

## Setting the Prisoners' Children Free in Colombia

When someone goes to jail for a crime committed, our sense of justice often seems satisfied. But what if the criminal is a parent? What happens to the criminal's children?

Children of prisoners often face the same heart-wrenching difficulties as their poverty-stricken peers—but with added burdens. Some absorb their parents' shame, believing even that they are too bad for God. Young Ana in Bogotá explained, "I had doubts of God loving me and accepting me as I am."

However last summer, Ana attended a summer camp organized especially for children of prisoners by ACTION Colombia missionary Raquel de Jesús and her helpers. The swimming and sports, handcrafts and good meals were so much fun! But as she participated in the Bible studies and listened to Pastor Elvis' messages, Ana absorbed the truth at a deep, heart level: Jesus came because of God's great love for **all** people. When given the opportunity to pray and accept Jesus as her personal Savior and Lord, Ana did, declaring, "Now, I know there is Somebody who loves me unconditionally—Jesus."



*Camp for prisoners' kids can be life-changing*

Then there are others, like Camilo, who had heard of Jesus as a little boy in his grandmother's care. The growing 11-year-old began to realize that with both parents in jail, he faced a frightening future. Praise God, when Camilo attended the same camp and learned about the Savior who has a future for him, he also surrendered his life to the Lord.

Does ACTION's Children in Crisis Ministry make a difference to prisoners' kids in Colombia? Ask Ana or Camilo! And ask God how you can help!

# Introducing ACTION's New Children in Crisis Coordinator

**COLOMBIA IS** A country with “charm, beauty and love,” says Phil Legal, ACTION Colombia missionary and recently appointed International Children in Crisis (CiC) Coordinator.

Passionate for poor children and their families, Phil and his wife, Mariela, are well aware of the unlovely side of Colombia, the 50% living below the poverty line—including 15% in chronic poverty who suffer from malnutrition and woefully inadequate housing, medical care, and education. “This year, I am overseeing a thrift store, children’s ministry, and starting a workshop ministry,” reports Phil.

As International CiC Coordinator, Phil will now also facilitate fellow ACTION CiC missionaries in some 20 countries worldwide.

The need is great, in Colombia, and across



*Phil Legal, Children in Crisis Coordinator, with his wife, Mariela*

the globe. Is God calling you to assist ACTION’s 250 missionaries who work with churches and other local partners to shine the love of Jesus in dark places? The stakes are high—bringing the Gospel and compassionate care to thousands of children at risk and their communities.

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