

Rising Star

Morning Star Child Reach Ministries News Bulletin

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A TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL

Thursday the 7th, at 4:00 pm, the funeral service was held at the cemetery in Chiclayo. About a dozen people who in the four months he was in our care had been his caregivers were on hand for the for the event, as well as the family court judge, the district attorney and their staff. Tom shared with those present what Samuel had taught us during his short life. Reading from 1 John 3:1-3 he observed how so many people had loved an infant with whom they had no personal connection, to whom they had no obligation, and really could have no expectation of ever expecting anything in return. However, the essence of Romans 5:5, the pouring out of God's love in our hearts becomes a reality when we allow His Spirit to work through us. There is no profit and loss assessment in sacrifice, God loved us not for what we could give Him, but simply because that is who He is, and through Samuel God showed us that we can allow Him to love through us more than what we thought we could, hence "it is not yet revealed what we shall be...", but as we learn more about the nature of God, more of His nature is manifest in us and "God is LOVE". Obvious by the outpouring of emotion under the shade of the acacia trees that afternoon, was the fact the we had all been taught a little more about how to love God's way, and if we had been stretched this far, then only God could reveal in the future what we shall be, as those who "love Him because He first loved us" seek not to evaluate the worth of a sacrifice, but rather assess how much of God's love that sacrifice shows. 1 John 3:16-19 *"By this we have known the love of God, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God dwell in him? My children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And in this we shall know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him."* Little Samuel impressed on our hearts that the value of loving is in the giving, and though many times we may not be able to foresee God's plan, we can know that allowing His very nature to have its way in our lives will be assurance enough that we are in His will, and many more at risk children are out there awaiting God's love to be made known to them. As Samuel's remains were laid to rest we sang "Because He Lives" and the cool breeze that tempered the bright afternoon sunshine, seem to carry away the sorrow in the triumph of hope that is the resurrection. "Thank you Sammy, we'll see you soon".



(Editors Note: Two sisters, ages 5 & 12, were interned in the Family Violence Shelter in Chiclayo, the judge has requested we admit them to Morning Star where capacity is already stretched with the new arrival of Anita today, a 14 year old amputee who is making great progress with her new prosthesis on her right leg. May the Lord give the wisdom to make the decisions based not logistics alone, but on God's will to love through us as He provides the means and opportunity.)

Thank you so much for your continued prayers!