

2013 Easter Greetings to you from the Saracoffs!



A week before Good Friday, Kathy celebrated her birthday and the day before that, Greg did a triple-fracture on his hand in a biking accident. So we thought we'd commemorate the two events with a photo for you.

Easter means hope. As we re-live Christ's passion to obey His Father and save our souls, we also can feel the utter despair the disciples felt as they witnessed their leader die. Once before he had told them to "Go to the other side." Even then, with the waves tossing the little boat, His presence in those waves made progress possible. Now how could they move forward? Was there any purpose left?

Not only were they brought to despair on Friday, but God left them there all day Saturday-- a Sabbath of despair. The next day was the dreaded first day of the week; the Jewish equivalent of "Monday, Monday" (Sunday, Sunday) was coming up when everyone must go back to work or at least face reality. Then it happened. God came through when he was

least expected. He would meet them on the other side! Then He told them to "Make disciples..... teach them to obey".....

We want to be part of that action! This past Tuesday, the leaders of Team Tijuana (Javier, Elias, Josefina, Chela, Napoleon, Bernardo, German, Rayito, Kathy, and Greg) joined forces with the leaders of Esperanza to witness to people in the parks and on the streets of a new



community in the outskirts of Tijuana. Dividing up into small groups of 2 and 3, we used the EvangeCube to tell people who Christ is and why he died for us. At least 10 prayed to accept Christ and others agreed to be involved in Bible studies in their own homes, or requested prayer.

There's a lot more to be done and we plan to return soon. Esperanza is starting a church in that area.



Greg and Pastor Javier were partners. Because Javier has a heart for the alcoholics and addicts, he sought out a group of "borrachos." One of them showed great concern for Greg's broken hand and insisted on "anointing" it with some smelly green oil. Kathy, Josefina and Chela chatted with a mother who had set up shop selling snacks from a table under a tree. Turns out she's a believer who has a church that meets in her house. But she asked for prayer for the salvation of her family in Guerrero--a cousin had just been killed in local violence and everyone, including her father, was taking up arms. She claims Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved--you and your household."

Because the Great Commission says to make disciples and teach them to obey Christ's commandments, we are busy starting obedience-based Bible studies for new and growing Christians. The studies emphasize obeying the Bible passages we study. We show we learned the verse we studied by doing an activity during the week showing that we obeyed it. All the members of the group pray for each other's activity and call the others for encouragement. We are careful to listen to the Holy Spirit and try not to be legalistic. The result has been rapid Christian growth and many stories of how the Holy Spirit has worked. Please keep these groups and us in your prayers.

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:24-25.

Blessings, *Greg and Kathy Saracoff*

