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SHOUT THEIR WORTH

By Paige Janzen

“I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”
Jeremiah 31:3.

Because they're worth it.

Because loving is worth it.

Poverty and sin have destroyed the simplicity of childhood for too many, robbing them of hope for a future, and deepening that chasm between their hearts and God's arms. Yet the commitment OLOCM has to the betterment of these kids' futures allows the Spirit of God to flood into their lives. Taking the time to recognize a child's presence, to see their worth, may be that one light a child has to Jesus. That one act of kindness, of selflessness, of love can mean a world of difference in a kid's heart. Loving a child speaks so much louder than straining to

fix their every need. Simply holding the hand of a young girl whose arms are laden with burn marks from her mother; cuddling that sweet baby in a church service; colouring, and playing fútbol with kids not even able to attend school. How is it that love - recognizing one's value - can be so powerful?

The only reason I can love a child lost from God is because of His grace when I am so far from his heart. Each time I look into the eyes of a hopeless child, I see myself. I see how utterly removed I am from Jesus, how undeserving I am of his grace. I am in awe of the faithfulness God has in my life, and only

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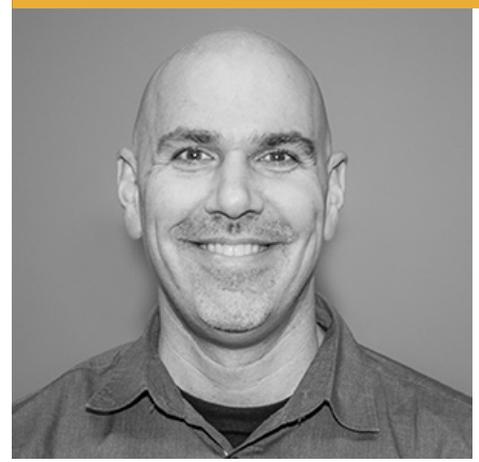
Because of Jesus. The only reason I can love on a broken child is because God first loved me in my brokenness. The only reason I can love a child in their pain is because I am loved by the Lord in my pain.

by that love are any of us capable of loving these children. What an incredible gift to be able to speak the truth of God into the lives of children by mere presence.



DIVING DEEP

by Dwayne Toews



What a privilege to have the opportunity to step into the interim Executive Director role at One Life One Chance Ministries (OLOCM). Even though I have been a board member since its inception, I feel like am drinking from a fire hose. There are so many moving parts, relational dynamics, and organizational structure components that are running full steam ahead. The future of the organization is extremely bright. God is on the move. Mutual transformation is occurring. In the past few weeks I have heard stories of life change here in Canada as men and women (young and old) were faithful to the call of God on their life, leading to missional service in San Quintin. I have also heard stories of spiritual life change in Mexico that have God's fingerprints all over them.

However, ministry can be difficult. Any time "good" is occurring, challenge lurks around the corner. We see this all throughout the book of Acts. As the message about Jesus spread to the then known world, opposition increased. The church needed to consistently lean into the power of the Holy Spirit and remember why they were doing what they were doing...making devoted disciples of Jesus. You and I are called to do the same...that is what missionary work is. As Christians, we are all missionaries. We are all called to proclaim Jesus!

In their book, "Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live", David Platt and Frances Chan write, "Ultimately, why

do we share the gospel? Why do disciples of Jesus make disciples of Jesus? Certainly the answer is not because we are forced to, nor is it because we are guilted into doing so. The clear and simple motivation is a disciple's passionate longing to see more and more people know Jesus. For when our thirst has been eternally quenched by the infinite goodness, greatness, grace, mercy, majesty, strength, and sufficiency of God in Christ, we will excitedly and eagerly tell all who are thirsty where they can be satisfied. Making disciples of Jesus is the overflow of our delight in being disciples of Jesus."

My prayer for you, a supporter of OLOCM, is that the excitement of following Jesus would propel you to dive in deeply. The deep dive may cause you to "give" financially. The deep dive may call you to "go" to where He is leading. The deep dive may propel you to "pray" fervently. OLOCM covets your prayers and support. However, my greatest prayer for you is that you will follow God wherever it is that He leading you.

Thanks for your partnership in the journey!

