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Hello and Happy Holidays!

As the end of the year approaches, we see it has truly been a fruitful year this year... and we want to share another highlight with you so you can praise God along with us!

You may remember us asking you to pray for Jose in recent emails. He is not new to me or to Destino. He first came to Destino in the Winter of 2006. At the time, Jose was not very spiritually interested. Every time we invited him to things, he would refuse to come. He seemed, at the time, intimidated by Christianity. As time went on, we gave him his space and he continued to hang around at the periphery of the group. This year, however, has been different. Since the start of the year, Jose's been involved in everything. He's even coming to the Men's Bible Study at my place weekly.

At the Bible studies, however, it's been clear that Jose didn't have a relationship with Christ. He's been anxious to learn, but having no idea what grace is about, nor about how a person is saved. At one Bible study, I asked the question "On a scale of 0-100%, how sure are you that you would go to heaven if you died today and why?" Jose said he was only 50% sure because he just couldn't seem to live the kind of life which would be honoring to God. That night I made an appointment to meet with Jose one on one.

A few days later we got together and I laid out the Gospel for Jose, telling him that we are saved by a gift from God, grace, not by our works. I showed him how no one could ever measure up to God's perfect standard except Christ and Christ alone. As I took him through the scriptures, he understood completely the meaning of the Gospel. I asked him if he wanted to receive Christ, be born again, and put Christ on the throne of his life and he replied "absolutely"!

At our Bible studies since, Jose has seemed very different. The same desire to learn is present, but he answers questions much differently. He shows wisdom and understanding of the scripture that wasn't present before. The Lord's working a tremendous miracle in his thinking, enabling him to understand and parse the scriptures much more than he has previously. It is amazing how the Gospel renews the mind of the believer and what a privileged it is to witness first hand! It is because of students like Jose that we have committed our lives to sharing the life-changing message of Christ with college students. God is at work, drawing students to Himself and transforming a generation of future leaders.

We want you to know that we are so grateful to the Lord for you. With these hard economic times that seem to be affecting so many, we remember the sacrificial gifts made for our ministry. We couldn't do what we do without your generosity. **Thank you for helping us reach students like Jose!** Have a blessed Holiday season.

*Warmly in Christ,
Ken, Amy, Mia & Andi*