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DECEMBER 2012 PASTOR, DO YOU REMEMBER ME? A couple of weeks ago I was walking our dog early on a Saturday morning and a young lady waved to me. She greeted me with those words. She looked a little familiar but I see so many people who are students and tourists that come and go that I can't remember them all. Here is what she said:

"My name is Birgit and I'm from Germany. Five years ago I was here and came to your church three times when you invited me. I had nothing to do with church in Germany but I liked this church. You gave me your book and I read it on the flight back home and I sent you an e-mail telling you how I liked it. Then I met some Christian students at the university and they invited me to church. I then started THE ALPHA COURSE on basic Christianity. Part way thru the course I opened my life to Christ. Now I am back for a month in Panama and I want to come to church tomorrow."

Wow! This was so encouraging and exciting to see how God orchestrates events in our lives. She had just arrived the night before and was wondering if I was still in Gamboa and then we made contact first thing in the morning.

I knew that the Youth With A Mission base had a German girl on staff so I called to make sure she would come to the service to greet Birgit. BUT on Sunday morning, FOUR from Germany walked in the door and all greeted her. None of the four Germans knew each other and did not know that others were coming to work on temporary staff. It was wild as they all greeted each other. Here we are 17 miles from Balboa, in Gamboa in the jungle, and all these international people show up!

The story does not end there. Two weeks later on a Saturday night before church the next morning she was reading Acts 5 about how the crowds came to the Apostles and even those under the shadow of Peter were healed...all of them. As she read she questioned if this could possibly be true.

The next morning she came to church and I announced the scripture lesson. It was the very same passage from Acts 5. She listened intently and at the close of the service the presence of God was very strong. So after the closing song, instead of being dismissed right away, we were quiet in the presence of the Lord. Then I asked for those who had physical problems and needed healing. The German girl sitting next to Birgit raised her hand.

After prayer the German girl raised her hand and in tears said that the Lord touched her and healed her of an injury she had had in her neck and shoulder for a long time. Birgit, sitting right next to her, got to see and experience all of this right before her eyes. There was so much joy and celebrating among the people that morning.

This good news is all because of God sending His Son Jesus to earth. So our family wants to extend our prayer to all of you for a blessed Christmas and New Year. May it be a season and coming year when the purposes and destiny of almighty God are fulfilled in your lives. May there be healing and bountiful supply for all your needs.

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