



## Welcome!

Welcome to the third 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](mailto:info@newlifeoutreach.us) or visit us at [www.newlifeoutreach.us](http://www.newlifeoutreach.us).

## Rising Up

This is the Day of the Lord; not a day to be satisfied with your ‘Christian walk’ or even a day to just run with the Spirit of God, but it is time for the church to arise and take her place beside her Heavenly Bridegroom. The Lord needs a mature Bride by His side, a seasoned Bride prepared to intimately work with Him in the outworking of His purposes in the earth. The Lord needs a mature army on the earth, an army such as the Prophet Joel foresaw, an army that walks shoulder to shoulder and does not break rank; an army that will make Christ’s enemies His footstool. He needs a Body in the earth, through whom He can live and move and have His being—the “mature man” of Ephesians 4:13 that the Father has waited for since the fall of man. He is looking for mature sons, sons He can trust, who have been trained to take part in the Father’s business, as wickedness on the earth is judged and God’s will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary. —Isaiah 40:28-31*

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*Rising Up, Continued...*

It is time to rise to your calling and “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). What are you waiting for? No matter how long you’ve waited and no matter what your position in life is at this time, ‘rising up’ is a matter of the spirit; not in consideration of age, physical condition or lot in life. The Hebrew word for “wait” is KAW-VAW, a primitive root meaning to “bind together (perhaps by twisting).” Figuratively, this Hebrew word has the connotation most often associated with the word, “wait,” which includes to expect, look patiently, tarry (for or upon).<sup>1</sup>

The Lord is assuring us in this text from Isaiah, that in the midst of circumstances that might cause the young to “grow weary and tired,” and circumstances in which “young men” may “stumble badly,” those of us who are bound together, twisted with the life of our Lord—whose union with the Lord has become an experiential reality—will not only not wear out, but will “gain new strength” in the midst of the identical circumstances that will cause others to faint! This will happen as we expectantly draw upon His strength for grace to help our every need. As we patiently appropriate all that He is for all that we need, we will not only “walk” without becoming “weary” and “run” without getting “tired,” but we will “mount up with wings like eagles” with a heavenly perspective.

## The Eagle

The study of how an eagle renews its youth is another amazing study of the never-ending wonder of God’s creation. There are many similarities between the eagle and Christian maturity. For the sake of brevity, I am quoting this account from the late Kelly Varner’s study of Isaiah<sup>2</sup>.

The study of the eagle is vast in its scope and implications. This bird is a symbol of power and courage. There are two classes of eagles: the lesser eagles, with a wingspan of 7 feet—one who has seen the vision; and the greater eagles, with a wingspan of 14 feet—one who possesses the vision. Eagles nest in the heavenlies. They

have binocular vision. This highly-developed eyesight can distance sight for miles. Both Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 103:5 use the word “renew” in relation to the life of the eagle. This renewing process takes place every seven years for a period of forty days. First, there is a separation into a high mountain. The eagle plucks out his old feathers, exposing old wounds and scars to be healed (covered with blood). He bathes in the cascading waterfall in the cave of the mountain. The eagle eats only wild honey during this renewing period. The beak that was once sharp is now covered with crusty formations. The eagle grinds his beak between two rocks so that he can eat again. As his feathers begin to grow back in place, the oil glands under the wings are reactivated. The flight of the eagle is effortless (rest). The eagle allows the wind (the Holy Ghost) to do the job. The eagle will wait for the right wind current and then lock his wings to soar. These turbulent winds cause the eagle to fly higher, give the eagle a larger view of the earth, lift the eagle above harassment, allow the eagle to use less effort, allow the eagle to stay up longer, and help the eagle to fly faster.

What are but a few of the similarities we can glean between the eagle and the process of Christian maturity or sanctification? Even as eagles nest in the heavenlies, when we are born again, we become one with Christ and are seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). As we wait upon the Lord and look solely to Him for our strength—physical, mental, emotional and spiritual—we will be renewed with that which we would not have apart from Him. The eagle is renewed every seven years, the number of perfection or spiritual maturity. God’s plan for us is to be conformed to the image of Christ. God is rarely concerned about time as we know it, but He has eternity to accomplish that which He purposes. The time of this renewing is forty days—the number of testing. The method most commonly used by God to bring us to maturity is trials and testing.

When the eagle begins the renewing process, it separates itself into a high mountain. As we separate ourselves from our everyday routine to spend special time alone with the Lord, the renewing process begins. The more we make ourselves totally vulnerable to the Lord's all-searching eye, the more our old wounds and scars are revealed. As we deal with them according to the leading of the Spirit, the blood of Jesus covers, delivers, and heals us from the many wounds of life. The eagle bathes in the cascading waterfalls of the mountain and we are cleansed and changed from "glory to glory" (II Corinthians 3:18) "by the washing of water with the word" (Ephesians 5:26). Like the eagle, as we continue to feast on the word of God, we grow up spiritually. This entire process of renewal is a renewing of our flesh (our mind, will, and emotions), a process in which we are trained to walk after the spirit, rather than after the flesh. The final goal is to come to the end of ourselves where we desire the Lord's will over our will and we enter into the Sabbath rest, where we cease from our own works (Hebrews 3:10).

