Sometimes I get frustrated. The enemy tells us that we are not making a difference in Vista del Valle. We see back-biting, gossip, lies and all those things that human beings do when they are not obeying God.

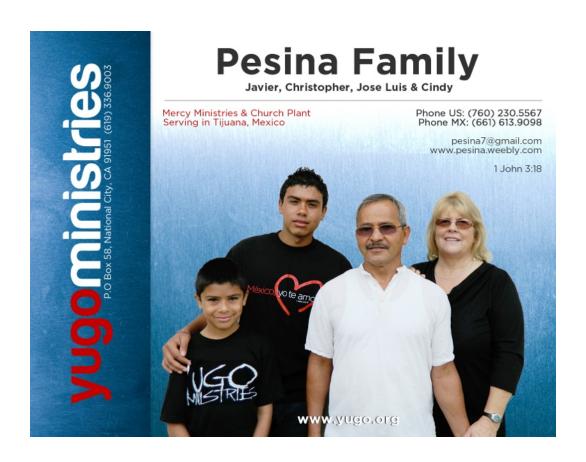
There is a boy named Billy (name changed) who is 10 years old. Billy came to church every week alone since we opened. Several times I asked about his mom and dad but he said they did not want to come. After about a year, Billy's behavior changed a little and he did not come quite as often. One day I arrived at church and there was Billy and his mom outside. She wanted to start visiting the church! One Tuesday at the Women's Bible Study, the teaching was on Forgiveness - a touchy subject. Billy's mom, Mary (named changed) was one of the first to open up and here is the story:

Mary attended the church nine years ago. She saw so much gossip, back-biting, etc. that she left the church and promised herself never to return. When Billy started attending the same church, but now under Pastor Jose Luis & Cindy, her husband made fun of Billy and called him "little Christ" and "Hallelujah Boy"! Mary confessed to even hitting Billy for attending the church. This did not stop Billy and he still came faithfully because he wanted to grow in his relationship with Jesus. But, what did change Billy is when his father left the family. He started to rebel, stay in the streets more and was angry. His mom knew Jesus and knew where to turn. Mary received much prayer and healing that Tuesday even though she still is working on forgiveness in her life.

As we were driving away from the church, Billy ran up to the window of my car and said "Pastora (they call me that), thank you for ministering to my Mom"! I said to my self, "Wow God, thank you, that makes it all worth it!" I am encouraged and know more than ever that God has us where He wants us and the enemy does not want us in Vista del Valle.

Thank you for your prayers and your partnership. Please pray for Billy's family and many more like this. Abuse is common, drugs are common, many churches do not teach the bible and we are in a battlefield, but God wins! (Revelation 22) You make it possible for us to be here by your partnership and we are so thankful.

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