

Dear Friends,

When Yihno called me and said that he was bringing a group of 21 from Colombia on a short-term mission trip to the USA I was excited and doubtful. You see, ten of the kids coming were from the school Yihno's ministry leads with the financial backing of Vida Bogota's members in the slums of Bogota. These kids had never had the means to leave their ZIP code, let alone purchase a plane ticket to Miami. The others were not in much better economic shape; one of them was a single mom from Cuba who is serving the Lord as a missionary to the school without pay. I did not think they would get their visas, but I was underestimating God.



When they showed up at our front door my mind took me back to my own first trip to the USA at tender age of 17. I was not from the slums, but I did live in a backwards and time-forgotten little town near the Colombian jungle. I knew that these kids were in for a treat as their faith was going to be rewarded! Their vision was going to be expanded beyond measure. Above all, we were hoping that they would go back to Colombia believing what D.L. Moody once said: *"The world is yet to see what God can do with a man (or woman) completely devoted to Him."*

Yihno and I are a testimony of God's power at work when you get a vision for His kingdom... even when you are not totally devoted. Another example is Lorena, she was part of the group and came as a leader. She is getting ready to go to Israel as a missionary.



We not only challenged them with God's Word, they also had the opportunity to experience a day playing in an Alabama lake thanks to some very close friends to the ministry. And, thanks to you! Yes. You keep sponsoring our work. I may not be traveling a lot now, but the Lord is giving us opportunity to invest in the next generation of workers helping them become the leaders and thinkers our world needs. This group was also involved in missions work in Florida and Illinois. Yes! The USA is also a missionary field now.

These kids will never be the same!
They are catching the vision.

Thanks for making
all this possible.



In Him,
Manuel & Sandra