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Recently, Gary and I hosted a missionary in our home from Medellín, Colombia which is in the northern tip of South America. What a precious lady and a joy to have with us for such a short time. Her name is, Enith Diaz. Enith is the director of Mercy Ministries - YWAM Medellín, Colombia.

Enith, a servant of the LORD has gone many, many times into the jungles of South America bringing basic necessities to hurting people. There's something like 4.5 million displaced people scattered throughout the mountainous regions as well as the jungles of Colombia. Enith [pronounced – Enit], for over 25 years, has led missionary teams into some of the most remote parts of Colombia and into experiences they will never forget.

What's her story? Enith comes from a family of 11 and is a native of Colombia, South America. She is a University graduate and a volunteer missionary with Youth With A Mission [YWAM] as Director of Missions in her region. "Her kids" are the 46 children that live in the orphanage where she resides and has her central office. Enith lives a very simple life with her kids, material possessions being far from the norm. Enith began taking in children because they had nowhere else to go and so her ministry grew. They are 'her kids' she'll tell you, showing you pictures of their beautiful smiling faces. *Matthew 25:45 "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me."*

Enith received the call on her life at the age of 13. God spoke to her heart that she would be helping many poor people. Enith travels hours into the jungles with mission teams bringing relief to the poorest of the poor. How poor you ask? No clothing for some, no running water, no toilets or any type of sanitation and little or no food.

Why does she do it? Enith says her God is bigger than any difficult situation that life can give out. The God of Heaven and Earth has moved mightily in helping thousands of people through her efforts and godly leadership. This extraordinary woman is burdened to bring Christ's love to anyone that will receive it even until her very last breath on planet Earth. *Jeremiah 31:3 "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.*

Her testimony? A Kairos moment in time has been a turnkey for Enith's faith walk and she is ready to count the cost and give it all for Jesus Christ.

Enith had organized a small mission outreach with a team of 6 missionaries from Sweden. The team would travel into dangerous guerrilla territory which was some 15 hours away from the ministry office to reach a group of people fighting for survival. They would help bring relief to a very remote people group with no outside resources. These Colombian Indigenous people were very fearful because of the Guerrilla military organization that had a stronghold over the entire area.

The Swedish team setup camp just outside the village where they would carry supplies into the next day.

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The armed guerrillas controlling the region found out about their covert mission and raided the mission camp taking the Swedish team leader Lars, hostage for questioning. Enith was left behind with the rest of the team and her co-worker Carlos, from Colombia who helped her in leading the team into the jungle. Enith prayed asking God to keep the Swedish team leader safe from harm. The following day the he was returned to the mission camp unharmed! Eventually, Enith found out why he had been released, God had caused an old man from a nearby village to have a vision. The man saw the Colombian army heading straight for the guerilla military camp and went and told them they were compromised. Enith gave God all the glory for answered prayer. BUT, when nothing had happened after hearing the old man's story, the leader of the guerilla group was not satisfied with the situation and returned wanting to know who was in charge. Enith and her friend stepped up boldly and said "we are".

The armed men led her away deep into the jungle along with her Colombian friend to their fortified military encampment...

When they arrived at the camp, the guerrillas pointed their automatic weapons at them while questioning the 2 missionaries and told them they would be killed at 6pm, 3 hours later! Enith had one of those moments in time when her entire life, like a movie screen played before her eyes. She began searching her heart and asked God to reveal any unforgiveness so that she could give it to the LORD in that very moment. She realized that this mission trip in the jungle could cost her everything. She asked, "LORD, am I to be a martyr for you? Oh LORD, give me courage to die with dignity."

Revelation 12:11 says… And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

No, the story did not end there…God had not called Enith to her heavenly home yet. She still has much to do in the kingdom of God, For Such a Time as This!

BUT GOD! Something happened in that moment in time and as Enith tells her story, even to this day she said she cannot remember all the details or the words that she spoke. *Matthew 10:19 but, when they deliver you up; do not worry about how or what you should speak.* For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; she recalls that Kairos moment in time well, it was her midnight hour.

While awaiting her execution, the Spirit of the living God of Heaven rose up on the inside of her like a lion and with a roar she began to tell these men that God loved them with an everlasting love. Enith preached what she thought was her last message here on this earth and with every fiber of her being spoke boldly of a loving God to her captors. Enith then spoke directly to the Guerilla leader of the group (name withheld) and offered him a small Bible as a gift. She said to him, "Sir I want to give you this Bible, please start reading the gospel of Matthew or Mark and when you read it, think about the black lady that you killed today." She told him that no matter what he had done, all he needed was to turn to Jesus who would forgive him. At that very moment the Guerilla leader confessed that he had once been a Christian, but was now very far from God.

One of the guards standing watch put the Bible in the leaders backpack for safe keeping as his leader requested. Something had changed in the atmosphere, it was charged.

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The presence of God was too much for him and he yelled to the 3 guards, 'LET THEM GO!' He yelled it again, 'LET THEM GO!' And so with that, Enith and her Colombian friend hurried off into the thick of the jungle heading back to the missionary camp never to come in contact with their captors again. Enith and the entire team finished the outreach without incident praising God for his provision and divine appointment with destiny.

Friend, do you ever think… what would I do in a situation like this? LORD, would I be willing to count the cost and possibly give my very life? We must look at our example Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. He gave His very life on the cross so that you and I might live, He paid the price. *Matthew 16:24-26 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

There is a place that we can go in Christ that when faced with a situation similar to Enith's we can say…LORD where ever you say go, I will go, whatever you want me to be I'll be. We must seek Him with our whole heart; knowing the very heartbeat of the one we worship and adore.

How Much Does It Cost? Everything…

Enith is just one of many Christians who put themselves in harms - way on a daily basis to help snatch others from the fiery pits of Hell, ultimately showing them the way of the cross of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Matthew 10:42 says…And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

We all can be a part of reaching our world with the love of Christ. Pray for missionaries and their families worldwide, they are on the frontlines of the mission field ripe for harvest.

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