala through Potter's Field Ministries. We were so privileged to be able to travel to their headquarters there and personally witness the impact of our support at work.

I had so many special moments during the trip, but it was the one-on-one interactions with the kids that I loved the most. When we visited one of the PFK Clubs, it blessed my heart exponentially watching my husband become as a little child, sharing the love of Jesus through a game of jump rope! I'll never forget the squeals of delight I heard on the playground when one little girl took him by the hand, led him over to her friends and started jumping rope with him. Everyone cheered as the ropes swung over his head and he wowed us all with his hidden talents! Who knew?! Amidst the laughter, I kept musing about how God uses everything we are to bring joy to others when we let Him.

I will forever cherish our time visiting Hermano Pedro Hospital and remember seeing joy arise through the power of prayer during our time there. Most of the patients were so incapacitated that they were unable to communicate. I watched the whole countenance of a precious little girl change as I laid hands on her and prayed over her tiny frail body. The cold metal of that hospital crib was instantly warmed by her smile. I saw hope and joy surface through the dismal surroundings and realized that the power of the Gospel is not dependent upon words.

I came home from our trip with the intense appreciation that whether it was in the community, the marketplace, the public schools, or the hospital, Potter's Field is making a lifelong impact on children of all ages and helping to transform the community in which God has planted them with the Good News of the Gospel.

The Team:

- Joshua Matranga, Jaymi Matranga (IGNITE alumni, Class 1), Bre Sullivan, and Maya Sullivan from Foothills Christian Church in El Cajon, CA
- Pastor Mark Martinez, his wife, Jessica, and their children Elia and Asa, from Calvary Chapel Katy in Katy, TX
- Jack Fletcher, Calvary Chapel Katy, TX (Enrolled for IGNITE Class 10, January 2016)
- Bob Morter and Heidi Morter (author of the article) from Crossroads Community Church in Vancouver, WA
- Annette Binet Scharite, (mother of IGNITE Class 7 alumni, Derek Scharite) from Calvary Chapel Mercer County in Ewing, NJ
- Donna Orr, Calvary Chapel South Bay in Gardena, CA
- Potter's Field Staff: Joanna Chung, Monica Gutierrez, Izzy Jackson

Our next Family Missions Trip is planned for August 6-12, 2016. We hope you can join us! For information, contact missions@pfranch.org. For more photos from this trip, visit our Facebook page album at <http://on.fb.me/1OjVwz3> or scan the QR Code for a video!



A Fruitful Garden

Joe Sena, IGNOTE Class 7 - Team Uganda



Our IGNOTE program started in July of 2011. Since then we have deployed over 100 interns to six different international locations to work in Potter's Field Kid's programs all around the world. In a blog called "Stay Tucked IGNOTE" alumni share what they are walking through, a scripture the Lord is speaking to them on, or any sort of encouragement they have for one another as they continue to press on in a life of impact and faith, post-IGNITE. This is an abbreviated entry from that blog site by Joe Sena, Class 7 Team Uganda:

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you." (Malachi 1:6a NASB)

Growing up, I was a very angry child. I was mad at God for my dad dying, for a good friend of mine dying, and for my grandpa dying. I was angry at God because my family struggled with finances.

This verse truly broke me during my training in IGNOTE, in Guatemala. When I read it I felt like God was saying, "Joe do you see this? You say you are My son and My bond-servant, but where is My honor and respect?" Reading this verse now, I remember that moment all too well. The moment where God said, "Stand up and let's walk through this now." As I walk I may slip and fall. When I do, I begin to reach out for Jesus like Peter did on the water. When I cry out, Jesus takes my hand and pulls me up. We all have something we struggle with or get tripped up on, but Jesus is there every time. We just have to call to Him; if we don't, we will sink and drown.

When Jesus spoke to the man lying on the mat, He asked him, "Do you want to be healed?" But then the man started to explain to Jesus why he couldn't be healed. Jesus asked again, "Do you want to be healed?" The man's response was yes and Jesus told him to pick up his mat and walk. If we truly respected who Jesus was, we wouldn't tell Him we can't be healed. Instead, we would say "yes, Jesus, heal me."

