



COLOMBIA

We Like To Add, but God Loves to Multiply

By Samuel Hernández

“From where shall we buy bread that these may eat? But he said this to prove him, for he knew what he would do.” —John 6:5-6

A coworker with our mission in Colombia called me recently. His wife, “Emilia,” is the new teacher for the children from the Christian native community who suffered tremendous persecution because of their faith.

The family was returning from fifteen days inside the Christian community in a hostile area—the same area where our dear friend Pabel was killed years ago—suffocated with the weight of his backpack filled with Bibles.

My friend and I coordinated to meet at 2:00 a.m. at the bus terminal of

Bogota so I could receive a box filled with farm products and thank you letters made by the children.

Middle-of-the-Night Meeting

I awoke my fourteen-year-old son and took him with me to the bus terminal to meet my friend, who had already been traveling with his family for more than twelve hours and had at least seven more hours to go.

We shared so many wonderful stories in that early-morning encounter, and it was amazing to see how the Lord was multiplying the impact of this project on so many lives. It began with the desire to support the persecuted kids by sending Emilia as the replacement teacher while their teacher recovered from a kidney problem and a high-risk pregnancy.



Emilia offered her support as an accredited teacher and was willing to take on this risky task.

Thank-You Letters

The following day, I opened the children’s letters, and I also found one from Emilia about when they bought some kites so they could all fly them after school. She said:

We went out to a clear area where strong winds were blowing, but that afternoon, there wasn’t even a breeze, and all the children turned to me as if I had a solution. At that precise moment, the youngest



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girl, a five-year-old, told her classmates, “Dad always says that when we don’t have solutions to problems, God does. He makes the impossible possible, so we should pray.”

The children held hands, and Dara prayed, saying, “Dear God, send strong winds because we want to raise our kites that the teacher gave us with so much love.” Suddenly, the breeze began to get stronger and stronger, and the kites rose almost 100 feet high. It was a beautiful afternoon, and they didn’t realize that the one most surprised and touched by this answered prayer was me.”

A Child’s Faith

This month, we focus on the children, especially the impact of the Gospel on children in persecuted areas of the world. What a great example from the children of the persecuted Christian community of this area in Colombia. After so much tribulation, scarcity, and difficulties, we tend to see from our human perspective that these children lack almost everything.

However, just as Emilia realized, all those troubles have produced a big dependence on the Lord that has strengthened their faith. The little girl knew exactly what to do when Emilia didn’t. She knew that she had a Father in the heavens who can make possible what seems impossible.

God’s Multiplication

When the Lord Jesus asked His disciples, “From where shall we buy bread that these may eat?” the Scriptures denoted that He certainly knew what He would do. When they presented to Him what they had, Jesus gave thanks to His Father for the provision then multiplied the food and distributed it. And in the end, there was much more left over than what was at the beginning, for the simple reason that He likes to multiply.



The educational project with Emilia in Colombia began with the provision from friends and partners to help the children of this specific community, but the effect has been much bigger than we expected. The Lord used the same children to affect the teacher’s faith and her family. And I know for sure this will keep having a multiplication effect that will continue and even leave “leftovers.”

Prayer and Support

We encourage you to keep praying and supporting all these amazing projects:

- Maintaining multiple on-air **radio stations**, which operate 24/7, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- **Publishing and distributing** hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Christian literature
- Providing **humanitarian aid** to those in need
- Helping **persecuted Christian tribes**

The Lord has placed these tasks and many others in our hands so that these can be multiplied.

