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Prayer Letter

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“That’s what I used to do...”

Recently, as we were on our way to do some soul-winning at around 10:30 am, we saw an **alarming event**. Two guys on the same bicycle were coming down the road in the opposite direction. As we came up level with them, we noticed the bike start to swerve and the guy on the back appeared to “fall” off - only he didn’t just fall off; he jumped off on purpose. We were witnessing a **crime in progress**. The young man had jumped off of the bike in order to assault the guy on the bike just in front of them. He grabbed the unsuspecting victim by the shoulders, threw him to the ground, wrenched the bike away from his grip and from his entangled legs, and took off on the stolen bike, with his accomplice following. All of this happened in a matter of seconds.

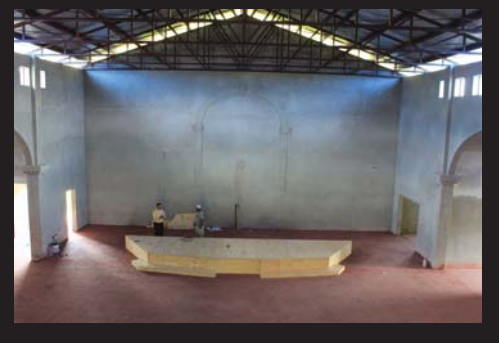
I was relating this story to two men in our church that weekend, and one of them shook his head as he said to me, “Pastor, that brings back bad memories, because **that’s what I used to do.**” When we first met Alex, he was young man with no direction in life; living with his girlfriend and a child born outside of marriage, with no steady job and a drug and alcohol problem. By his own testimony, he said that he would assault people at night and steal their money or possessions, like a bicycle, and sell them to have money for drugs. After coming in contact with Alex through door-to-door soul-winning, Alex came to the services of Iglesia Bautista El Faro, heard the gospel, and after a few months made the decision to put his trust in Jesus Christ as personal Savior. We have seen a transformation in Alex’s life since he’s been saved. In March, Alex indicated that he felt that God was calling him to preach. Recently he preached in our Wednesday night service for the first time. In five short years, God has taken **a former assailant and transformed him into a preacher of the gospel!**



Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Prayer Requests :

- Building dedication on September 19
- salvation: Oscar, Gary, Bryan, Edgardo, Osman
- spiritual growth: Orlando, Elena, Esther, Ernesto, David, Cindy, Walter
- Needs: lighting for building (\$15,000), church van



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