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I know that we Americans are going through some tough times and our resources, spiritually, emotionally and financially have taken a beating. We are worried by our "tomorrows" for our families and our country. One of the things that makes our country strong and different than others is the way we take care of others. Not only other Americans but others throughout the world. It is the reason we will get through the rough times, because we care for those hurting and extend our hands to whomever and wherever it is needed. That is why when we planned a city-wide evangelism, we knew we could reach out and our people would respond.

In September we took to the streets in trucks preaching, praying and ministering in the neighborhoods surrounding the city. Most of the places we had to ask permission to stop from the local drug dealer. Generally, a young man of 19-20, who was intoxicated, but they never said no. In fact, they listened, and we prayed with them, listened to the pain they expressed and cried together. We know that these young men are the community leaders and if their lives change the whole community changes.





We set up the truck in a large government apartment complex. People mostly hung out the windows and listened and sang along. One interesting guy would open his window yell for us to shut up and then close the window. He did this about 5 times before he stopped. I think the message was getting to him and the Holy Spirit made him uncomfortable.



Then for 3 nights we had an outdoor campaign, called 3 noites de esperanca, 3 nights of hope, in the main park. Our crew had been handing out fliers, going to businesses and radio announcements inviting people. We had no idea if anyone would show up, but we were ready for whatever God had prepared for us. The night was very cold, but that didn't deter the people, the park was full. We had rented sound trucks; so, we didn't know how that would work. It worked great. The techs did a wonderful job. With multiple mics, speakers and musicians, it was an intricate task and they were great. Worship sets the tone for the night and if we had bad sound, it would have been harder to engage the people.





The crowds grew every night. Our volunteers prayed and counseled with hundreds. We had booklets detailing scriptures about salvation and their new Christian walk. There was a form for their personal information; so that local pastors could contact them later and connect them with a church. Pray for these pastors, workers and new converts that they will be disciplined blessed and encouraged in this endeavor

We thank God that He gave us the right people, partners, and volunteers to make these events successes. We mostly thank Him for all the lives that were changed and will be changed because of these events. Go God!!!



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