



Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of our 2015 New Life Outreach newsletter. It is our goal to produce this newsletter quarterly, aiming to keep our friends, family and supporters up-to-date as far as what God is doing through New Life Outreach. We are planning on e-mail and on-line distribution for each edition. As we continue producing this newsletter, we may play with the format and change some things up, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know. In the meantime, if you or someone you know would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send us a note at info@newlifeoutreach.us or visit us at www.newlifeoutreach.us.

The Day of the Lord

As I began to think of 2015 and ponder what the Lord was speaking to my heart for this coming quarter, I felt His Spirit impressing upon my heart, “The Day of the Lord is upon us!” This message resounded in my heart as numerous sources confirmed what the Lord was saying to me.

Many of you might be asking, “What is the Day of the Lord?” There are numerous references to this Day throughout scripture, with many of the references found in the books of the Old Testament prophets. These were the prophets whose task it was to declare horrendous coming judgment upon Israel and Judah, but at the same time able to give hope to God’s people. He had to judge them for their apostasy and purge the wickedness from the land in which they lived; but they could look to a time of restoration with a glorious people in the land of promise.

This is God’s Day! Enough is enough and He is about to show off! The enemy has had his way far too long. Men and women have continued to choose to reject Christ and live in gross darkness and wickedness; much of the church has been content to live in a mixture of flesh and spirit, ignoring the word of God and the voice of the Holy Spirit, resulting in totally self-centered lives.

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But this is “the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God” (Isaiah 61:2). How can these two exist at the same time? The glory cloud has two sides. Even as the cloud of glory protected the Israelites on the far side of the Red Sea, the same cloud was dark and destructive to the ensuing Egyptian army. For the overcomers who have taken heed of the scriptural warning, “For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged” (I Corinthians 11:31) and have continued to yield to and praise through the dealings of the Lord, this will be their crowning day. This is the Day for the fulfillment of the promises of God to those who have faithfully waited for Him to bring to pass that which He has promised, and they will not be disappointed! In contrast, for the many Christians who have not allowed the Lord to chasten them as sons and daughters, there will be the “refiner’s fire”(Malachi 3:2) that will burn the chaff from the wheat and separate the dross from the gold.

Wickedness has run its course and we can be glad for it! Those who love righteousness will surely welcome the dawning of this new Day—in contrast to the night in which we now live. In the words of the late George H. Warnock:

“And so we stand on the threshold of the Day of the Lord, when the sentence of the Cross shall be executed in all its Fury and in all its Mercy, in all its Darkness and in all its Light, in all its Deception and in all its Truth. For the truth of God will crowd all men into one of two areas: into the DARKNESS AND DEATH of a world that hates God, or into the LIGHT AND GLORY of a people who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, and bow in submission at His feet.”

There are several biblical truths we must understand in order to appreciate the coming Day. Regardless of our eschatology, there are several commonly overlooked things that must happen before the Lord’s return. The church at large has had a propensity to concentrate on events, when within those events, the Lord is always focused on the accomplishment of His purpose.

A Pure and Spotless Bride

One very important truth is found in both Ephesians and Colossians.

That He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

—Ephesians 5:27

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

—Colossians 1:21,22

The Father has no intention of giving His Son a Bride that has polluted herself with this world’s system only to clean her up, without any effort on her part. This has no reference to our salvation, but does speak to spiritual apathy in regards to holiness (or in other words, being wholly-His). The Father provided, in the gift of His Son, everything the Bride of Christ would need to become “holy and blameless” in Him. In the Day of the Lord, the spiritual powers behind this world’s system will be brought down by a Bride who has embraced the way of the cross. “Christ” crucified will become “the power of God and the wisdom of God” (I Corinthians 1:24) in the face of every foe.

The Bride of Christ, the church, will be refined before the Lord's return. This is spoken of throughout scripture with the use of many different metaphors. Look for massive repentance within the Body of Christ, a renewed or never known passion for the Lord and His presence, an insatiable hunger for the Word of God, and a return to authentic, biblical living that will shine like stars in a darkened world.

His Enemies Under His Feet

Chapters two and three of Revelation contain the letters to seven churches in regards to their spiritual condition. One of the clear, common denominators in these letters, is the promise to those who overcome. This means, that in the midst of whatever we face in life—trials so painful we could despair of life—the Lord has given us all we need to overcome rather than to be overcome. As we choose life over death, truth instead of lies, and light over darkness, the powers of hell will be defeated—one by one.

