

# ACTION

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### **From Miguel and Linda Toledo, missionaries in Guatemala:**

In Guatemala, at least half a million people were present for the two-day Luis Palau Festival. A total of 20 of us from three of our Christians in Action churches went as “amigos” or counselors. We helped 34 people pray who wanted to give their lives to the Lord, plus take down their names etc. to continue them in discipleship in the weeks to come.

During the week leading up to the evening concert/preaching times, Luis Palau (who has been referred to as the Billy Graham of Latin America), held special meetings for pastors and their wives, for youth, for lawyers, for professionals in general, including a ladies tea. Luis Palau also met privately with President Alvaro Colom and the city mayor. He had an audience with members of congress here, and members of the Supreme Court. He spoke to the officials of the military and the troops, and to the Police Academy. In almost every group session, people prayed to give their lives to the Lord.



Church members from the Mariscal Church in Guatemala City help out at a home for special needs

youth and adults. On this day the church members sang and interacted with them, helped them color, and served snacks afterwards.

Julia, in the wheelchair, is an active member of the CinA church in Pasasagua. One day she received a bullet, not meant for her. It lodged in her spine. Despite two operations and the removal of the bullet, Julia lives with excruciating pain day and night. Occasionally she will call Miguel and ask him to pray with her over the phone. Three girls from the Fresno, CA short-term team in Jan. '09 visited Julia to encourage her and pray with her. Please pray with us for a miracle of release from pain for Julia.



### **From Rick and Sharon LaBouef, missionaries in Ecuador:**

If you've ever read Polyanna, you know the "Glad Game." For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to enjoy this delightful little book, here's what the game is all about. You must find something to be glad about in every circumstance. Polyanna was given to me, Sharon, at a very timely moment when, due to some back problems, I found myself in pain and with weakness in my legs. So I've begun to play the "Glad Game."

One "glad thing" I'd like to elaborate on concerns a young lady named Daniela. She is the physical therapist who has been doing therapy on my back and legs. Dani was hired here in Shell at the mission hospital last year and did not know Jesus as her Savior at the time. After she had been witnessed to and shown Christian love, she received Christ in the privacy of her home when she was alone one night.



Sharon, on the left, answers questions and shares Scripture with Daniela, her physical herapist at the mission hospital in Shell.

Our times together have been fabulous. She is an excellent therapist and has been very kind and patient with me. I've been able to share lots of Scripture and advice with her as we talk and she asks many questions. She has an incredible hunger for spiritual things.

### **From Stan and Ruth Powers, affiliate missionaries in Brazil:**

The study group at camp was coming to a close when Darci, one of the pastors, decided to ask if

there was anyone who did not yet know the Lord. One man started giving what looked like a testimony, but it soon became evident that he did not understand salvation at all. Darci began explaining to him the plan of salvation. The man agreed that he needed the Lord and would like to accept Him. As he started to pray, the floodgates opened up and as he repented and gave his life to the Lord he was weeping.

People around him were rejoicing in his conversion. It is always so sweet to see someone meet the Lord and pray in their own words. It seems to come from deep within and becomes more precious. As the Bible says, “Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved,” and that is a great truth!

### **From a CinA National Worker in India:**

In one of the towns, our ministry among the Muslims is progressing. Every Sunday 30 to 40 people gather for a Gospel meeting. Recently six individuals were baptized. We travel, with difficulty, to other far villages. One village is close to the forest area where we face the threat of wild elephants. We have classes for children in the school there, and we conduct Gospel meetings in some non-Christian homes.



In one village, believers show us their newly constructed church. The walls will come later...maybe.

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