

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA

ONE TESTIMONY OF PEACE

MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA - The thing about Camilo that impacted most people was **the gradual and wonderful change in the demeanor of his face as he began walking with God.** When most people first saw him they'd immediately notice the darkness in his face. He looked... well, kind of scary.

Camilo had been depressed for most of his life. Fueled by dark music and an overwhelming feeling of hopelessness, **the depression enveloped Camilo's life... to the point where he actually enjoyed it.** Little by little, as Camilo began visiting church and discovering God's love through others around him whose lives had been transformed, **his young face and heart were transformed by the love and grace of Jesus.**

God is using Camilo's testimony -

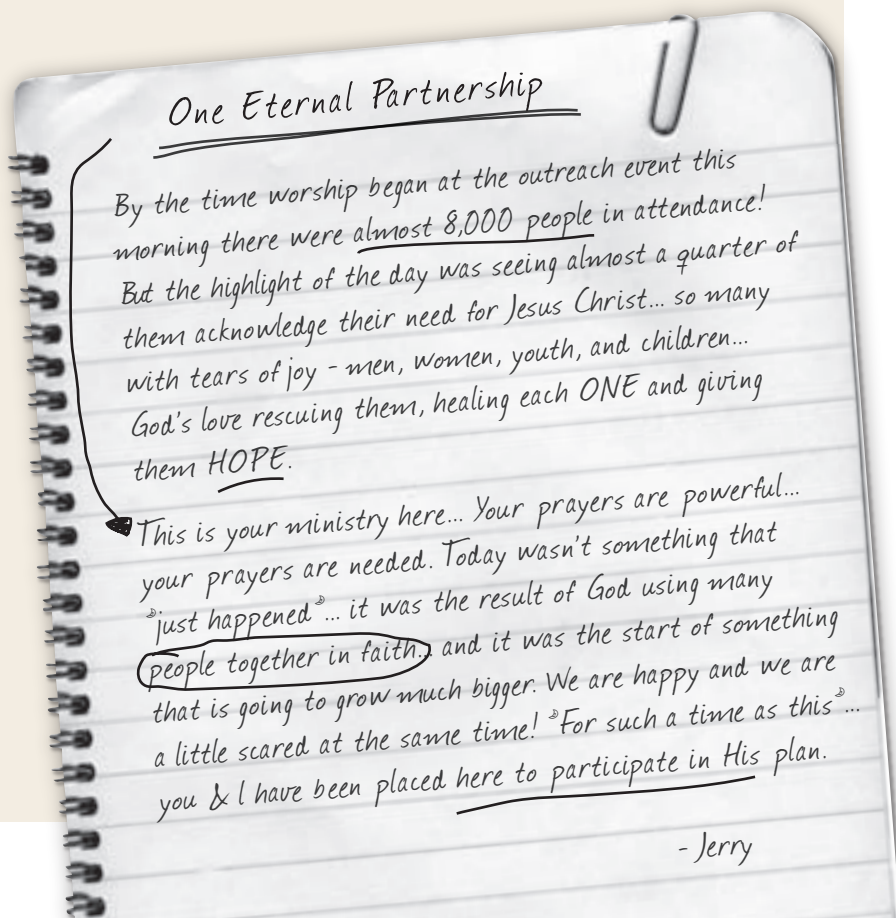
Anna, a girl who recently put her faith in Christ, shared how **she saw the change in Camilo** - how his face began to shine... and even smile. She said that **she wanted to know this God that gave him such peace.**



Find out more about Camilo's story at www.iteams.org/livestouched

MEDELLIN: "THE CITY OF ETERNAL SPRING"

- Before it was made (in)famous by cocaine trafficking, Medellín was long a center of industry in Colombia. Founded in the 17th century, it was a hard-working city, known then as the "City of Eternal Spring."
- The city has seen beautiful changes in the last few years. Safety has greatly improved. People enjoy going to movies, going out to eat, and plenty of other recreational activities.
- Almost every weekend, the youth ministry at Comunidad Cristiana De Fe (Christian Community of Faith Church) hosts a retreat to help new believers begin their lives in Christ.



“TODAY WASN'T SOMETHING THAT 'JUST HAPPENED,' IT WAS THE RESULT OF GOD USING MANY PEOPLE TOGETHER IN FAITH... AND IT WAS THE START OF SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO GROW MUCH BIGGER.”

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE (Medellin, Colombia)

The House of Refuge - Ministry, Operation, Staffing

Established by Comunidad Cristiana De Fe, the House of Refuge is a ministry to street children and single mothers in downtown Medellin.

- \$20 per month will provide food, shelter, and clothing for one homeless child living on the streets of Medellin
- \$200 per month will allow the team to hire an individual to work full-time at the Refugee House
- \$50,000 will enable the team to purchase a new property for the Refugee House in order to eliminate rental costs and expand its capacity for ministry

Team Ministry and Living Expenses - \$950 per month

Due to the steady rise of inflation in Colombia, the Manderfields are in need of financial support to cover the increased cost of living and ministry expenses.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

There are several opportunities to serve with the team in Medellin, Colombia including:

Teaching ESL - This job is focused on teaching Colombians English to give them opportunities for better jobs and also give them a key that will open up doors for ministry in the future.

House of Refuge - Minister to street kids and their mothers by volunteering at the El Refugio Preschool, building relationships with youth, and providing discipleship, job-training, and life-skill classes for single mothers.

ONE VISION OF TRANSFORMATION

Although known to be one of the most dangerous countries in the world, **Colombia is increasingly being recognized as an international leader** for revival, discipleship, and church growth.



Medellin, Colombia

Medellin is the second largest city in Colombia with a population of over 3 million people. While there are many areas of the city where violence, robbery, and prostitution are overwhelmingly present, the brokenness of these places has created an environment that **is also very open to the Gospel.**

In the midst of this, **ITeams missionaries Jerry and Barb Manderfield have a vision of empowering the youth of Colombia to reach out to their own generation with the love and power of God.** They are currently serving the community of Medellin as youth leaders at Comundad Cristiana de Fe.

There is a **strong movement of discipleship happening among new believers** through cell groups and leadership training schools, **raising up the next leaders of the church in Medellin**, and also future pastors for surrounding cities within the country and even **beyond Colombia to other nations!**

GO OR GIVE

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