

THE BARE FACTS

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Latin America Bare Facts Tour Impact on Leaders

As 31,860 pastors and youth leaders return to their churches across Latin America, the full impact of the Bare Facts Tour will begin to take effect as they touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of families and millions of young people. Join us in prayer as we lift up these leaders.



God is changing hearts...

- "I will never be the same. You have taught me how to go deeper into the Word." – **Pastor, El Salvador**
- "We have got to change! Josh has destroyed our wrong thinking." – **Pastor, El Salvador**



God is changing homes...

- "You impacted my marriage, you've changed my kids and I can never preach the same again." – **Pastor, Barquisimeto, Venezuela**
- "I'm so glad my wife was with me to hear this. It might have saved our marriage." – **Pastor, Venezuela**
- "We have 2,000 young people. We are in such need. Will you come back and speak to them and then their parents...we need you." – **Pastor, Brazil**



God is changing churches and ministries...

- "We've never seen anything like this. You have left us with so much work (I'm not complaining... I'm rejoicing!)" – **CCC director, El Salvador**
- "We have been doing it [teaching about sex, love and relationships] all wrong." – **Pastor of the largest church in San Salvador, El Salvador**



God is changing schools...

- "We must come together and use this material to help our kids." – **Headmaster of the top bilingual private school, El Salvador**
- "This must be taught in every school in Panama." – **Teacher, Panama**



God is changing nations...

- "I want to be the person to change my country." – **28-year-old after Josh challenged a group to be different and change their country, Venezuela**
- "You came at the right time. This is so critical for the future of the church and our country." – **Pastor, Peru**

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Thank you

so much for your support of the Latin America *Bare Facts* Tour. 16 countries, 40 cities, 56,541 total participants – the last five months have provided the foundation for the most revolutionary, culturally relevant campaign ever! The time, energy, expense and prayer invested has ignited a radical shift within the body of Christ in Latin America and has changed how pastors and leaders disciple and talk to young people.

We have been part of a great awakening of leadership who now understand the destructive nature of Internet pornography and its crippling effects. In fact, the awareness of leaders across Latin America has been raised before it is too late!

A network of more than 20,000 key influencers has been formed to take up the cause of continuing their education and training as youth leaders. We will be in weekly contact with this network for follow-up in the months ahead. In nearly every country, we ran out of books and resources before the need for them could be fulfilled. Many pastors drove hours to attend the seminars. In Brazil, some actually travelled from city to city to attend the seminars more than once! Almost without exception, every country has invited us to return with Phase 2 seminars – filled with more information, more teaching, more resources. In 2013, Dottie and I will go back to Latin America to launch *Straight Talk with Your Kids About Sex* for leaders, pastors and parents.

“Josh, why did you do this?”

Several people have asked, “Josh, why did you do this? Why spend all this time teaching about the biblical basis for love, sex and relationships?” In addition to your prayers, what kept me going the last five months — particularly as we gave seminar after seminar in facilities that offered no air conditioning — was thinking about where this all started and where it will eventually end up. Back in the 1980’s, around the time we launched the very first *Why Wait?* tour, I flew to meet Bill Bright in Arrowhead Springs. Walking into his office, I could tell he was concerned. After some initial pleasantries he said, “Josh, we are an evangelistic movement. I’m concerned that *Why Wait?* may be moving you off our focus and the Great Commission.”

After a brief conversation, I responded, “Bill, trust me! *Why Wait?* will be a powerful evangelism tool.” He finally indicated I had his blessing to continue. As it turned out, *Why Wait?* was not only powerful evangelistically, but it ended up being one of the most effective campaigns ever in seeing young people come to Christ. After the tour ended, nearly every group used the *Why Wait?* curriculum as an outreach tool.

Friends, I share this with you because the same will be true of the Latin America tour that we’ve just completed! *La Verdad Desnuda – The Bare Facts* – will be used by thousands of leaders as a platform to win their young people to Christ throughout Latin America! This is the thought that kept me going when the schedule was grueling and the heat was overwhelming.

To sum up, thank God for your support! With your partnership and God’s blessing, we’ve been privileged to have opportunities for cutting-edge ministry through the years. This time, the Lord allowed us to catch an entire continent at just the right time on a very serious issue. As a result, we expect to see more fruit than at any other time in our history.

Who could have dreamed that we’d be able to touch so many lives? There is no theme anywhere in the world more relevant or important to young people than that of sexuality – their cultures are saturated with it, their minds are on it constantly. Now, in Latin America, the church has solid knowledge and documentation to share with their leaders, parents and youth — information that will equip and empower them to live their lives in a spirit of purity, truth and faith. And this is only the beginning – other countries and other continents need this message! I can’t wait to see what the Lord will do next!

Thank you for your faithfulness!

Until the whole world hears,

Josh



From Leaders in Costa Rica

Blog by Jesse and Bethany Schlender
Serving with Campus Crusade for Christ in Costa Rica

Ministry in Costa Rica can often look very different than a ministry on a campus in the United States, but there are some issues that transcend cultures and physical location. One of those hot topics that can polarize a campus is the obsession with sex in today's world.

The University of Costa Rica is no exception. One of the great things about Cru is its vast set of resources to help us share effectively the truth of the current situation, and apply the Bible to very real problems. For the issue of sex, Josh McDowell Ministry, a part of Cru, has for decades been a leader in confronting the pandemic of the negative consequences that come from extra-marital physical relationships. This ministry has also sought to clarify God's role in relationships, making sure to point the real reason we need to follow the Bible's plan for relationships: it is how God designed it!

Josh McDowell came to Costa Rica, presenting *The Bare Facts* to a crowd of around 700 Costa Rican pastors and spiritual leaders from around the country. He shared many heart wrenching scientific and medical truths about how our physical bodies respond to extra-marital sex and pornography and how our world mistreats the design God intended for marriage. It was a powerful reminder of our desperate need for a Savior and our response in repenting and turning from sin. As Josh stressed today, having a right attitude and decision to follow Christ is the first step toward a healthy mind, heart and body.



On The Cover

At the end of the seminar in Panama, Josh was presented with a special gift of thanks – a mola with the logo for the tour appliquéd into the panel. The gift was especially meaningful to Josh. It symbolized how his teaching had not only been accepted by typical Latin Americans, but it also had been welcomed by the distinct indigenous culture as well.

Molas are the colorful, multi-layered appliqué panels on blouses worn by Kuna women of Panama. The intricately designed molas are attached to the front and/or back of women's blouses and are considered a major form of artistic expression and ethnic identity.

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