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Dear Pastor and Friends,

Our updates are frequently about people who have been saved through the Evangelistic Camps. It is always a joy to hear of those who have passed from darkness to light! This first quarter of 2012, we have had no Evangelistic Camps. We get in full swing in a couple of weeks. So this time as been devoted to growing the new babies that were born last semester. Sometimes it can be a very satisfying experience, and occasionally it is sad. Please allow me to let you in on a couple of Real Life Stories:

You heard of Francisco last year. He was the Spaniard who was saved in June 2011. You recall he was waiting for a liver transplant. I thought it was due to cirrhosis. Come to find out, he had been on drugs since he was 9 years old. For a long time he had been doing heroin, and ended up contracting hepatitis B. It caught up with him years after he had kicked the habit. Since the time he was saved, he had been in and out of the hospital. One of our pastors lives just a few blocks away from Francisco's home, so he nurtured him and his wife along. Finally Francisco traveled to Barcelona, Spain in hopes of getting the transplant there. Just a few days later, he died, all alone in a hospital room, while his family was far away. We are not sure of all the details yet, but one thing we know for sure: He is in heaven! Death was not his loss, but ours. It has been especially hard for his wife and two-year-old daughter. So, to help his young widow begin to find some closure, we decided to have a service in his memory. We did it on a Sunday morning to keep before our people the reason why we expend so many resources on our Evangelistic Camps. When we fully understood that God had allowed us to **"...pull him out of the fire"**, as Jude so graphically describes, we could not help but rejoice, even in our loss.

March 25 we baptized 14 people. Jonathan was among them. On his way home from church, he met up with three members of his former gang. They were high on drugs and began beating him. He ended up in the hospital with two stab wounds. The following Wednesday, though in great pain, he was at our first planning session for the 2012 Evangelistic Camps. He went from being a gang member, to Believer, to volunteer, ...to suffering persecution for the gospel's sake. That is quite a journey for a young man whose life had no direction, nor any place to belong, less than a year ago. I am so grateful for what God has done in him! He is in the College Age Class Fran and I lead!

Missions is more than the number of people saved, or the amount of churches planted. It is the Real Life Story of people who have been **delivered from the power of darkness, and have been translated into the kingdom of his dear Son... (Colossians 1:13)**. These are the stories that you helped write!

Thank you,
Craig and Fran Lingo