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Dear Friends,

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As I write this newsletter I am reflecting on the value of commitment and hard work to change and transform lives. This brings joy to all of us here at Children's Vision in Bogota. **Luke encourages us to follow his example of hard work.....Acts 20:35 "35 I have shown you in every way, by labouring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Amen to that! It truly is a blessing to give and this brings great joy! I believe our late Queen Elizabeth also knew this joy. She exemplified hard work and was involved with so many initiatives to help the neediest of people. We are praying for our new King and all the United Kingdom as we go through this time of great change.**

There is joy in giving the most precious of gifts....."D" is a Mum that we have helped on and off for many years and several of her children have lived at the foundation. She has worked for years on the street taking care of parked cars receiving small tips. Mum "D" was crying, now almost fully blind and making the most of the last days that she would be physically able to see her son. Through our medical contacts we were able to get her the help she needed. After two successful surgeries, there have been many tears, but now of joy. Her sight in one eye has been fully restored, she can see her son again! One of the most precious gifts we have ever had the joy of giving, the gift of sight. It is truly a joy to give! Praise God.

There is joy in giving to the stranger.....Some years ago we lost one of our boys "B". He had grown up and graduated from our school and was proud to be a Colombian Army Soldier. Heartbreakingly, he gave his life after stepping on a landmine in a conflict zone. Since 2019 we have had the opportunity to work with the Colombian Army and U.N. de-mining regiment on several humanitarian projects. They do an amazing and brave job, risking their lives to make normal life safe for others. Just a few weeks ago I was in one of the conflict zones with part of our old building team from our Blessings Building. We helped repair a small country school that really needed it! We scraped the old paint off the wall and big clumps of the cement rendering began to fall away! The job became so much bigger! We repaired walls, plaster, paint, replaced plumbing to the water tank, installed a new toilet, repaired urinals, replaced wiring and lighting, and re-installed and painted several metal doors that would not shut after earthquake damage. It was non-stop. The community and the soldiers helped also and by the end the children had a beautiful country school in which to learn! What a joy to give the gift of a place to learn and have fun! I also had another experience that I had not had since high school. We stayed in dormitories with the soldiers, they had communal showers.... yep, that's right no cubiclesdon't laugh.....that was the quickest shower I have ever taken in my life! The less said about that, the better!

Praise God we are now almost fully moved into the new Blessings Building. The kitchen and dining room are in use. It is so great to have a big dining room for our 160 strong family.... breakfast, lunch and evening meals, not to mention snacks. To the delight of all, the new indoor football area is also finished. It has brought great joy. The inaugural game was old work site team v oldest boys. I told the teenagers they can run faster than us slightly older ones, but we will play in our steel toe-capped boots (only joking)! It was a great game and the Exodus Boys won 9-6. Not bad for us almost oldies!

We have been working hard to catch up on so many general maintenance projects around the foundation since finishing the Blessings building project. We have changed the roof on our Numbers House which was pretty much getting to the end of its life. Praise God we now have no drips inside! We also replaced the front face of the Exodus House. This was urgent as some of the stonework had fallen off into the street! The new front reflects the old design. It represents the ten commandments from the book of Exodus and is wonderful.

Several years ago, we had the privilege of beginning a nation-impacting relationship with an

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amazing, faith-based organisation in Northern Ireland called Revival Movement. We had prayed for a provision of evangelism literature to use during our public evangelism presentations. I had been told by a missionary friend to contact her Dad, the son of the founder. They committed to help us. I thought perhaps with a couple of boxes of literature, instead they sent a shipping container, God answered our prayer and in abundance! Thanks to Revival Movement recently sending a 3rd literature container (20 metric tons of literature), we have supplied more than 600 churches and organisations all over Colombia with Gods word! I give thanks for the help of our adults and oldest teens who were such a blessing. We gave it all out in 2 days! The literature has reached the cities of Bogota, Cali and Medellin, and the states of Magdalena, Arauca, Cauca, Tolima, Cundinamarca, Cordoba, Huila, Meta and more..... What a huge blessing and joy to see all these Pastors, some with tears of joy in their eyes, receiving literature from this provision. Patty, a missionary who has a deaf school, received some really special books for teaching young people the Bible. They are beautifully drawn and perfect to share with the deaf children. She called us to say how grateful she was for this special provision. It is a great joy to give the word of God, amazing.... moments in my life I will never forget. Please check out Revival Movements web page. www.revivalmovement.orga fantastic organisation!

We are currently in a time where there is so much more need here in Colombia. There is such an outbreak of violence. Currently this year, just in Bogota, there have been almost 700 violent killings. A few weeks back I sat and listened to a grandma cry as she told us all 3 of her sons had been murdered, the final one just the day before. It is hard to find the words to say, only prayer and God can heal that. I praise God that the grandma's granddaughter, the daughter of her third son is now under the grandma's legal guardianship and is able to live at the foundation in a safe and loving environment, free from violence. Her Mom isn't around and the Dad is gone, however this resilient and beautiful little 7 year old learns, laughs, plays and makes the most of every day! The joy of giving a home!

We have just taken in little "M", a toddler who was born prematurely. Her dad is in prison for violence towards the family. Her Mum who has lost the use of a hand, sells homemade bangles, bracelets and decorated pens on the buses every day. That is how she survives. She is a great Mum, loves her little girl and takes her home every weekend. It is a joy to provide an education and home for this little girl! Her mum is so grateful, and even in her difficult situation has given bracelets to several of our staff.

One little boy "D," who is 8 years old has lived and studied with us since January. His teeth were rotten when he arrived due to bad nutrition and cleanliness. He has been going to the dentist for a whole process of treatment. It must be such a relief to him to be pain and infection free! Just this morning he told me "Oh goodie, tomorrow I go to the dentist again!" He is one of few I know who are excited about going to the dentist! No offense to our dentist friends, we love you!

At one of the case visits we found a young mum who was seriously injured in a motorbike accident. She lives in a poor house on the mountain. She was told she would never walk again but has recently began to recover some strength and also the feeling in her legs. Praise God she is now able to support her own weight and with help to balance, take some steps. This was no doubt a God-incidence as the visit was not initially to see her, but God had a plan. We are now working on getting her the therapies that she really needs and look forward to seeing this young mum regain her mobility and with it, much of her joy in life. The joy of being a channel for healing....from teeth to walking!

There are so many more testimonies. Giving truly brings joy! Please pray for all these people, a fraction of all we help. Thank you to all our supporters, for your help and prayers. I will be speaking in the UK in October and hopefully will see many of you then. *Blessings and Hugs to all,*

Richard and Jeanene, Henry and our Big Bogota Family!

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Working with the Colombian Army



Unloading and distributing Bible Literature from Revival Movement Assoc.



New Numbers House Roof



Installation New Face – Exodus House



So happy for a trip to the dentist!



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