The position of rest is where we can finally "mount up with wings like eagles;" the place where we wait for the moving of the Spirit in our heart before stretching our wings to soar. In this place, we have become strengthened to overcome the turbulent winds of life, thriving in the midst of circumstances that formerly would have caused us to faint.

The Lord needs 'eagle saints,' and today He is calling us to maturity. He is calling us to press towards the upward call of God in Christ Jesus; to pay the price and to count the cost of being renewed like the eagle. Take your position seated at the right hand of the Father in Christ Jesus. Don't delay, for the time is now, and no matter what level of maturity we are at, the Lord is calling us higher!



<sup>1</sup>Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

<sup>2</sup>Isaiah 40-66, Principle of Present Truth, Dr. Kelley H. Varner, pgs. 162, 163

## Cabo for Christ The Crusade Begins

We have been blessed with the opportunity to have Carlos Annacondia hold a crusade in Los Cabos! We are currently planning for the spring of 2016. We are praying for nothing less than total transformation. We are not interested in meetings for meetings' sake, but how this crusade even began looks to be the Lord's leading and could very well be the beginning of the Lord's desire for the area.



Here is a recap of how it all began...

- Our friends Marla and Larry Haak challenged us to embark on this endeavor, with them taking on the huge responsibility of securing the donations needed to bring this to pass. Please remember them in your prayers!

- Mr. Carlos Ungson, a precious fellow believer, has graciously supplied a huge plot of land at the entrance of the city, right next to the highway, free of charge, for use during the crusade from now until next spring. Please ask for God's blessing on Mr. Ungson and his family for their kindness.

- We were told we would never be able to get Carlos Annacondia, but one of the foremost evangelists in Latin America, with a long standing, sound, reputation is coming in spring 2016.

- We had met weekly for the month of April with the area pastors and their energy and cooperation in this effort has been notable. They too, believe this could be the beginning of The Last Day Harvest!

- Just before we started this endeavor, Pastor Carlos Maciel told us about a brother in the Lord who had just come to the area pastors' alliance meeting with this account: The Lord had spoken to his heart to take his plane and fly over the southern Baja Peninsula, pouring oil out upon the land as he flew over Baja California Sur (our state), as a picture of what the Lord was about to do with His Spirit!

- Hope is rising in the hearts of the area pastors. They are already challenging their congregations to prepare their hearts, to bring in their unsaved friends

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and relatives, and to disciple those who accept the Lord. The spiritual atmosphere is already changing, so the fruit will be ripe even before Carlos Annacondia comes.

An article referencing Annacondia and his ministry, written by Peter Wagner, may be found at: <http://www.evanwiggs.com/revival/history/argentin.html>. The article is long, but well worth reading. It will greatly bless your heart. This account is what we have prayed for – what we moved to Mexico for!

Also, for the latest news on the revival, check out our website at: <http://www.newlifeoutreach.us/cabo-crusade.html>. Crusade updates, as well as a couple of videos featuring the Annacondia ministry, can be found there.

## Introducing Pastors Cesar & Sara Sotomayor

We were introduced to a wonderful couple while attending a wedding two years ago. The couple, Pastors Cesar and Sara Sotomayor, run a local restaurant named La Mesa Poblana, which has a winsome but strong Christian witness. Cesar and Sara also pastor Centro Cristiano Aviva Cabo Church.

Recently, Elijah Annacondia, son of and event planner for Carlos Annacondia, asked if he could meet some of our area Christian business people on his visit he was planning. We said sure and got the idea to try to pull together a dinner for the area Christian business people in a week and a half. It has been on our hearts to start a Christian Businessmen/women's Association but the idea was still on our 'to do' list when this opportunity arose. We called Pastor Cesar, whom we haven't seen in several months, and asked if we could have the dinner at his restaurant. He just started crying from overwhelming joy. Within the last year, he and his wife sat down and talked about making the sacrifice to apply to sit under Carlos Annacondia for ministry training, and we called to see if he could

host Carlos' son, Elijah, at a dinner at his restaurant—what a 'divine appointment!'

