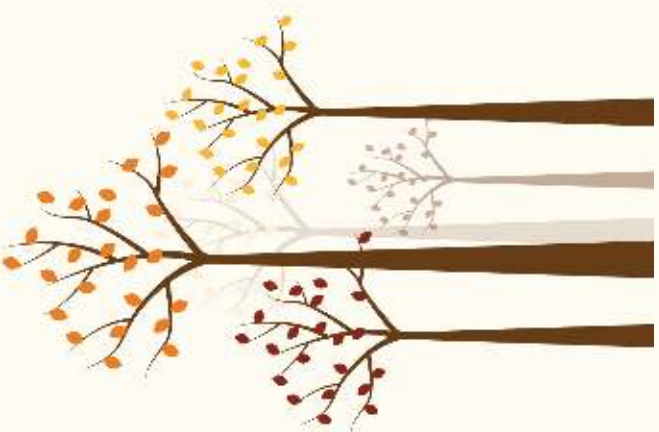
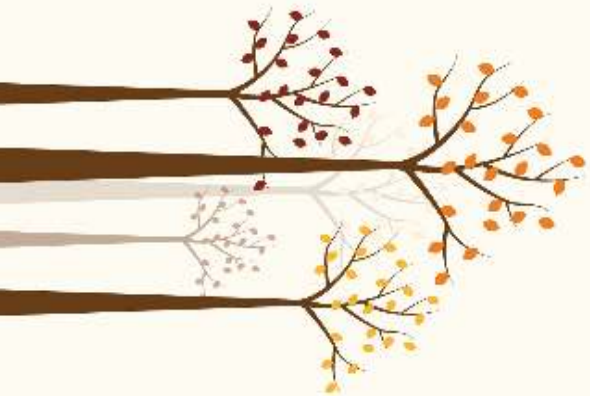


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**CHE Community Hero: Nermeen**

**Region: MENA**

Nermeen started as a volunteer in the women & children's group and came close to being dismissed because of her short temper. But she wasn't because of the shortage of volunteers. Unknown to everyone, God had started working in her heart and was making significant changes. Several months later, when there were sufficient volunteers, the team leader called her to the office to tell her that she would be let go.

On a hunch, he asked her how she was doing. Nermeen shared her testimony, "I know you all weren't pleased with me when I joined, but as I participated in the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) training, God started working in my heart. I was always angry because my husband beat me. I, in turn, took out my anger on the children and anyone I could bully. But the CHE lessons taught me to examine my attitude, and I saw I was wrong. I wanted to find a way to change. One of the other volunteers pointed me to the Word of God. I started reading secretly and obeyed what I learned. My heart started changing, and I put my faith in the

Lord. Soon my children noticed the change in me, so I pointed them also to the Word of God, and they became my 'small prayer group'. One day, my son asked me if we could also pray for their father to change. We started praying for him regularly. Several weeks later, without our knowledge, he came into the room when we were praying for him, and when we finished praying, we were shocked to see him there. 'I heard you use my name many times,' he said, 'What were you doing?' In fear, we confessed everything to him, and he asked if this is what had been the cause of the change in the three of us. He came to the Church with us last week, and now he is a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ."

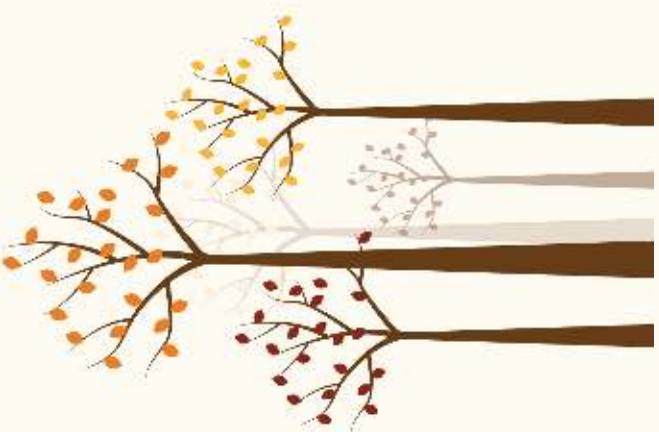
By the time Nermeen finished sharing, the team leader and his assistant were in tears. They were grateful to God that He let them begin the meeting with a question, instead of a decision!