In Christ,

Dwayne

The children of Mexico need people willing to stand up and value their existence. The life of each and every child is so sacred and precious. The heart of God has knit each one together in a way which beautifully mirrors the unconditional love he pours on each one of us. His love is so much bigger, so much greater, so much more powerful than anyone can ever fathom, and in that way, we are blessed with the opportunity to shout the worth of "the least of these."

Paige has served with OLOCM since 2015 and is looking forward to participating in ministry again this summer.



GOD PROVIDES EVERYDAY

Rose's
Testimony

I was raped when I was five years old. I was an orphan and I never had a father, a mother, or brothers. I never had my own kids either. I also had cancer. Normally you need someone to be with you and I didn't have anyone, except for Christ. He supplied for my needs. Look at my kitchen, there is not much, but he supplies. I thank God because I have tortillas. The Lord supplies me and I am thankful to God for the life he has given me. Without God we are nobody and we are nothing. I have no one to take care of me, only God helps me.

Around '98 and '99 I was in Puebla and I was working. I had health problems with my ovary so they took it out. I had my house, in the small town. I was conceited and I liked to dress well. Then it rained for a week, and half of a hill collapsed and destroyed the town, only five survived. I saw my house destroyed, and realised I had nothing. I only had the dress from the hospital. At that time, some Christians came from Mexico City and talked to me about Jesus and asked if I believed in God. I was surprised, no one talked to me about that before. So we prayed,

and I asked God to renounce my old life, to follow God. I asked God to teach me to love him. And now you see this house, it's not because I've been working a lot, it's because God has provided. Since Christ came into my life, it has changed. When I was working, when I was young, I wanted material stuff, I wanted things. But my Lord is not like that, that's why he took away my house (laughs).

Before I was living off what people would give me, but now I am thankful that I am working. Now I feel

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useful and I can help other people. I can give to the people here (in the community). So some people bring clothing to me, and I hand them out to other people here. Because I went through that, and I know the trouble.

I am 56, and I live a normal life because my past is not tormenting me anymore. But I try to think as if it happened to someone else. I was a kid, and staying with a lady, she had pigs and dogs. When I was there I had to sleep with them. I helped a little for them, and I worked for them. When it rained the water came to our knees. It was a bad past.

We are like a clam, and God is the shell. Sometimes he lets us get hurt, but he is there like a shell,

protecting us. So love him with all your heart, give him all your heart. I don't worry, I do my work and I know someone else will come to bring food, the Lord will provide. Why worry? The Lord is with us. Every detail you see in the house is a gift, the Lord provides. Look at my house, everything I have God gave it to me. So I am very thankful and I know he is with me and with everyone.

I am not crying out of sadness, I am crying because of the mercy of the Lord. God has mercy. I have had cancer for 8 years. I don't know why, many have died but I have not yet. The wife of a pastor died a month ago, and she was not sick. I am surprised how many times I have been to the point of dying and God has kept me. Only the Lord knows why. So my Lord is my partner, he is with

me 24 hours. He is there to talk to, to give me food to eat. I was born alone, I lived alone, and I will die alone. But the most beautiful thing is that I met the love of the Lord.

NOTE FROM OLOCM

This is a transcribed interview with Rose, edited for grammar, otherwise left untouched. At OLOCM we want to share these testimonies with you and remind you of the power and impact that God has. Every way you support this ministry helps people just like Rose. The House of Refuge, is for children like Rose. The ministries we run are for people like Rose. The homes we build are for people like Rose. The same way those missionaries changed her life in Puebla, God is using OLOCM to change lives in San Quintin.

We are thankful to Rose for opening up to us and for allowing us to share her story with you. Please continue to keep Rose in your prayers.



BACK to the BAJA

After a couple of weeks in beautiful BC, we are back to our dry, dusty and dearly loved home. It is always good to be home, but we were so thankful for the short time we had to see family friends and supporters, as well as all the new people we were able to connect with. All we can say is thank you!

Thank you to my family - you are the reason it's so hard to leave! Thank you to my wonderful pastors and church community - we are always blown away by your support. Thank you to our dear friends - it was so refreshing to spend time with you. Thank you to our current financial supporters - it was such an honor to be able to share with

you how your support is meeting needs and bringing Jesus here in Mexico. Thank you to all of the new people we met who are interested in our ministry - what an encouragement it was to meet you and share each others' stories. Thank you to those who lent us items needed during our stay - you were an answer to prayer.

