



RIOTS

•This past week riots broke out in our city due to the government's inability to deal with the disposal of our city's garbage. Trash covers almost every street and trash burning has covered the entire valley in a haze. The Federal government sent in their riot battalions who fired tear gas in the city streets, and "restored" order. However, this coming week more major protests are expected.




Each day around the world, many cities suffer in similar circumstances, and rioting is so common to many missionaries that they always prepare for when it occurs. However, civil unrest affects one emotionally as well as impacts one's ability to minister.

Please pray for all of those missionaries around the world who face violence and protests every day.

We need your support to help us involve other young people in missions!!

How to support us!

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Our ministry is supported by independent individuals as well as churches who believe in what we do. We are grateful for people like yourself who help us continue ministering and impacting this city and their young people.

To support us, please sent your donations to the address at the side, and you will receive a statement for your taxes at the end of the year. Zona Juvenil Ministries is a 501-C3 non-profit organization.

Thank you for your support as well as your prayers as we invest in lives in Guatemala.

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My Frustrations.

I am passionate about doing all that I can do, and using the abilities that God has given me to reach young people creatively with the gospel message.

I honestly get frustrated often as I see all the opportunities that we have to reach lost young people, and I struggle with the limited resources we have to work with. **Check this out:**


- Next year we will have the opportunity to be scheduled to preach, teach, and become involved in almost every middle and high school in our city...at least once a month.
- We are in talks to possibly begin youth clubs in a number of high schools.
- We have over 16 groups of young people who want a youth group, but no youth leaders want to work in these areas.
- We have 5 youth groups currently, run by only two people.
- We could be on 30 radio stations with weekly and daily program by the end of 2009...but I alone can't keep up.
- These radio stations reach over 2 million people.
- God is swinging open the doors for us to produce a local TV program that could possibly reach over 1 million people in our Department.

The challenge for us is to know how to most efficiently work in each of these areas. For a number of years I have been recording radio programs, but have not been able to distribute due to time and funding. I've run our radio program simply by cutting deals and with little investment.

For nearly two years I have ignored the calls for us to return to TV, instead praying faithfully for his timing. I believe he is answering.

It would be a shame to tell the local Board of Education that we can't go into these schools in 2010 because we don't have the manpower or time. And yet, each month young people in the schools come to Christ as we share.

Now you can see a little of why I am frustrated, and the desire of my heart to reach young people around Latin America. God has been so good to open us up to so many opportunities. But your support and your prayers are key to our being successful in this commission.

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ZONA JUVENIL'S 10 Principles

1. Jesus is my guide and I will obey God.
2. Every day I will grow closer to God.
3. Peace in my community and love for others.
4. I will respect my authorities, elders, and leaders.
5. I will not allow myself to be controlled by alcohol nor drugs.
6. A healthy body. I am taking care of my health and body.
7. An alert mind. Every day I am strengthening my mind.
8. A joyful life. I am discovering the purpose of my life.
9. With goals I am carefully planning my future.
10. Today and tomorrow I am going to learn something new.



During the first four months of 2009, Zona Juvenil was able to expand into a number of new areas. One important area we have made a primary focus is that of prayer, gathering in a number of different ways and groups to pray together.

- We have seen our volunteer base grow, and now nearly 50 people are working or have offered to help us out in different projects.
- Our Wednesday group has grown, and we recently began a Bible study group that meets a few minutes before the lunch group, and together we explore questions and doubts about the Scriptures.
- Currently four groups of young people are meeting each week, and growing together. We still have many more groups to start, but until our leaders are prepared, this is the number we will have.
- Henry has helped coordinate conferences and values classes in local schools, and over 30 schools participate.

QUARTERLY REPORT SPRING 2009

- Although we had experienced a drop in support for a few months, our financial supporters have been faithful to keep us functioning and locally we have stabilized.
- A small book written by Mark was printed out and nearly 40 copies were sold. Now that we know this works more materials will be produced in this way.
- Radio recording is under way for Zona Juvenil's youth programs and soon more short spots will be produced.
- A number of young people have come to Christ, and now we are working hard at discipling them each week. Mark has 26 young people he has focused on, which is way too many for one person to handle.
- We have been visited or approached by a number of people who would like to join our team and help us reach this area's young people for Christ.
- We have participated in more than 30 conferences outside of schools, and seen great success with this form of outreach.

Should we be on TV again?

In 2007, for a number of reasons, we stopped producing our weekly TV shows. Things on local TV networks had changed, and we didn't feel the timing was right to continue.

Currently the doors have once again opened on local TV stations throughout our department for us to produce a local TV show focused on young people. In order to do this a number of things must occur.



First, we must know clearly that this is God's will.

Secondly, we must have a clear purpose in doing so.

Third, we must have the equipment, cameras, computer, etc to create a show.

Fourth, we must have a committed team that is willing to work in this area and support this ministry.

We simply ask you to pray with us to see if this is something we should do, or it would distract us from our purpose here.

NEW MOTORCYCLE LAW

In the past few weeks Guatemala's congress has decided to pass a new law which could potentially severely affect the work we do here. The law would:

1. Only allow one person per motorcycle.
2. Make all riders wear a vest and a helmet.
3. Stage two would not allow people in the backs of PU trucks.

4. Stage four would limit only 4 people per car. We depend heavily on our motorcycles, and our young people do too. These limits as well as the auto limits would restrict our mobility.

While we agree with some aspects to the law, please pray that those that limit our mobility are repealed. Pray that the government has a change of heart.

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"Youth Transforming"

ZONA JUVENIL wants to see Young people transforming their lives into the image of Christ and purpose that He has for them. This transformation is not easy. It is long and hard. But it is well worth it. Many young people have never heard that God has a plan for their life. Many only know sin and failure, and not forgiveness and success. So ZONA JUVENIL develops relationships and works with young people to help them find success in Christ. Like not all butterflies turn out the same, our young people are each unique and special. And so, it is not the exterior we are worried about, but the interior. God looks at the heart, and so do we.