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JUNE 2010 The experience amazed me about the sovereignty of God.

By that I mean that God has a plan and He has the power to pull it off. He can arrange for people to meet each other at the just the right place at just the right time to accomplish His eternal purposes.

I was just quickly leaving the back door of the church for an appointment when a man out of breath suddenly came around the corner of the church. "Pastor, I am the tour leader of the bus down the street and there is a 20 min delay for us to get on the tour boat. Can you please come to present your book and talk to the people?"

"Sure, give me five minutes to get it together and I'll be there." Wow! What an opportunity. Now, instead of me going to them, they are coming to me. He had seen me on other occasions and apparently had run out of things to say to the tourists to occupy them until the boat was ready. He had given the excuse to the people that there was a military exercise causing a delay.

Well, they decided to bring the whole bus load over to the church so they could all use our bathrooms. Some were taking pictures inside the church and picking up literature. Outside, they were taking photos of the "God Loves Tourists" on the church signboard. I had some good conversations and they bought 12 books! I pray that those books will be like "time bombs" going off in people's lives for years to come.

Recently I noticed a visitor come into church after the morning service had started. Since we have a small church it is easy to spot the visitors and we have no excuse not to greet them. After finding a seat he just seemed to look around and not enter into the worship time at all. Since it was Pentecost Sunday, I ended the service by having as many as wanted to come to the front and pray with me for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. About half of the people came forward for a powerful time of prayer and worship. Then I noticed him standing by his pew with his arms lifted up and praying with us.

I found out later that he was the driver of a tour bus parked across the road from the church. He had heard the singing and decided to go check it out. He was so glad to find the service and be a part of what God was doing that morning. He is a Christian who lives an hour away but since he had to work that day he missed church. We were encouraged to see how the Lord was working in his life.

On another occasion, a man from the interior of Panama got off the early bus right in front of the church. He slowly came in and waited over an hour for the service to begin. Afterwards we learned that his daughter had been in the hospital and he and his wife needed \$15 each to return to their home by bus.

I hesitated at first but then felt we should help this man. I asked why he came all the way to Gamboa. His reply was that he was at the central bus terminal and didn't know what to do. Someone suggested to him that there was a Christian church in Gamboa that helped people. He had never been to Gamboa before but was desperate to find help. Then, one of our men took the time to talk with him and lead him to Christ. He left with literature to help him grow and with a new joy in his heart.

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