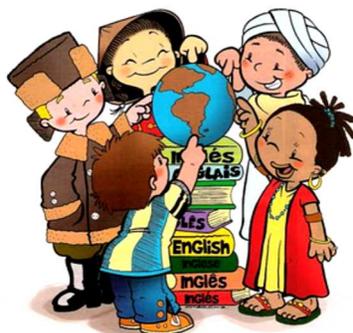


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## A Song Of Joy

From A Missionary in Canada

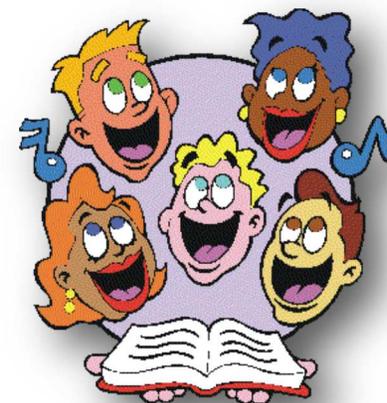
### Telling Migrants about Jesus

*Migrant workers are people who move from place to place to get work, especially farm laborers who harvests crops seasonally.*

*Immigrants are people who live in another country from where they were born.*

Probably some immigrants, migrants, or both are in your school or live in your neighborhood. Some may even live on your block.

You don't have to go to another country to find them and tell them about Jesus. God brought them to your city so you can do that where you live!



*When* you hear about being a missionary, do you think about hard work, hard times and going without things? Well, you won't if you talk to Joe Nesci. When he talks about God's work, it's like you hear God sing joyful, exciting music.

The story of Joe's life shows us that God is in charge of everything. God even plans how we will hear about Jesus and become His follower.



That's what makes Him so glorious. That's His smile. For instance.....

If Joe had not been born in a poor Roman Catholic family that moved (migrated) to Canada, he would not have understood migrant workers as he does. His love for them would not have been the same.

Joe became a follower of Jesus at age 40. Right away he said to God, "Please use me in any way you want."

At first Joe began telling Italian migrants about Jesus, but that didn't work well. It was like God said, "Joe, you connect best with Hispanic people. Get to know more Hispanic migrant workers." Joe was a barber, so he had a lot of contact with farm workers coming to Canada for planting or harvest times. There are around 50,000 migrant farm workers in Canada and God has been using Joe to help them believe in His Son since 1996.

God also sent people to help Joe, including Lionel, a 70 year old who had been a missionary in Uruguay. With Lionel helping Joe when Joe didn't know enough Spanish, God has changed lives, families and communities.

Even without enough other people to help with this huge

job, through Joe's work, God has brought the gospel not only to migrant workers in Canada, but also to their families and neighbors in Mexico. Joe has even helped them with English classes, clothing and more, including typewriters before there were laptops.

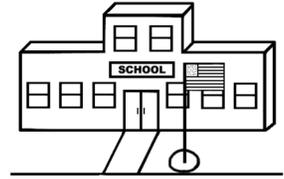
For many years David Simmonds, former Chairman of the board for the mission agency World Team in Canada, worked with Joe. Then in 2008 Joe partnered with World Team so that the Hispanic churches in other countries could be like a team helping each other. Joe stayed in Canada, though. "My passion, my heart, and my calling are in Canada with Hispanic migrant workers," he said.

Joe is 65 now. He and his wife are still working for the Lord. He tells other churches about the work. He has helped build and support Hispanic churches. Joe has even lead Bible studies in Spanish. In all these things you can hear God sing.



## ☆ Think About It ☆

Put a check mark beside the places where you might meet a child from another country.



God brings people to us so we can tell them about Jesus. First we need to be friends with them, then we can start to tell them about how Jesus wants them to be in His family, too.

Choose someone like that who you know, then write a prayer asking God to show you how to tell that friend that Jesus loves them. ↓

Other place (write it here.)

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# The Great Commission

MATTHEW 28:19-20 AND BEYOND



Tell every nation on earth,  
“The Lord is wonderful  
and does marvelous things!”

*1 Chronicles 16:20 Contemporary English Version*



 **A song of joy and victory** when a large church gave Spanish Bible study books to Joe’s ministry.

 **A song of grace and mercy** when Joe led a Bible study in Spanish and God spoke through him with words he did not even know.

 **A song of humbleness** when one of Joe’s fellow workers, after knocking on doors in Mexico to find a toilet because she had diarrhea, had to use a toilet without doors, with just curtains to hide her and because of that, two people became followers of Jesus. How? Well, two ladies started asking questions about Jesus through the curtains!

 **A song of God’s power and plans** when the mayor of a village in Mexico helped build a church in his village because he could see God at work through the followers of Jesus..

 **A song of joy filled with laughter** when a friend took pews that were 175

years old all the way from a church in Canada to Cujingo, Mexico. People thought it was impossible to do, but Neil knew His God could do it. But above all,

 **A song of love and God’s brightness** as communities in Mexico are changed through the power of the gospel.

What comes to your mind when you hear about being a missionary? Well, what do you think when you hear that a whole Mexican family has been saved after hearing a missionary share about God’s power in his life and about Christ - just like in the book of Acts? Do you think about hardships? Joe has had hard times. But he has also heard God remind him that there is joy, peace and eternal rest to come.

So, by God’s power, Joe keeps working. It is like he keeps singing a joyful and exciting song to Hispanic migrant workers.

Can you hear God’s song and see His smile as His Son’s glory is displayed in this community? Because right now He is singing to you and smiling at you.

# Do You Know An Immigrant? Or More Than One?

Do you know any migrant workers or immigrants? Maybe in your school or neighborhood? Or living on your block?

God may have brought them to your city so you can **tell them about Jesus.**



But how do you do that? The first step is to be friendly. Be kind. They know you like them when you try to learn a few words in their language. Joe (see the main story) did all those things with the Hispanic migrant workers around him. At first Joe learned enough Spanish to let the migrant workers know he wanted to be friends.

You can do that, too! Try learning the words below:

A great way to begin to minister to Hispanics is to learn a few words in their native language. Here are some basic greetings!

English	Spanish	Pronunciation
God bless you	<i>Dios te bendiga</i>	deeyos teh ben-DEE-ga
Good morning	<i>Buenos días</i>	bweh-nohs DEE-ahs
Good afternoon	<i>Buenas tardes</i>	BWEH-nahs TAR-thes
Good night	<i>Buenas noches</i>	BWEH-nahs NO-ches
Hello	<i>hola</i>	OH-lah
How are you?	<i>¿Cómo estás?</i>	COH-moh es-TAHS
Do you speak English?	<i>¿Hablas inglés?</i>	AH-blahs een-GLAYS
Do you speak Spanish?	<i>¿Hablas español?</i>	AH-blahs es-pahn-YOL
What is your name?	<i>¿Cómo te llamas?</i>	COH-moh te YAH-mahs
Where do you live?	<i>¿Dónde Vives?</i>	DOHN-deh VEE-vehs

It is relatively easy to learn Spanish because almost everything is spelled the way it sounds.

As much as you can, be around Spanish speaking people and events. Be willing to laugh at yourself when you say something wrong and do not get upset if others laugh or giggle at you. Try to find out what you said and learn how to say it correctly.

Are any people from one or more of these immigrant groups

## NEAR YOU?

Polish, Bangladeshi, Italian, Japanese, South African, Chinese, British, Egyptian and Irish.

## Nationalities

Find the nationalities in the wordsearch and complete the sentences.