*The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,
and let us put on the armor of light.
—Romans 13:12*

Scripture has many references to spiritual warfare and instruction as to how to make use of our armor, our spiritual weapons, and how to overcome all the power of the enemy. We, the church, have a part to play in placing the enemies of the Lord under His feet. Satan was defeated by Jesus at Calvary, but the application of His victory is worked out through His Body, the church.

So that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

*This was in accordance with the eternal purpose
which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord
—Ephesians 3:10,11*

How we underestimate the power that lies within us and our purpose on this earth! Look for a powerful, effective, fearless Body of Overcomers who will love not their lives, even when faced with death.

Every Increasing Gory

As Christians are purified through the burning fire of the glory of the Lord, their outer man will be broken (as in the breaking of the clay pots which had been placed over lit torches carried by the men in Gideon's army), releasing the glory of the Lord inside them. The more that choose to overcome no matter what the cost, the more the glory of the Lord will be present in the earth; "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

At the same time, in the Day of the Lord, Father is answering the prayer that Jesus gave His disciples, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). As the glory of the Lord, which is the atmosphere of the kingdom of heaven, invades earth, mankind will be drawn by the Spirit of God to Christ, which will usher in the last day harvest. Isaiah prophetically spoke of this Day:

*I form the light, and create darkness: I make
peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these
things. Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and
let the skies pour down righteousness: let the
earth open, and let them bring forth salvation,
and let righteousness spring up together
—Isaiah 45:7,8a*

With the prophet Isaiah we cry out for heaven

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to come to earth. Look for the transformation of cities and nations through the power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead. Expect miracles, signs, and wonders such as accompany the Kingdom of Heaven. Don't look at the calendar, don't strive to chart a timeline or try to understand the unfathomable ways of the Lord. Instead, look with the wonder of a child as God has His way in the earth.

“Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’ —Isaiah 46:9,10

Walk in peace, be full of joy, and rejoice that you are alive for this Day!

Tierra y Libertad The Land (Tierra)

Our friend Lupe Hernandez, along with her husband Tony, is on staff with Cabo English Church. They work with the Feeding Los Cabos Kids program. Earlier this year, around April, Lupe told me, “Rhonda you’ve got to see what we have going on in Tierra y Libertad.

My first Tuesday morning at that feeding station was the Children’s Day celebration and almost 100 mothers and children were present for the program. I was amazed! I went home and told Richard what I had seen that day and asked if he would help build a shelter for shade over the area (see previous blogs). Since that time, the program has continued to grow. There were almost two

hundred women and children there two weeks ago!

Cabo English Church always tries to have a close-by, established church work with the feeding programs and provide discipling for new converts. Tierra y Libertad had been established several years ago by a previous minister but had to be abandoned due to ill health. For this reason, there was no local church near the feeding program. Our faithful friend, Pasto Carlos, actually pastors one of the closest churches to Tierra y Libertad. We asked him to pray about the possibility of starting a church plant in the canyon area, in order to work in conjunction with the fledgling work. After serious prayer, Pastor Carlos said he felt led of the Lord to start a church in the area. In fact, several of the families at his over-crowded mother church live in the area.

Richard and I felt we would like New Life Outreach to purchase the two lots next to the feeding station for the new church plant. We prayed over the lots, went to the Ehido (Mexican Indian) land office with Pastor Carlos, as well as continued to try to see if the owners of the two lots were interested in selling. Even up to the time of Hurricane Odile, we had had no success in purchasing the lots. As soon as things started to settle down from the hurricane, I told Richard we had to make sure we went to the land office with Pastor Carlos again to make sure someone else would not buy the lots. This time the Lord spoke to my heart and said, “It’s not time yet.”

The Monday before Cristo es el Camino’s 5th Anniversary special, Pastor Carlos called to tell us that one of the sisters in his church had two lots in Tierra y Libertad (supposedly near the feeding station) and that she wanted to sell. Pastor Carlos met Richard and I at the lots in Tierra y Libertad the following day. The lots were actually kiddie corner from the feeding station and on the main road leading to the station. Pastor Carlos then explained that just the week before, one of his

main men, Uwaldo, asked when they were going to start to do something at Tierra y Libertad. The excitement from the Lord rose in all of us, and two long sessions at the Ehido Land Office gave us the deeds we had waited for—but for the lots the Lord had picked out! Just for trivia, I had the experience of being a legal witness on a Mexican document, complete with a picture of my driver’s license for one of the deeds!

