



PRAISE REPORT

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Today was a microcosm of Refuge City Ministries at work!

My day started at 7am with a Bible Study about the New Testament. It is one of four Bible studies I attend each week.

After the Bible study, I went and picked up Carissa, a homeless youth who has overcome the many challenges of being homeless and her two year old son, Osiaras, who has battled some major medical issues, which almost caused his death and left him with some minor disabilities. Over the last two years, Osiaras and I have become best “buds.” I love that little boy! Today, Carissa needed me to take Osiaras to his day care center. I drove them to his Center, and to my surprise, it was just two blocks from my residence, which means I will be able to spend more time with him!! I picked Osiaras up from the Center at 2pm and spent the rest of the afternoon playing with him in the park.

After taking Osiaras to his day care center, I then took Carissa to Café 180. This is a café where the homeless can come and work at the restaurant, and receive a free meal. Today, several of the youth were gathering, to comfort Amaya, who is one of the homeless youth. She has become a strong Christian and is active in our homeless ministry, and in the Shift Ministry, which deals with saving our youth from the sex trade business. For the last few months, Amaya had been rebuilding a relationship with her ex-husband and father of her two daughters. Last night they all spent several hours together. Amaya was very encouraged about Dominick becoming a part of his daughters’ lives. Then, at 4am this morning, she received a call that he had killed himself by hanging! She was devastated, as she thought there was some hope that they might reunite.

My next stop was University of Colorado Medical Center. One of the ex-offenders, Stan, was going to be a father!!! He had asked me to come, as his father had not been in his life for many years and his mother had disowned him, due to all of his drug and criminal issues. I told him I would be there, for sure! When I arrived, I was introduced to his wife, and her family. Also, another ex-offender, who I have known for several years, was there. He is a strong Christian and has been helping Stan by employing him in his landscape company. Before the mother went into the birthing room, I prayed over her, Stan and her baby. Matilda was born at 12:56 this afternoon, weighing 6 pounds and in perfect health. After Stan had calmed down, I talked to him privately about his responsibilities and role as a Christian husband and father, how his past behavior cannot continue, and prayed for GOD to put a circle of protection around this family.

Wednesday is the day I dedicate to the homeless youth. I start with some kind of adventure; such as miniature golf, tubing down a river/creek, bowling, or just playing games; and then provide them with a hot lunch, a bible scripture, a Christian story, some one-on-one conversations, and some prayer. Today, because of the birth of Nick's son, I could not do any of that. However, I did provide these youth with a hot pizza dinner, and some prayer and fellowship at the park at 5pm. Osiaras was still with me, so we spent some time swinging, sliding and playing tag. Finally, I returned Osiaras home at 6pm.

It is now 10pm and I am going to pray; thanking and praising GOD; asking for GOD's guidance and continued blessings; trusting that his will be done; and go to bed.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

GOD Bless,

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