Today, Nermeen is a successful CHE volunteer who leads sessions for the women and children's groups.

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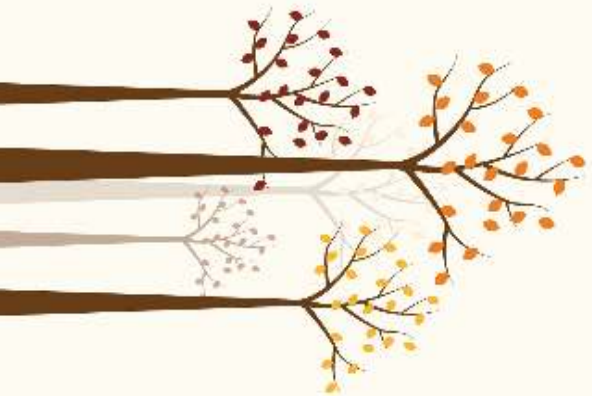


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**CHE Community  
Hero: Raul**

**Region:  
Meso America**

Raul was a natural leader, and the fact that he stood taller than anyone else in his village left him as the undisputed leader. When Community Health Evangelism (CHE) started in his community, it was inevitable that he became one of the first committee members. However, Raul had a different plan than anyone else in the village. He was a disrupter. And he did this with a kind of evil and subtle desire, making it very difficult for Dr. Hugo Gomez and his team from MAI to work. Raul used his influence to provide the worst place for the school children to use as a classroom – a room formerly used for storing insecticides. When he was asked to approve a place for the Community Hall cum-Church to be constructed, he allocated a very low lying and flood-prone plot. Even as the other villagers and committee members softened in their attitude towards the CHE program, they dared not oppose Raul.

All this time, the impact of CHE in the village was growing. People were learning, practicing, and seeing significant changes in their health and lives. A new school building was constructed using community funds, and new roads were built through community mobilization. And when it was finally time to start construction on the Community Hall-cum-Church, a local contractor arranged for mud and rubble to raise the low-lying field that Raul had allocated. Raul's meanness came to a head when the new Community Hall-cum-Church was being

inaugurated. With a smirk on his face, he invited Dr. Hugo Gomez to preach at the inauguration. As the crowd was swelling, it was hard to hear anyone's voice over the excited children's boisterous shouting. "Lord, I need your help," Dr. Hugo prayed softly, "please stop this mean man from treating us like this."

And then everything changed!

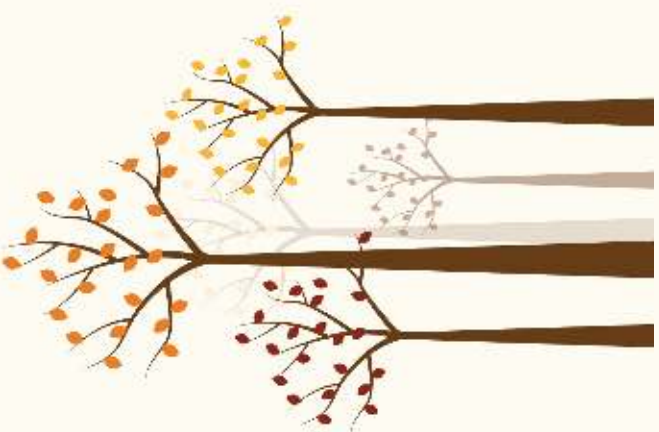
Raul suddenly came to Dr. Hugo and requested him to wait while he went away in his pickup truck and returned with a microphone, amplifier, and two large loudspeakers. As these were being set up, the crowd settled down. When Dr. Hugo finally got to preach, there was silence as everyone listened. Dr. Hugo felt the power of God's anointing as he preached, and at the end of his sermon, when he gave the altar call, the first one to go forward was Raul!

Today, Raul is every bit the CHE committee member he always should have been. He is a transformed man who doesn't hesitate to share how his bad behavior at the beginning slowed things down in his village.

