



International Outreach:

Guatemala

Off a side of a side road in Chimaltenengo, Guatemala Tom Boomershine sat in a circle with a dozen or so poor women of the Corazon de Mujer (“Heart of a Woman”) sewing cooperative and asked, “Want to go on a lion hunt?” When the words were translated and then repeated we were off on our journey together.



Some strategies work no matter who or where you are. Biblical storytelling resonated as powerfully among the Guatemalans we reached as well as it has every other place we have taken this gift of God. Though each story had to be translated line by line into Spanish, the power of the biblical story was still present.



If there was any disappointment on this trip, it was that our audiences were smaller than we had hoped. Biblical storytelling is a totally new concept in Guatemala, and even those who came to our seminars were unsure what we were going to present. No doubt seeds were sown and we prepared the soil for an even more impactful experience the next time.

One of the groups we taught was called “Faith Stories,” which was a group of women who specialize in telling their own stories of faith and experiences of God. In one session, we would tell a biblical story and ask if anyone had a parallel story to share. The stories were truly powerful and worth the trip in themselves.

The attendees were Tom and Amelia Boomershine, Barbara Tucker, Bonnie Orth, and Tim Coombs. A return trip is currently planned.

Stay tuned.

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