

# The Jolleys

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Dear Prayer Partners,

*"The seed that falls on good soil, can produce a crop yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." - Jesus (Matthew 13:23)*

Being a disciple is all about imitating your teacher as you learn from them. So when it comes to being a disciple of Jesus, it must involve reaching out to others. We often like to encourage others, that whatever you learn or see about God today, you need to share with someone else today. One of the greatest joys in our equipping ministry is to see others take the seeds of what you give them and to share it with others, and then watch the fruit as it develops. Making disciples is all about multiplication.

Zuri Araujo, a recent university graduate in Venezuela wrote:

*"I truly look forward to my study class on Sunday. I have seen how my cousin Ramses, who is not a Christian, is very excited by the studies, and even more, when I ask questions the majority of his answers are right on! We are praying that God will touch his heart and his eyes opened.... I am truly excited! It is true that the person who teaches learns twice. Please pray for my brother and I, that God will help us more and more to teach others what we are learning. Pray for my aunt and cousins that God will reveal them His plan!"*

Seeing people like Zuri, discover and engage in sharing what they learn with others is at the heart of what we do. Often it comes with fear as they step out to do things that they never have done before, but they do so anyway because they are confident that God is in it.

Maryori Gonzalez, a former seminary student of Ken, recently requested his Introduction to the New Testament course, as she has taken on the challenge of teaching in a Bible Institute being started in a town through a local church. She writes:

*I plead for your prayers. It is not easy to teach a course as serious as this one. Let me explain. I have taught administration, communication, and ethics with care, but it is a whole other thing to teach the Word of God directly. I got into this mess because of a lack of professors. But with your material, I pray that God will use it. Without God, and what I have received from you, there is no way that I could ever even dream of attempting this.*

Single seeds that produce a hundred, sixty or thirty fold in well-worked soil is what

disciple making is all about. It takes relationship and time, but if you invest in others with a long term view, the joy of the reward is well worth it. Since our return to Canada, when we compare the themes and issues that we were dealing with in our communications with several individuals today, from where they were two years ago, there is nothing but praise to God on our lips. Soil preparation and seed sowing is often done with tears, sweat and pain in the labour, but the joy of watching the miracle of multiplication is a wonderful thing. You never know what God will do with a single seed, so never stop working soil and sowing seeds.

As you pray for Zuri and Maryori and their requests, we encourage you to encourage others to do what they have done. Whatever you discover and learn about God today, take and share it with someone else today. Pray for us, that we may always be full of grace and wisdom as we continue to mentor others and make God known in our spheres of relationship.

Your ambassadors in equipping and encouraging others who make God known,

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