Dear Friends,

Our new Bible League Volunteer project launched on October 1 and will run through September 30, 2018. As our theme for the year says, we will be Bringing God’s Word to Latin America. What a privilege we have to serve under-resourced churches in nine countries throughout Latin America. As we help provide Bibles, biblical resources, and training to these churches, we will work with them to transform lives through God’s Word.

Because of our Volunteer efforts this year, people there will come to understand God’s Word through Project Philip Bible studies, Church Planter Training, and Bible-based Literacy. And they, like Aracelly in Nicaragua, will find new life in Jesus Christ!

Aracelly lives in La Churequita, Nicaragua, a landfill community where the acrid smell of burning garbage never goes away. When she first arrived years ago as a newlywed, depression overwhelmed her. “We were desperately poor and we didn’t have jobs. I didn’t know how we were going to survive,” she recalls.

Then, about three years ago, a Bible League-trained Christian from a local church reached out to Aracelly. She uses God’s Word to give hope to the hopeless and rest to the weary in this community…to people whose job it is to pick through and process smoldering mounds of garbage.

“This lady talked to me for nearly an hour about her faith in Jesus,” Aracelly shared at that time. “I didn’t know anything about the Lord then, but I received Him during our conversation. Jesus came into my life in a great way.”

Aracelly began going to the church and joined a Project Philip Bible study. As she studied God’s Word, her faith grew, and she was baptized. Soon she was sharing God’s Word, too, leading Project Philip Bible studies for women and children. “Our goal is to reach the entire village!”

Fast forward to the summer of 2017 and Aracelly Garcia Montiel (pictured far left in first photo above) is still leading Project Philip Bible studies for women in her village. Our Volunteer Team had the opportunity to meet her when they visited the ministry in Nicaragua.

She was part of a circle of women sitting in plastic chairs inside a small shed with a tin roof.

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and a dirt floor. Dressed in old t-shirts, thin skirts, and rubber flip-flops, with weariness in their eyes, the women's faces lit up when they smiled. What made them so happy? They had God's Word in their hands!

Holding up her copy of the Gospel of John, Aracelly noted, “These materials are excellent and so easy to read. We love to read them aloud because they are so easy to understand. Last week, when we read the part where Jesus was crucified, all of the women cried. We experienced the love of Jesus in our hearts.”

When the Bible study ended, the women gathered to pray, placing their hands on one another's shoulders. Noisy children playing outside, blaring radios, bleating sheep and goats, and clucking chickens did not distract them. Many asked God to transform the lives of loved ones.

“We believe prayer changes things,” Aracelly shared. “It takes a lot of knee work. I just keep throwing out the nets like Peter, fishing for souls.”

Aracelly quickly asked the Volunteer Team to share something with their friends back home. “Please tell them,” she said carefully, “that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In spite of our sins, Jesus still loves us. I am so grateful for what Bible League International is providing. God’s Word saved me! Just think how many others are waiting to hear that same message.”

This year we will work to ensure that they won’t have to wait any longer. I'm asking you to help, too. Please, do what you can, with what you have and where you are. But do it now! Help provide even more Bibles. We appreciate all you do! Please, give as the Lord provides! Muchas gracias!

Serving with you,

Your Bible League International Volunteer

P.S. You will make an eternal impact throughout Latin America as you help to transform lives through your gift of God’s Word! Please make your check payable to Bible League International and return it to me. Thank you!