When we sat down the next day to talk and pray with Cesar and Sara, they gently shared the financial struggle their business is currently having—due to no fault on their part (the hurricane left many months with little to no tourism and fewer snow birds in town)—but both Cesar and Sara declared they still wanted to pay for the dinner for our small, but elite group of businessmen/women. They then shared that the Lord had recently challenged them to close on Sundays, even though they serve at least three times more food on Sunday than any other day of the week. As Cesar struggled with what the Lord was asking him to do, the Lord told Cesar he would give him a sign the following day, which was Sunday. Cesar recounted how the Holy Spirit came into their service with a special, heavy presence. There was a great hush all over the sanctuary, and then the people began to weep uncontrollably in the presence of God. All at once, one woman who could hardly walk with a cane, started screaming, "I'm healed! I'm healed!" At least two or three more people put their hands on places where they used to have great pain but were now healed by just the presence of God. Pastor Cesar, himself, fell down under the presence of the Spirit, with a special, personal visitation from the Lord.

Through divine intervention, the Lord has just given them a new building, in a much more trafficked location. They are a lighthouse in Los Cabos and the new location will put them in a place of righteous influence, but they need a financial miracle. Please pray for their business, that they will prosper, and for the protection of their church and young family.



## Carlos Annacondia Ministries Preparing Los Cabos

On May 25, we were honored to pick up Elias Annacondia and Leonardo Castagnari from the Los Cabos Airport in San Jose del Cabo. Originally, they were only to be with us in Los Cabos for a day and a half and the rest of their stay was to be in our capital city of LaPaz. Due to a change of plans in La Paz, we were blessed to have Elias, Carlos Annacondia's son and event coordinator, as well as Leo, another evangelist from the Annacondia team, from Monday afternoon until Friday at noon.

Typically, Elias and team travel to the location of one of their next crusades four months before the event to organize the local pastors and make sure everything will be ready for the main crusade. Since La Paz was scheduled to have a crusade this coming November, Elias told us if we wanted, he would come on down to Los Cabos during his trip to La Paz. It turned out perfect. Our pastors were already fired up and ready with their own list of event preparations, including cost estimates. Elias and Leo were impressed by the efficiency, encouraged by the unity of our pastors, as well as blessed by the open arms for the Annacondia team.

The week looked something like this:



**Monday, May 25**, late afternoon – We picked up Elias and Leo at the airport, took care of their needs and brought them to their hotel in Cabo San Lucas, the Casa Bella Boutique Hotel. This hotel is owned by Mr. Carlos Ungson, the dear brother who has offered the free use of his centrally located, thirty acres for use for the crusade. Mr. Ungson and his family also blessed us tremendously, not only with their graciousness to our guests, but also in waving the entire cost of Elias' and Leo's stay.

Monday evening, dinner at 7:00 – As we have shared previously in our blog, Carlos Annacondia's ministry has a special place in Pastors Cesar and

Sara Sotomayor's hearts. When they told us their story, just a week before Elias and Leo came, we felt, if we could gracefully work it into the itinerary, we needed to do something special for Cesar and Sara. Since we had not been sure exactly when the Elias and Leo would arrive, Monday night's dinner was open. We all experienced a special moment as Cesar and Sara shared their hearts with Elias in a God-given, divine appointment at dinner at Maria Corona's Restaurant.

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**Tuesday** morning at 9:30 was the long-awaited meeting with the local pastors at one of the largest churches in the area, Centro de Fe. We, along with the pastors' alliance, worked diligently in the few weeks we had before the meeting to invite every pastor we could make contact with to the meeting. Elias' presentation was compelling, as well as inspiring. Hope of Los Cabos being transformed filled the air. After the presentation, Elias shared very thorough, specific information that we would need to prepare for the upcoming crusade. He also shared the possibility of holding pre-crusades before the big crusade in the spring of 2016.

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After the meeting with the pastors, we hosted a luncheon at the Campestre Restaurant for the Pastoral Steering Committee, which had been working so hard to be ready for Elias' and Leo's visit. This was a great time of fellowship, along with allowing the steering committee to get to know more about the Annacondia ministry and ask any questions they still had.

That evening at 7:00 we held the kickoff of a Christian Business Person's Association in the Los Cabos area. The dinner was hosted by and provided for by Pastors Cesar and Sara Sotomayor at their restaurant, La Mesa Poblana. Due to the time frame we were working with, it was a small beginning, but a special start to a ministry in Los Cabos that has been on our hearts for some time.



**Wednesday** morning started with a meeting at 9:30. All of the pastors interested in praying over three possible crusade sites with us (Mr. Ungson's property and two others) met at that time. The Holy Spirit's presence was heavy and it was an important foundation for the upcoming crusade. After we were done praying and inspecting the properties, the pastors were dismissed and we headed up to San Jose del Cabo with old friend, Pastor Jose Montoya of Templo Bet San. Templo Bet San put on an area-wide outreach in San Jose using the city's new baseball stadium (in case you're wondering, we haven't seen anyone playing baseball yet). He brought Elias, Leo, and us to see the stadium as a possible site for one of two pre-crusade mini crusades Elias thought might work for our area. Pastor Montoya then took us all out to Jasmin's Restaurant (one of our favorites).