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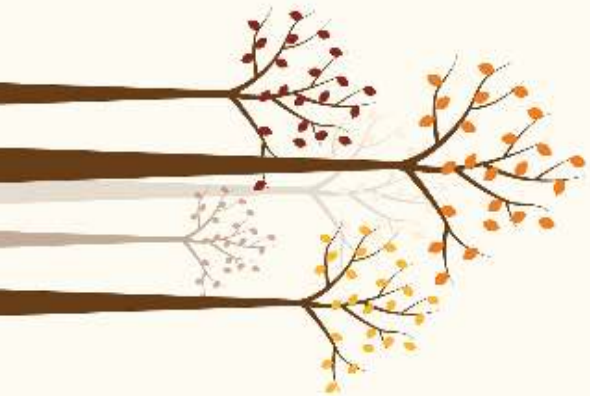


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**CHE Community Hero: Justine**

**Region:  
East Africa**

Justine's life was one of turmoil, initially living with her parents, who were continually fighting. The home environment made it very difficult to study, but she still managed to hold things together until she reached grade 3 when her parents got divorced and remarried to other people. Justine's life was now wholly disrupted as she had to spend time with each parent's new family. As hard as she tried, going to the school in each parent's village, she was scolded continuously for not attending classes regularly at both schools and was finally dismissed from both schools, bringing an abrupt end to her education.

Finally, to escape the unpleasantness in both her homes, Justine decided to get married and ensure that her own family would be happy. She came to know the Lord as her personal savior, nurtured her children with love, and encouraged them to go to school. When Harriet, the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) facilitator, brought CHE into her

village, Justine was excited. She became an enthusiastic student, immediately applying all the changes and making her home a "model CHE household."

"I want to be a CHE facilitator just like you," Justine told Harriet. Unfortunately, the lack of education prevented Justine from being able to read the facilitator's manual. This couldn't discourage her, and she went back to school along with her 3 children, overcoming the embarrassment of being like one of their classmates! Soon her reading skills improved, and she could read the CHE manuals to prepare and train others. The experience was so good for her that she decided to continue her studies. Today she has a job in the local mission school and teaches grade 3, the level at which she dropped out of school.

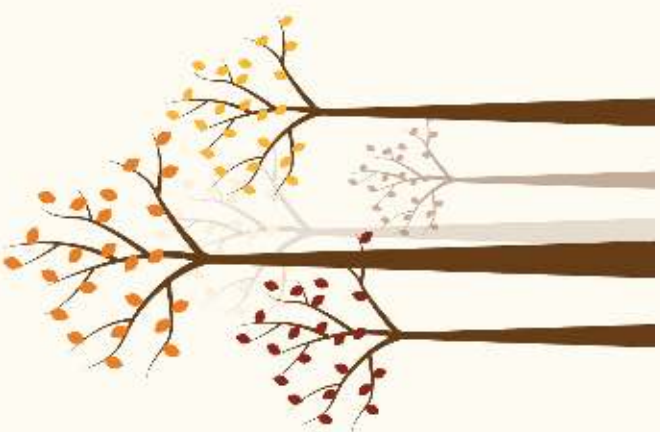
Justine is not only an enthusiastic and effective CHE facilitator in her community but a lead mobilizer for her village savings group!

**"I will repay you for the years  
the locusts have eaten—"**

**Joel 2:25**

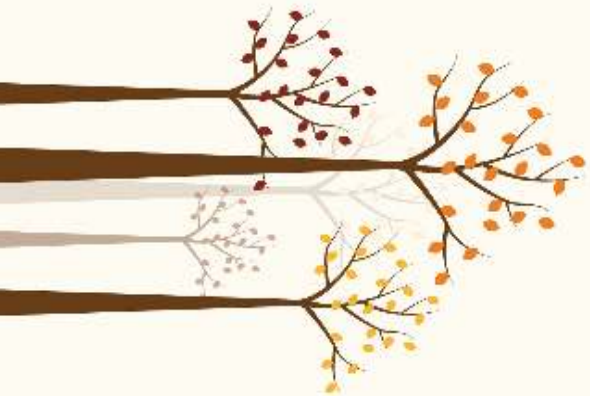


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**CHE Community Hero: Pastor Roel**

**Region:  
Miso-America**

Before he became Pastor, Roel was an active youth leader in his Father's Church. Since he became a follower of Christ, his enthusiasm for service and leading others to Christ have grown exponentially. When Community Health Evangelism (CHE) came into his village, he became a CHE volunteer and actively engaged in training others. As CHE spread across Roel's town, it brought significant transformation, and Roel saw many community members become Holistic disciples who were actively making other Holistic disciples. Many of these folks joined his Father's Church, where Roel was now Assistant Pastor.

