

Dear Friends,

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*“(God) wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. 1 Timothy 2:4-6a*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I don't know about you, but I need an extra dose of grace and peace from Him every day! God is good and He is so generous in providing it for us and so much more!

I love the stories that flow out of camp from young people who have been impacted by our ministry. With close to 150,000 campers assisting a La Montaña camp there is bound to be an endless supply of stories where lives have been changed. I never get tired of hearing them, but my favorite are the ones that resurface years later. It gives us a glimpse of a life in Christ that endured the test of time and continued to produce fruit. Monica Ureña is one such person.

“Hello, my name is Monica and I am 26 years old. I grew up in a very united family that has had its ups and downs. Throughout my childhood, I was constantly rejected because of my weight. In order to find acceptance with the popular kids, I began to speak and act like they did. I adopted a very vulgar and offensive language and lifestyle and at age 11, began to drink and smoke cigarettes. These habits stayed with me for the whole of my high school years until at age 16, a friend from school invited me to a Christian theater group called Jholy (a street ministry of The Abundant Life Church in Heredia). It was there that I began to draw close to God. In 2009, I was invited to attend camp. I will never forget it, because the theme of the camp was “Choose” out of Joshua 24:15. It was during the second night at camp, when the invitation was made that I stood and went to the front of the chapel to receive Jesus as my Savior. After camp, I joined the Jholy team and for 9 years, I served the Lord there and at the Abundant Life Church. I eventually was hired as a pastoral assistant.

In January of this year, the Lord opened the door for my husband Daniel and I to serve at La Montaña Christian Camps! I am serving as the shipping and receiving coordinator and Daniel is the Program Director. As we look to the future, our eyes are on serving the Lord in Russia. We feel a deep calling to serve there and have begun preparing for an eventual transition into missions work. We plan on going in 5 years, once our funding has been raised and we have had the opportunity to start a family.”

It's so fun to see a decision come full circle into a woman and her husband now in preparation to serve the Lord in foreign missions! It is because of you and your prayers and generosity that we continue to reach kids like Monica for Christ. Thank you, good and faithful servant. You truly are making a difference!

For the youth of Latin America,

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