

Heal the Sick, Raise the Dead

Jesus once came upon a funeral procession. A widow woman's only son had died. Jesus raised the son from the dead. The people glorified God saying, "God has visited his people." **Luke 7:16**

February 23, 2015, the Colorado Springs CBC mission team to Ecuador glorified God as they witnessed God visit His people. Six of us were sitting in the dining area of the Hotel Mediterraneo in Salinas, Ecuador. Beyond the walls of the hotel, we heard dogs barking and a woman scream. It did not go away but intensified. Three of the hotel employees went out the back door and we followed them believing that someone was being mauled by a pack of dogs.

What we found was a man holding a limp baby in the alley and a woman screaming and wailing on the ground. It became obvious that her baby was dead. Two of the team members ran to minister to the baby. Two went to comfort and pray for the mother while the other two stood back to intercede. During the process another couple on a motorcycle stopped and began to pray with us. No one had time to really think about which position they would take. As we looked back at it, it was as though God positioned each of us, some interceding, some with the baby, and some with the mother.

"This baby will live and not die we all prayed! Donna, one of the team members ministering to the baby later shared that at first she begged God to revive the baby. His eyes were open and glazed over. She reached up to close the eye lids and she heard God say, "You only close the eyes of the dead." She felt like God spoke to her that she herself needed to take authority and command life. Baby, blink she said. After a bit, the baby blinked and she paused. Nothing happened and she kissed his forehead and cheek and commanded him to blink again. He blinked. Donna heard a gurgling sound and saliva came out of his mouth. The baby began to breathe!

A police car drove up and the mother and the baby were taken to the hospital. We shared the experience with the rest of the team and spent the day rejoicing and praising God. The hotel employees were equally affected. We planned on returning to the mother's house later in the day to check on the mother and the baby. But, she (Ana Belen) showed up in the lobby of the hotel with both the baby (Josue Ismael) and her husband (Santiago Bolivar) before we had a chance to go to her.

The baby, who celebrated his first birthday only the day before was alive and well. They said they were believers and Santiago was a youth pastor. When Anna took the baby to the hospital emergency room, he was thoroughly checked over and the doctor finally released him saying,



"There is nothing wrong with this baby. Take him home."

Anna reiterated the circumstances that led up to the baby's death. She needed to go to the store and left her 13 year old son Joel in charge of the baby. She had just walked out of the house and shut the gate behind her when Joel screamed. Help me. It's Josue. He fell off of the bed and I heard his head crack when it hit the concrete floor. She ran in and found a dead baby in her son's arms. She called her brother in law who lived next door and they called 911. They ran out into the alley to meet the police. She responded as only a mother who lost a child would



respond. It was at that point that we came in on the scene.

The father shared his side of the story. He was was called at work and told to sit down. Your youngest son has been in an accident and you need to meet your

wife at the hospital right away. It does not look good!

He said that he did not have the money with him for a cab and was forced to take a bus. The bus broke down and he had to find another bus. When he finally got to the hospital he found his son laying on a bed with a blank stare on his face. He said, "Papito, you can't die on me."

Upon hearing the voice of his daddy Josue grabbed him around the neck and began to cry. From that point in time, Josue returned to his normal self. what an awesome God we have!

We planned to share the miracle at the evening service at the church where the team was scheduled to speak. We asked if Anna and Santiago would be willing to bring Josue with them to the church service and share their side of the story. Eagerly they agreed. What an awesome God we have! Needless to say, the service that night was charged with the electricity of the Holy Ghost and the audience response was tremendous which resulted in additional healing's.

The next morning we were told by the hotel owner that the whole neighborhood was talking about the miracle that took place in the alley. He said that the neighbors were asking if the team would be available to pray for them and he himself asked if we could schedule a time to pray for his family and the hotel staff. What an awesome God we have!



Santiago and Ana have four children. Three sons and one daughter: Joel (13), Genesis (11), Abraham (3), and Josue (1).