That evening we returned to Templo Bet San for the 7:00 p.m. mid-week service where Elias stirred up the faith of the people with many testimonies of what God has done in different areas after large crusades. Pastor Montoya's people welcomed the ministry time afterwards and several testimonies have been given as to how God touched them that night. We were done shortly before 12:00 midnight and, much to my surprise, there was a taco joint open on the main drag at that time of night.



**Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. we picked up Elias and Leo to give them a tour of the area before the nighttime activities. They were scheduled to arrive at Pasto Carlos' Cristo es el Camino at 7:00 p.m. for the mid-week service. Pastor Carlos' mid-week service is always packed. The worship was passionate and powerful. As usual, the people flooded the altar at ministry time. A spirit of deliverance was present and several people were set free from significant bondage. Elias and Leo, as well as Richard and I, helped, as directed by Pastor Carlos, and prayed personally for at least fifty dear people. When we were done praying, it was 11:00 p.m. and, by the time the crowd cleared, it was midnight. Janet, with more energy than I remember having even when I was young, then served a light dinner to over fourteen people. We finally headed home at 12:30 p.m. from a powerful night of ministry and fellowship.



**Friday** arrived and we went to the Casa Bella Hotel for the last time (this event) to pick up Elias and Leo at 10:00 a.m. to drive them two hours to La Paz (the state capital) to meet with the pastors of that area. We all said our goodbyes to the Ungson family and thanked them for the special hotel experience the young men had had, due not only to the lovely accommodations but also to the graciousness of the host family.

It was a fabulous week and was only the start of what the Lord is going to go in Los Cabos. We can't wait to see what the Lord will do here through the Carlos Annacondia Ministries!

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## Investment Opportunity with Tangible Rewards

Two of our pastor friends, Pastors Alberto and Socoro (Coco) Sevilla, whom we have been working with on the Annacondia Crusade, asked if they could show us their children's ministry and the remains of their church complex. We couldn't believe the great need. They are averaging 200 children at their children's ministry on Saturdays and 300 children on Children's Day. They were able to use a large tent erected by the government in post hurricane days, but now their Saturday children's meetings, as well as their church services, are held in a large garage with no fans or lighting.

Due to corruption, little to none of the federal funds sent to Los Cabos for hurricane relief ever made it to the local people. Pastor Sevilla had the promise of funds from one U.S. source, but never received any money, only a call from the Mexican version of the IRS wondering what they had done with the promised money they never received. Finally, they graciously asked if there was anything our ministry could do to help reconstruct their church.

In tragedies such as this, there is virtually no way of securing funds for large projects in Mexico, and they are in desperate need. We believe that Pastors Alberto and Coco, as well as their son Johnathon and his wife, who oversee the children's ministry, have sound Christian character and are good soil in which to plant.

We have included photos of their ministry before and after the hurricane. Just last week, we went out and surveyed their work site in the rebuilding of the outside walls of the church complex. We have included these up-to-date photos, as well. We are presenting this need to you as a powerful investment opportunity in the Kingdom of God in Los Cabos.

### Projected Costs:

Phase I, \$8,000 USD

Phase II, \$5,000 USD

Phase III (Drop us an e-mail or give us a call)



## Centro Cristiano Shama - Pre Hurricane



## Centro Cristiano Shama - Post Hurricane



## Centro Cristiano Shama - Current Condition



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**Our Passion - Jesus Christ!  
Our Mission - Bringing the Body  
of Christ together for the  
transformation of Los Cabos, MX!**

## Thank You!

We can't thank you enough for all of your love and support. Many of you continue to call and ask what can be done to help. While we believe God is leading us to rebuild following the hurricane, we are still in a holding pattern, waiting on land issues to be resolved. In the meanwhile, we continue to thank God the palapa is still in one piece!

We do continue to need daily operational support. We would ask that you pray and ask God about possibly supporting us on a regular basis. Donations may be made on our web site: [www.newlifeoutreach.us](http://www.newlifeoutreach.us), through your bank's 'Bill Pay' service or through the mail (address shown below). Your donations go a long way!

In addition to on-going operational support, our immediate ministry needs include:

- Cristo es El Camino, Pastor Carlos – Hurricane repairs & materials to complete new addition (\$10,000)
- X ~~Pastor Miguel – Raising the church & rebuilding the parsonage (\$8,000) – THANK YOU!~~
- Las Palmas, Cristo es El Camino church plant – Following an intense spiritual battle, Las Palmas is once again home to a Cristo es El Camino church plant. The church, currently being held in a home, is in need of funds to acquire property and/or a building (\$15,000)



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.