It wasn't long before Roel was selected to become a CHE committee member and be part of the leadership team that supported and facilitated the CHE movement in the town. The impact of CHE, Roel's leadership in the campaign, and its influence on

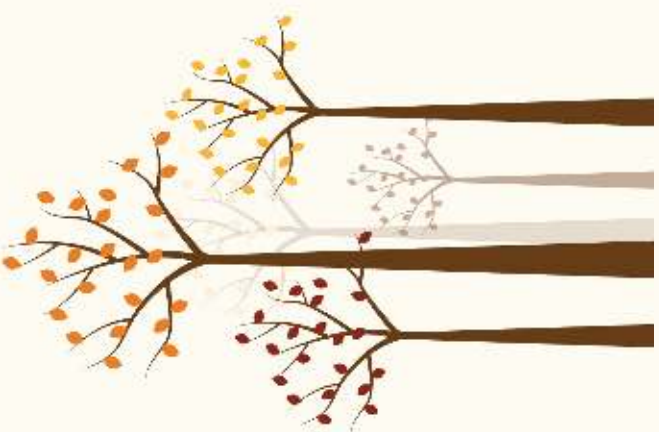
the Church's growth were apparent to everyone. When it became time for Roel's Father to retire, the elders of the Church had no problem identifying his replacement. It was Roel!

Today, Roel is the Senior Pastor of the Church, and still continues to be an active CHE committee member. Their town is now reaching out to the neighboring areas through CHE.

**Whoever can be trusted with very little  
can also be trusted with much....  
Luke 16:10**

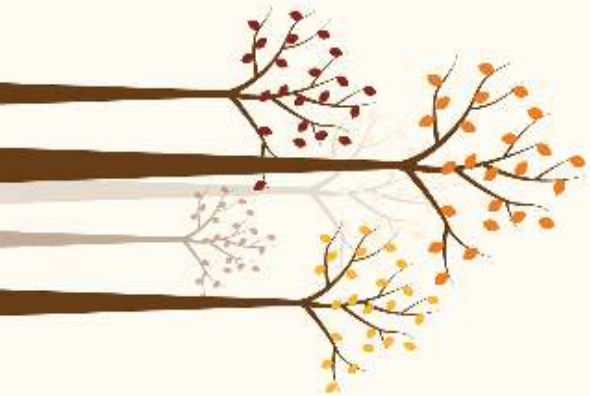


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**CHE Community Hero: Carmalita**

**Region: SE Asia**

Carmalita, who was raised Catholic, experienced many setbacks in her life. She longed for a child, but she couldn't have one. Then, a few years into her marriage, her husband suddenly became very ill. After a prolonged period of suffering, he passed away, leaving her alone with a lot of debt. Something broke in Carmalita's spirit, and she became a bitter person, turning against everyone, including God. This bitterness soon turned to hate for God and His people, and she became a violent opposer of the Gospel, attacking Christians and abusing them for their outreach efforts. If she found out that a gospel meeting was going on somewhere, she would barge into the house and disrupt the meeting.

This behavior of hers continued for a long time, till one day she met an old friend of hers from another faith. He had been an alcoholic and gangster, and now she saw him preaching and sharing the Good News of the Gospel with everyone on the street. After quietly observing him for several days, Carmalita's curiosity got

the better of her, and she ended up asking her friend what happened to him. The friend shared his testimony and ended up leading Carmalita to the Lord.

Carmalita's transformation was dramatic. Earlier she had opposed the Gospel; she was now a committed evangelist with a transformed and tender heart; caring for the weak and hurting. She has led many people to the Lord, and a house fellowship now meets in her home. When MAI partners visited her Barangay (community) searching for a Person of Peace to start a Community Health Evangelism (CHE) program, the Lord led them to her.

Today, Carmalita is a CHE volunteer who works relentlessly to serve her community. No one is scared of her anymore. In fact, she is like a 'mother' to many of her nephews and nieces. They stay with her and are taken care of by her as though they were her own children!

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