

December 1, 2008

Greetings,

Merry Christmas to you and your family! We trust you had a fun and memorable Thanksgiving as well, we did! It is such an exciting time of year to share joy with friends and you are amongst the most special ones. We ask that you take the time this year to personally celebrate the best gift you have ever received: Jesus!

Rather than to take a lot of you time and imagination about us this month, we thought you might like to meet someone new. We are so blessed to introduce you to a great friend who has recently been able to share with us some of his excitement about Jesus. Meet "Erwin Ramos". He is a wonderful young man and as you see in the picture here, lives his life with a body that limits physical mobility and tends to keep him from doing many things others in his age spend their days doing. However we can attest that his life of loving Jesus has a much more valuable impact on other's lives than many with far fewer challenges. Erwin shared the comments below at the camp in Ecuador this past October.

"First, I say thanks to God for allowing me to come for the fourth time to this amazing camp. No one can imagine the happiness in my heart to have the opportunity to come once again. I know that God brought me here and He has an incredible plan for my life. I ask you to keep me in your prayers. I have a hard battle that I am committed to do. I have a challenge in my heart, I want to share with all my friends; what Jesus means to me and what he has done in my life and will continue to do. There are no words to explain how happy I feel.

Thanks a lot to you, Gene and Jordana, for giving me this opportunity to come back to camp. I am so excited to go and share Jesus with my friends and family. Thanks to Carola, thanks to Silvia for her caring love, thanks Zoila for your strength, thank you Marjorie for your dedication to serve God, thanks Sonia for your prayers, thanks Ethel for bringing happiness to my heart with your music, thanks Lorgia for your love for God, thanks Luis for your decision to be my helper and do it in love, thanks Nestor for your caring love, thanks Candy for your energy, thanks to all of you that were part of this amazing camp. Most important thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that gave me the gift of eternal life.

Now I am saying goodbye but not without telling all of you; please, trust in God for your life and continue living for Him.

I hope to see all of you next year but if we don't, we will see each other in Heaven.

With love,

Erwin Ramos

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Please pray for Erwin that he will continue impacting his friends and family for Jesus in the months ahead. Our rewards are many as we witness campers share their personal love for Jesus with others, especially their own family.

2008 has been an eventful year and we are not expecting anything less in 2009. Thank you for doing your part this year to keep us doing what God has revealed to us to do. Join us as we peer into the heart of God and follow His leadership to go to even more kids and youth as well as to their families in the months ahead. We need increase in our financial ability and ask you to consider how you may increase your gifts this month to prepare us for a promising year ahead.

We appreciate you so much,



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