

# July 09 Update

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I was asked to show up at the Lord's Gym on June 13 for the Second Saturday Ministry. The Lord's Gym is a local church here in Vancouver, WA where 90% of the attendees are ex-addicts, ex-prisoners, ex-drug dealers, and ex-\_\_\_\_\_ who knows what else?

Second Saturday is Crossroads Community Church's local mission outreach. Every second Saturday of the month folks from our church help fix up homes, clean up yards, replace a carpet, remodel a kitchen or whatever else needs to be done in an apartment complex, church or school in the less fortunate sections of our community.

On June 13 we partnered with other churches to do an extreme make over of the Lord's Gym. I reported to the prayer tent thinking prayer is what I know how to do. The rest of the church folks started painting indoors, outdoors, garden work and other practical handy work that needed to be done for the day. About eight people showed up at the prayer tent. The person in charge asked me to lead, as she preferred walking around the campus to pray for the people doing the work.

The prayer team started reading Psalm 103 to praise the Lord. We prayed for good weather, that no one would be injured while working and that everyone would work well

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together. As we were praying several visitors started stopping by our tent and wanted prayer for their needs.

Anne & Jesse stopped by our tent as Anne wanted prayer for their marriage. She wanted "no more arguments" in her marriage. Her husband, Jesse was a bit uncomfortable and commented, "This is ridiculous!" We put our hands on Anne & Jesse and prayed for love, unity, forgiveness and good communication in their home.

One of my teammates started talking to Jesse. I overheard Jesse saying, "Oh, I believe in Jesus but I don't want to have anything to do with church. A lot of people in the church have hurt me in the past. It is Jesus and I. That's it!" I went to one corner of the tent with one of the ladies and asked her to pray with me for Jesse to forgive the people that have hurt him as I sensed a bitter and an unforgiving spirit.

The whole morning went fast as many more visitors stopped by the prayer tent and our team gladly prayed for each prayer need.

On Sunday, June 14, I was eager to go to church to rejoice with those who served at the Second Saturday ministry for the joy we had to serve together and to thank the person who invited me to come. To my surprise, at the church lobby, were Anne and Jesse! This man, who did not want to have anything to do with church, just, attended our 11 a.m. service at Crossroads. PRAISE the LORD!!! How amazing to see God answer prayer within 24 hours!!! Wow!!!

I remembered what one of our recent speakers said, "Either you are a missionary or a mission field. Which one are you?"

I plan on flying back to Mexico on July 8. I know the Lord has His own special "Second Saturday" ministry for me down south in Cuernavaca. Pray

Enclosed is a letter from my missions pastor, Ralph Casell. ([http://home.comcast.net/~emcgwn/index\\_files/JulyRalphLetter2009.pdf](http://home.comcast.net/~emcgwn/index_files/JulyRalphLetter2009.pdf)) I need new prayer, financial and encouragement partners. Let me know if you can partner with me.

As always, thank you for your love, prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Angie Velasco

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