

## CHILEAN MINERS - The rest of the story

***Want to hear something that wasn't highly profiled on the news about the Chilean Miners recently rescued - this article is worth reading!***

A few days ago, all the world was mesmerized by the ongoing "miracle" rescue of 33 miners trapped deep underground in a mine in Chile for 69 days, a process that took an agonizing 22 hours. More than a billion people around the world sat glued to their TV sets to watch the amazing rescue attempt. Fox News Channel had its highest viewership in ten years, drawing more viewers than even NBC. While the facts of the rescue have been covered in great detail by the mainstream media, here are some things you might not have heard on the news. When the miners were rescued -- when they came up one-at-a-time in that rescue capsule -- most (perhaps all) of the miners were wearing special yellow T-shirts. These had been created by the Chilean branch of Campus Crusade for Christ. Emblazoned boldly across the front of the T-shirts were the words, in Spanish, "Thank you, Lord." The miners, in fact, had requested these words. The shirts were made and sent down to them while they waited for rescue. But that's not all. A quotation on the back of the shirts which began "porque en su mano estan..." was actually Scripture. It was Psalm 95:4: "In His hands are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains are His also." Campus Crusade had also provided the trapped miners -- while still deep underground -- with MP3 players with the audio version of the "Jesus" film. They also received the Bible in audio format. Now here's the good news. Rev. Alfredo Cooper, the chaplain to the President of Chile, said of the rescued miners, "They're all wanting to testify to the Lord Jesus Christ. All 33 of them are saying that they found God in the mine. Five or six were already Christians and held services down in the mine. Many went down with no faith at all but they all say this: We were not 33; we were 34 because Jesus Christ was with us down there.' One miner, Mario Sepulveda, told reporters, "We never lost faith. We knew we would be rescued. I have been with God and I've been with the devil. I seized the hand of God. I always knew God would get us out of there."

One interesting point that I had missed was that a medic actually was sent down the rescue hole before the other miners could be brought up. Isn't that a picture of what God did? He sent His Son down to us before we could be rescued. We all, like the miners, were in darkness. But, as Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12). And, "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46).

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