

A snapshot of January/February

Arjona Ministry Update

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37-40



“Bruce Hougesen encouraged members of MVN to move from individual discussions with food recipients about the Gospel of our Lord, to more formal presentations that could be made while everyone is seated before the food arrives. After a general discussion, Bruce’s plan was adopted by general consensus of the Board.” From *Dec. 19, 2008 MVN Board minutes*.

No one would have imagined that God was going to call Bruce to His heavenly home only four weeks later (while he was testifying to a lady and her two-year-old boy during the food distribution). A week later, in school’s multi-purpose room we had a memorial service for our dear brother before the food distribution. Over 250 people (many who had been present there the previous week) attended and heard the message of the gospel of hope and life through the testimony of this dear man’s faithful service to his father. We have received very positive feedback from this memorial service, and praise the Lord for the way in which he used Bruce mightily in his life and in his death.

Two of our church members had started the food distribution as a way to help feed the needy in our church’s area, and now we give short, Christ-centered messages in both languages while people wait for the food to be set up – just as Bruce had suggested in our Board meeting.

We are so grateful for the Lord’s blessing upon this ministry, and ask that you would join us in thanksgiving and continued prayer for it.

In Him,

Juan Arjona

Items for prayer

- MVN:** Please pray that God will open the hearts of the people who hear the gospel every Saturday at our food distribution.
- Family:** Please pray for Martha’s mom who has been sick for over a year with a bone marrow problem.
- Support:** Please pray for more people to rise up and join our support team – we still need more monthly giving as we only have 35% of our 2009 budget!



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