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The Rozos are Coming!

By Rev. Stan Crookall

Our lead missionary, German Rozo, and his daughter, Gwendy, will be in Canada June 13 to July 4 to meet with supporters. If you would like to get together with them, let us know, or join us at one of the scheduled events, which are:

- Tuesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. at Bill and Gail Deacon's regular Tuesday evening prayer meeting in their home in Ottawa.
- Wednesday, June 15, at 2:00 pm at Asher Place, 490 Viewmount Drive, Ottawa. This will be a meet and greet, with German making a presentation. It will be in the meeting room. There is parking out back. This is the apartment building where I live in the summers, and we expect a good turnout. Sandwiches and cold drinks will be served.
- In London, Ontario, Tuesday, June 28

• In the Oshawa and Peterborough areas, June 20 to 24, events are being arranged

For more details as they develop, to meet the Rozos, or to join one of our group meetings, please call me at 1.613.680.9153, or my son Paul at 1.613.565.7117 (email paul@crookall.ca).

Bible Art Ministries is about leading children to know and love Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. I love Carl Vogel von Vogelstein's (1788-1868) masterpiece painting "Let the Children Come to Me." It is based on Luke 18:16, where Jesus said to the disciples: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Google the artist and painting title to see a picture). Looking at the painting brings to mind a young girl I know, Charlotte, who is about six years old. She so loves to pray and ask the blessing at a meal,

including when they are in a restaurant. She closes her eyes, bows her head, and prays in a clear voice, often getting the attention of those nearby. She is a great witness. I marvel that one so young can know God and seek Him with her whole heart.

In the early 1950s, when Gwen and I worked with the Rural Life Mission in northern Canada we taught the weekly religious education period in several one room schools. Things were so primitive, some lacked electricity, and many had outdoor plumbing. But when we drove into the schoolyard in our old 1939 Plymouth, they showed their joy and excitement about studying God's Word.

Ministering to children has been central to what we do. The most important part of what we do is spiritual, and without prayer, nothing works. We so appreciate those of you who give, and those of you who stand with us in prayer.

Report from Colombia

By German Rozo

This month is our 17th anniversary of working with Bible Art Ministries in Colombia. We are grateful to each supporter, to each volunteer, to each worker, and to all the school teachers and principals

who have contributed to make our work possible.

I've been here all 17 years, starting together with Omar Rincon. We were both recruited by Rev. Stan Crookall in Florida, and came

back to our hometown as missionaries. Omar left several years ago to work with the Mailbox Club. Julio Velez joined the team in 2000. He has been a rock – hardworking and faithful to the Lord and to the ministry.

Mailbox Club

Several ladies have helped as volunteers with the Mailbox Club over the years: Alicia, with her daughters Nancy and Luz; Rosa; Arleny; Aura de Acevedo (who has been with us since the beginning) and her daughters Lucia and Aida, her granddaughter Marta and her husband; Elsa, who was with us for 13 years; Yolanda who was with us for 15 years; Pilar, Julio's daughter, for the past 16 years; Elizabeth's three nieces, Camila, Natalia, and Laura, and our daughter, Gwendy.

We celebrated the anniversary with cake, soda pop, and prayer. We also distributed Christmas gifts which had been sent from Canada – Teddy Bears and socks from the Hudson's Bay Company. Delivery by the Post Office was very slow, but we have them now – Christmas in the month of May.

We have been at our capacity of about 4,000 students involved each year, for the past several years. It is a great way to nurture children in God's Word.

Schools

Saturday, April 30 was International Children's Day, and we celebrated it the following Tuesday with the staff and students at the Humble School. We had a game that involved remembering the topics in the Mailbox Club lessons, with candies to the winners. We gave everyone (about 80 students and teachers) a package of "essentials" like toothbrushes, shampoo, groceries etc. that they often cannot afford. And



Elizabeth at the Children's Day celebration at the Humble School.

Volunteers Pilar, Yolande, and Aura show off their late to arrive Christmas gifts.



we wrapped it up with a party with cake, chips, and candies.

Gwendy and the Pick-Pockets

Last week Gwendy was waiting for the city bus to go to her university classes. As she was getting on the bus, two ladies jostled her. Gwendy got on the bus, checked her belongings, and found they had stolen the cell phone from her jacket pocket. She got off at the next stop, came back to the first station, and the ladies were still there.

Gwendy confronted them, but they claimed not to have stolen the phone. A transit police nearby overheard this, searched the two suspects, but found nothing. A man waiting for the bus offered that he had seen them steal the phone.

When another police arrived, the

suspects offered him a bribe to let them go, but he replied: "Sorry, I'm an honest policeman." He then asked Gwendy to press charges against the two. Gwendy borrowed a phone to call us, and I went to the bus station. Then a police car arrived and took all of us to the police station. The two ladies admitted they had stolen the phone, but had passed it off to a male accomplice. They offered Gwendy money if she wouldn't press charges. But Gwendy said "No, you are guilty, and have to learn a lesson. If I don't press charges you will simply continue to pickpocket from other people who have worked honestly for their things."

As her father, I was proud of how she handled the situation.

Gwendy and I are very much looking forward to our trip to Ontario, Canada.