God opened up so many more opportunities to share than we had expected, including a school, various churches, groups in homes, and many individuals, and we were so blessed by each one. God always goes above and beyond our expectations and is so faithful!



SUMMER TEAMS

This summer teams from Alberta, BC and Oregon will be serving with One Life in Mexico and the pastors of the San Quintin Valley. These teams will be connecting with communities and churches in many ways: children's ministry, sport camps, community bbqs, women's events, house builds, community projects and more! In everything, relationships will be built and strengthened and the love of Jesus made known. Thanks to:

Broadway MB Church
Canby Alliance Church
Chilliwack Alliance Church

Crossroads Community Church
Gracepoint Community Church
Main Street Church

Southview Alliance Church

PROJECT UNITY 2017

Over the past number of years, OLOCM has sought to provide opportunities for local pastors to connect, be built up, encouraged and trained. The purpose has been to promote unity and to strengthen the leadership of the Body of Christ in San Quintin. Our 'Unity Projects' have given the Pastors an opportunity to work together in a different

context, outside of their usual ministry scope. Working together to build a home for a family in need, we have seen these men and women coming together, building friendships and connecting in completely different ways! We are excited that our third Unity Project will take place June 19 – 23. This Project is unique in that the Pastors will be building a home

for the family of one of their brothers who passed away a few years ago. We are encouraged with the enthusiasm shown for demonstrating care for fellow pastoral families. Thank-you to a local church in the Fraser Valley for donating the funds for this Project!



SUMMER STAFF

We are so thankful for our Canadian staff and volunteers who will be serving with us this summer in San Quintin. Not pictured is our hard-working Mexican staff team who will be serving as well. Please remember to pray for them as they serve

I WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE

by Marcos Lee

My name is Marcos Lee. I was born and raised in San Quintin, Baja California, Mexico. My parents have been missionaries for over 30 years, so I grew up in Christianity but I considered that I was a sleepy Christian for most of my life until I had a near-death experience that woke me up and opened my eyes to the brevity of life and the length of eternity. My story can be summarized in these words:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found.

Was blind but now I see.

I remember growing up I always wanted to leave my town, and here I am coming back to the place that I was running away from. I have been working as an interpreter for One Life One Chance. Physically, because of health problems, I'm very limited in how I can help but I am glad there is a way I can be part of what the Lord is doing here.

I know that I am responsible for helping people communicate, whether it is interpreting for details of building a house or interpreting someone preaching God's Word. I ought to do it with love, passion, and reverence to the one to whom I will give an account of my life.

Working here, I have met many Christians and pastors that I have come to love in the Lord, both in Mexico and Canada. I have learned more about Jesus' love for his church. I also have been in parts of my community that I did not know existed, such as the dump, where people, including children, live in very sad conditions. I can see more than just material needs - I see a spiritual need.

There is a lake of fire, an eternal punishment of sin. Oh! If my people would know there is forgiveness and justification in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for a revival of the church that we would wake up! And pray for and opening of the eyes of the people of

San Quintin.

"Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?"

Psalms 85:6

Marcos serves with OLOCM as a translator.





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PRAY WITH US

Give Thanks:

- For the teams and individuals who serve with us to help further the work of this Ministry
- For the churches in Canada which support this work
- For the pastors (and their families) in San Quintin
- For God, who never changes
- For His invitation to join Him in transforming communities for His glory

Intercede:

- For our staff in Canada and Mexico as they prepare for the summer ministry season
- For families and communities to be changed by Jesus' love in San Quintin
- For our Board as they search for our next Executive Director (CND), as well as House Parents for the House of Refuge and an Operations Manager (MX)
- For spiritual protection over our staff and Board as they serve
- For financial support to run the Ministry effectively

Join our Prayer Team!

Contact Trish Wiens at: trish@onelifonechance.ca to learn more.

SUPPORT THE WORK

You can contribute financially in several ways:

- By mail to the address below
- On our website at www.onelifonechance.ca/give
- By scanning the QR code to the right



You can direct your donation to:

- General Fund – supporting the daily operation of the organization
- Staff Support – financial support of our missionaries in Mexico
- House of Refuge – our child rescue centre which is close to completion
- Benevolence Fund – helping Mexican families in need

If you have questions related to finance, contact Brenda Wall at: brenda@onelifonechance.ca.

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