



Melissa Gray with students

Anna Ezell: One day, I was in a high school classroom when I noticed a teenage boy, following along and listening very closely to what I was saying. When I said, "Jesus will never leave you once you put your trust in Him," the boy asked out loud, "He'll never leave?" I looked into his desperate eyes and said, "No. Never." I quoted John 10:28-29, and he shook his head in amazement. As I led the class through the sinner's prayer, you can guess whose voice I could hear the loudest and whose hand went up first when I asked who just put their trust in Christ! When I asked if Jesus would ever leave, this boy yelled, "Never!"



Anna Ezell with an elementary student

Jennifer Johnson: One day, I preached at a high school in the mountains, and as I preached to the students, I was surprised to find the teachers just as quiet and attentive as the kids. When I asked who put their trust in Jesus Christ, all but two of the teachers raised their hands. One woman was so overcome that she couldn't even speak when I shook her hand and thanked her!



Jennifer Johnson with an elementary student

Philip Hurst: When I visited the orphanage, one of the little boys grabbed my hand and led me to the back of the property where there was a small clearing, overlooking a valley with a river cutting through it. As I stared out at the mountains jutting out in the distance, my eyes turned down to this little boy. He was staring back at me with the biggest grin. He was so excited to be there and filled with the joy of Christ. There was one thought that crossed my mind: the same God that saved me is the God that is a Father to him.



Philip Hurst with orphan, Carlos

Melissa Gray: One day as I was speaking in a classroom, I noticed two girls in the front, listening intently to what I was saying. As I spoke about sin and how it separates us from God, they began to look very upset. I then told them how God wants to take away their sin and the guilt they feel, and they both started to cry. When I asked the class to raise their hands if they wanted to accept Jesus, those two girls were the first to raise their hands.



Matt McKinney with students

Matt McKinney: At the last school on the final day of the trip, we visited a school with a Mormon principle. She did not seem happy that we were at her school to preach to her students. Just when I thought she was going to turn us away, she changed her mind at the last minute. I praise God for that because all of the students acknowledged that they accepted Jesus!



Ryan Hayes and Robert Brookman with students

Ryan Hayes: Countless times on this trip, I was awe-struck to see the children's faces when we shared with them about the free gift of eternal life. For many of these children, this was the first time heaven was presented to them as a free gift. The feeling you get when the children trust in Jesus is indescribable!

Robert Brookman: I was preaching to a class that had a group of rowdy boys who were joking around the entire time. As I came to the part of my message about Jesus coming back to life, one of the boys had a look of new joy on his face, and I knew he was seeing Jesus in a new light.



Bill Payton with elementary students