Pastor Carlos’ men have already cleaned the lot and Uwaldo plans on starting a Sunday School program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. within the next two weeks. He is then planning on inviting the people from Tierra y Libertad (after Sunday School) up the hill to Cristo es el Camino. Eventually, they will keep adding services until they have a full church program.

If anyone feels called to invest in this project, just contact us and we will give you an idea as to what is needed for this work!



Tierra y Libertad The Liberty (Libertad)

Sunday, January 18 was the opening event for Pastor Carlos Maciel’s fourth church plant! I believe I’ve stated it before, but Pastor Carlos’ vision is to set fires all over the barrios until they ignite into one large fire. With this vision in mind, Pastor Carlos and his faithful men know how to make empty barrio lots and pallets look good! The new property for the church is nice and square and made up of two nice-sized lots. His men put a two-pallet high fence around the property and cleaned and leveled the land. They put up tarps for shade and brought in chairs from the other three churches (to go

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along with the forty plus chairs we, as a ministry, had purchased for this new church plant).

When Richard and I arrived, Pastor Carlos said, “This is going to be big.” He could feel the excitement in his spirit and knew that God was up to something incredible. In full agreement, I confirmed that in my spirit I had seen large groups of people coming into this church - really big!

We started going around the neighborhood at 9:00 a.m. The festivities started at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Carlos welcomed all the newcomers and residents of Tierra y Libertad, as well as identified the attendees of his existing churches. Excitement filled the air. There was great worship music playing through the sound system (brought over from the mother Church). Soon the praise team began.

The Holy Spirit honored us with His presence and many people were touched. When Pastor Carlos gave the altar call for salvation, healing, broken heartedness, marriages, family problems, finances, etc., several people came forward, some which attend the Cabo Church feeding station program on Tuesday mornings.

After the service, they had a great church dinner for the combined church families, as well as the newcomers. Pastor Carlos also graced the newcomers with a table set up for free clothing and shoes. It was a great time and the effect of the ministry to this greatly impoverished, depressed area was fabulous.

I can't thank the Lord enough for what He has done, is currently doing, and will continue to do in Los Cabos—until the area is transformed by the power of God. I also can't thank Him enough for entrusting Richard and I to impart to and care for this area and for the inexpressible joy of being chosen to be a part of what God is doing in Los Cabos, MX.





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Tinaco

Rick Antoine started a fundraising website after Hurricane Odile in order to aid in post hurricane relief. One company that wanted to help sent 600 water filter kits to the Los Cabos area to make drinking water more accessible in the barrios and squatter areas of Los Cabos.

The recipients are asked to be willing to be a water dispensary for their neighborhood—only charging 20 pesos per five gallon bottle, which just covers the cost of refilling the big tank with water.

Rick asked Richard to help him with the initial installations. The filters installed in the tinacos have a lifespan of around 15,000 gallons of water. Apart from a crisis, such as was the case with Hurricane Odile, potable drinking water is reasonable and plentiful in Los Cabos. The benefit of the filter system is the availability of very inexpensive potable drinking water, close to home.

...and just for the recorded, the legs hanging out of the tinaco are Richard's.



Cristo es el Camino - 5 Year Anniversary

It all began just five years ago...

Five years ago, as of next month, Carlos Maciel was our translator when we met with Pastor Julian Maciel (no close relationship) of the Asamblea de Dios, Iglesia Centro Familiar in San Lucas. Later that year, we got to know him as Pastor Carlos, who was the pastor of the first church plant from Centro Familiar. Pastor Carlos invited us to visit his church plant, which was in a rented building at the time, for the evening service. A few days later, we had to fly home to Michigan, not knowing when we would be able to return.

