

God can change our cities. He has already begun!

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Homeless and hurting, she was looking for a place to escape . . .

She left her house because the physical abuse from her husband was out of control. The fear for her own life and the lives of her children was greater than her fear of the unknown. With her children in her arms and some clothes in bags, she left the apartment and began wandering the streets trying to find a shelter or some place to stay. The hostile environment of the South Bronx and knowing very little English enhanced her fear even more.

Carol walked down Third Avenue and there, on the corner of Third and 149th Street, she saw a table. The table had a red and white banner that said, "God Cares!" offering free Bibles, scripture booklets, and prayers for those in need. As she approached the table, two college students spending Spring Break with us in the Bronx asked her, "**Can we pray for you today?**"

Carol understood they wanted to pray for her and knew that she desperately needed help. On the street, with a child in each hand, these young men began to pray for her. She only understood a few words here and there, but ultimately that did not matter. **Right there, on that corner in the South Bronx, God reached deep into Carol's heart and began to change her life.**

Seven years have passed since that encounter two blocks from *The Harvest Center*. Carol now owns her own business. She is getting married in a couple weeks. She and her husband-to-be are leaders in Urban Harvest's Spanish-speaking ministry in the Bronx. All of this because Christ was there through this ministry to touch this hurting life and bring change.

God has placed Urban Harvest Ministries in communities where people are wounded, lost, and have no hope. In these dark places, Christ reaches into dear lives and brings light, hope and a future. Carol is a beautiful testimony of what God can do through His love.

Your prayers and support make it possible to find the Carol's of the city and bring them the hope and life that is only found in Christ. As we proceed forward into 2011, we need your prayers and support so that more Carol's can have a hope and a future. Thank you for how you are changing lives through this ministry!

"Go into the highways and by-ways, and compel them to come in." - Jesus Christ

Your servant in Christ,

Dr. Tom Grassano

