

Title: IA Training and Healing with Voice of the Martyrs in Colombia, #1

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Greetings all,

We wanted to send another testimony note regarding the healing work the Lord is doing. For those of you who aren't already familiar with Voice of the Martyrs (VOM), this is an organization that cares for persecuted Christians (for more information, see www.persecution.com). Last fall they sent a small team to Columbia to provide emotional healing ministry to 47 widows, all of whom had been married to pastors who were murdered because of their faith. (In many cases these men were murdered in front of their wives and children). Charlotte and I are honored that the Immanuel approach to emotional healing was one component of the ministry they provided, and we were thrilled when the team leader (Kim Campbell, the medical director for VOM) told us last fall that his preliminary assessment was that all of the women had received significant healing. The following are excerpts from an e-mail that came in from Kim while we were in Panama:

"Jim and Karl, I am writing from Medellin, Colombia. We just finished a follow-up on some of the widows we worked with last September. For the past two days, we heard testimony from seven of the women of how last September's ministry impacted them. ***All seven reported complete resolution of the traumas for which we prayed, complete relief of all the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms they suffered, and a return to joy that has been so full that others tell them they are changed women....***Next week we will work with two more small follow up groups, and I will report on those folks in time.

....The execs are very pleased at this new area of ministry and are proceeding to develop an entire system of care around it, so we can take care of traumatized widows long term by tracking their healing and by helping them in other ways such as in material aid....It is the grossest of understatements to say that this ministry has been a success. God has been praised for His healing, and these women's lives are better than ever, even though they remain in one of the most violent places on earth...."

As you can see, this is very encouraging. We are grateful and honored to be a part of what the Lord is doing.

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

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