In January of the next year, Pastor Carlos was standing on a humble piece of property in one of the barrios of Cabo San Lucas, crying out to the Lord that he had purchased the property he had felt directed

to buy but had no tools and no knowledge of building. We had not had any communication from Pastor Carlos since we left Los Cabos in May of 2010, but in January of 2011, Richard felt he had to return to Cabo San Lucas with our covered trailer and tools to help the area pastors. Less than a week after Pastor Carlos stood on his new lot crying out to God, Richard drove up to his rented house/church building with the knowledge and tools to finish the small house on the new lot for a parsonage and start the humble beginnings of the church, Cristo es el Camino.

A year and a half ago, Pastor Carlos' church started their first church plant at Cabo Valle, with Pastor Miguel serving as pastor. Then a plant was started at Las Palmas (also known as Lomas). This plant has had a setback due to the rent on the lot they were using being more than tripled. They've had to step back on this church plant, but Pastor Carlos shared just this week that the mother church now has a nucleus of believers living in that area, with the goal to restart the Las Palmas plant next year. The third church plant was started out of one of the church families' homes in Caribe. Caribe is still alive and well even after the hurricane. The fourth plant is just now in the works and will be starting within two weeks. I will be blogging on the newest church plant shortly.

All of this to say, the 5th Anniversary celebration was fabulous! Pastor Carlos had received permission from the city to close the street in front of the church and use the street as part of the celebration. Being that the celebration had been in the planning for months,



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no one would have expected the city to decide to finally dig up the entire length of the street and do some much needed water and sewer repair at the same time. Of course, this would have been great news if it hadn't been for the upcoming anniversary celebration.

In true form, though, Pastor Carlos and his faithful men and women, made a walking bridge across the chasm down the middle of the dirt road and put up caution tape along the sides of the excavation. They were still able to set up the food tables in the street and were able to expand the seating outside the building, as well. They even removed the sheets of particle board that make up the front of the church and opened up the celebration to the whole neighborhood.

There were two different praise teams: the youth team, as well as the adults. There were also women and girls praise dance groups, a youth group skit, a Christian Mariachi solo, two very dramatic testimonies of what God had done in their lives, great preaching, and an altar call where even some of the guests came forward to invite Christ into their lives and homes—in addition to the fun, food, and fellowship.

Pastor Carlos honored Richard and I for being the catalyst that enabled them to have the parsonage, church structures, and the church plants they now have. Had we not shown up, the Lord may have had a plan B for Pastor Carlos and the newly purchased property four years ago, but He chose to use us—'Us' being far more than just Richard, our small team and myself. 'Us'



includes everyone of you who prays for us, supports us financially or just tells others to check out our website and the work we are doing here in Los Cabos. A huge thank-you to everyone that helped make this 5th Anniversary Celebration possible!



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Thank You!

We can't thank you enough for all of your love and support. We have received numerous calls, e-mails and letters asking what can be done to help with the ministry. Below is a list of our, along with our ministry partners', primary needs:

Personally:

- Daily operational support
- Donations for rebuilding our home/housing

Ministry Partners:

- Pastor Carlos – Wood to replace what was lost in the hurricane & complete the new addition (\$10,000)
- Pastor Miguel – Miguel's house is being rebuilt through donations through Kainay Church in Muskegon, Mi, the 7M Tribe from Lance Wallnau's Ministry; with labor by Shane Crowley Masonry of Fremont, MI. We thank the Lord for this marvelous provision.
- Pastor Miguel's Church (Cristo es el Camino, Cabo Valle) - is still in need of hurricane repair for a cost of \$3,000.

On-Line Donations – Now Available!

It is a great blessing to announce on-line donations are now available (secured site for credit card information). After procuring some extra help and wading our way through banking protocols, we are pleased to now offer options for both one-time and recurring donations on our web site: www.newlifeoutreach.us. You may also donate using your bank's 'Bill Pay' service or by sending checks to the address shown below.

Thank you to our family, friends, and steadfast supporters who continue to faithfully support us financially, in prayer and through intercession. Thank You!



New Life Outreach is a Christian, non-profit organization based out of Holton, MI (USA), with current operations in Los Cabos, MX. Co-directors Richard and Rhonda Mead are ordained ministers with Bethany Bible Training Center (formerly Pinecrest Bible Training Center of Salisbury Center, N.Y.). You may know Rhonda from the TCT Network, where she has appeared on "Ask the Pastor" for more than 19 years. Along with being seasoned ministers and Bible teachers, Richard and Rhonda have great confidence in the power of God for healing, deliverance and total transformation in the lives of believers.