That's what I did last year and what I am still doing today. I am calling out to Jesus to heal me of some issues I have. Praise be to God that the anger I had is gone! It is all because Jesus said "Joe, do you want to be healed?" and I said "Yes, Lord." I have not been the same since.

The definition of radical is "affecting the fundamental nature of something." I assure you this verse has fundamentally changed my life. His loving-kindness is why I write this for the person out there that feels like they can't beat what they have in front of them. Jesus is asking you if you want to be healed. If you read this and say, "yes," then cry out to Him to take your hand and pull you out of the wave. You know who He is; honor and respect Him for it.

God has used your support of this ministry to plant the seeds, water the soil, and tend the garden of these lives. We pray you enjoy the fruit of your labor. You can read the full blog and others at: <https://staytuckedignite.wordpress.com>.

I am part Chickasaw Indian and the concern to reach Native Americans has been on my heart for over 30 years. Approximately 10 years ago our family drove through Browning, MT, home of the Blackfeet Nation. It looked like many of the reservation towns I grew up around in the southwest but this one and its people stuck in my heart. Little could I imagine that a dear friendship and a location some 1800 miles from our home in Chicago would begin to fulfill the desires of all our hearts.

My husband, Steve, and I have known Michael and Pam Rozell for over 22 years and have watched God grow His ministry around them from a truck and trailer to a global ministry impacting thousands of children in five international locations, as well as one domestic location, with the love of Jesus. In March of 2013, my husband posed the question to Pastor Michael, "What about the children of this nation, and particularly the children of the Native American Nations?" Surprisingly he found that Pastor Michael had the same burden.

After relocating to Whitefish, MT, in March of this year and making a few phone calls, the Lord began to confirm that He had indeed written this work down for us since before the foundations of the world. After only 24 hours, Pastor Marty and Dena Balk of Glacier View Baptist Chapel called back and agreed to have Potter's Field IGNITE interns of Class 7 do a church "take over" one Sunday morning in April. It was to be the first of four outreaches to the Blackfeet Indians this year and the spiritual fruit has been fresh and lasting. Pastor Marty says, *"The partnership with PFM has already been extremely beneficial! We had 3 new families in church this past Sunday that had never been before! People are excited and talking about what God is doing!"*

Pastor Marty and Dena have lived in Browning for over 20 years selflessly serving the Blackfeet. During that time, they raised their four daughters and now have two adopted teenage Blackfeet girls they are raising in God's love. The PFM staff, along with Selah Fellowship and IGNITE Class 8, recently did a Family Fun Night that drew people back to church that Pastor Marty said he had not seen in years. One of our IGNITE alumni, returning interns, Kenzie Kinney, said *"Bullying is a big problem in Browning and I was able to share with one hurting girl in particular how beautiful she is and how Jesus loves her., I could see her countenance change!"* Besides the children of this humble community, we have also been able to establish relationships with some of their parents. Megan Cole, who is from IGNITE Class 2 and is presently on staff with PFM, said, *"It's amazing how open and transparent the adults are with what's happening in their personal lives and in the lives of their families. They seem to be at a place where they honestly desire help and change, making them ripe for the gospel."*

Along with their church, Pastor Marty and Dena aid this community with a private Christian School they began in their home years ago. Going forward, Pastor Marty is looking to establish a PFK program within this school and further connecting this town to the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Like every PFK location, we seek to meet the unique needs these children have and bring their families into the eternal Nation of our Heavenly Father. Through your continued support of Potter's Field Ministries you are allowing these precious children and their families to experience the love of Jesus in real and tangible ways...thank you for participating in bringing the Nations to Christ!

Go into all Nations

The Blackfeet Nation

Janice Miller

PFK Liaison, Browning MT



Pastor Marty and Dena Balk

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."
(Matt. 28:19)



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