



Welcome!

Welcome to the third edition of our 2017 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.

Where are the Sons of God?

*For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for **the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

—Romans 8:19-21 (emphasis added)

All of creation is eagerly waiting for “the revealing of the sons of God.” Creation was cursed by the entrance of sin through the fall of Adam and Eve. Mankind was removed from a perfect environment fashioned by God, and exiled into a world, now cursed by its Creator (Genesis 3:17). What is God’s plan for the release of creation from the effects of sin? Romans 8:21 clearly has the answer: “that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

A significant point in understanding the Sons of God is contained in Romans 8:21. By default, if the Sons (or children) of God are going to set creation free from “slavery to corruption” into the “freedom of the glory” (“glory” coming from the Greek word DOXA, “as very apparent,” Strong’s Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries), then the Sons of God will be experiencing such glorious freedom, it will be apparent to those around them. This freedom does not speak of positional freedom received by grace through faith, but an experiential freedom from habitual sin and satanic influence.

The freedom from corruption the Sons of God will walk in will allow the Father to use them mightily to transform their sphere of influence—affecting everything around them. Biblical examples such as Joseph, *Continued...*

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Esther, and Daniel give us an idea of what the Lord desires to do with—not only our children—but with you and me as well.

but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. –Daniel 11:32b (NKJV)

John Loren Sanford describes “the people who know their God” with these words: “At the end of history God will have a sizable corps of sons and daughters who are no longer children doing their own thing but a disciplined army, dead to self-seeking striving, a company with whom He can sit back and relax and know that His will is what will be done—neither more nor less.”¹

The Father will be able to trust this last day army with great authority because their hearts will be so entwined with the heart of the Father they hate “even the garment defiled by the flesh” (Jude 1:23). They will have developed a lifestyle of walking according to the Spirit and will love what God loves and hate what He hates. This isn’t perfection, but a heart that is wholly His—a heart that loves Him so much there is an awesome dread of displeasing Him and a heart that quickly repents from anything that grieves the Spirit of God; “For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Romans 8:14).

What is Hindering the Revelation of the Sons of God?

When I was praying about what the Lord wanted me to write for this newsletter, I heard, “Where are the Sons of God?” I knew what He meant. Wanting to make sure of the timing of such a message, I kept praying. Soon after that, more revelation exploded in my spirit from the book I was reading, providing an even greater download. The third witness was Pastor Carlos. He shared that he had preached a similar message the day before, but was wondering if he had been too hard on his people. All I could say was, “That is what the Lord is saying to His Body.”

There has always been a “remnant” of the Sons of God in every age, but God is waiting for an army of people created in His image and formed into His likeness. There has been a major shift away from this in the Body of Christ—just in my lifetime. In order to find some answers, let’s look at a few of the causes.

God’s Word is No Longer the Final Authority

When I was young, respectable people went to church every week, even if they weren’t believers. If a person wanted to run for a political office, they at least chose a church affiliation or wouldn’t have much of a chance of winning. This was due to the fact that America was founded by godly men on godly principles and the fear of the Lord, along with the fear of the political power of His people, was still present in the land. In stark contrast to former days, many Christians, even those claiming to be Bible-believing, vote contrary to the word of God; weakening our former influence in the public sector.

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. –Psalm 19:7-11

Satan knows of the many benefits and blessings for those children of God who walk according to the word of God. Consequently, from the Garden of Eden on, Satan’s plan has been to convince men and women that God really has not said what they think He said. If he can get us to start to doubt the word of God, become apathetic, or to simply rebel against it, he will eventually be able to defeat us.

One of Satan’s most successful offensive moves against mankind was to applaud intellectualism and relativism—the absence of absolutes—while at the same time, proclaiming the foolishness of unwavering faith in the word of God.

Sadly enough, his plan has been successful. Many Christians have gone from an unwavering belief in the Bible as God's word to allowing the voices of the world around them reprogram their minds.

When the word of God challenges what we think is right or what we want to do, we are susceptible to believing the lie, "God has not said..." The rebellious heart of mankind desires no absolutes, not understanding God's love or the purpose and power of His parameters.

Mankind has believed the lie that a man is free with no boundaries, but the truth is that each person alive on the earth is either a slave to Satan—through the lusts of their flesh—or a willing bond slave to God. The 'whole truth' is that only God's word can set us free (John 8:32) and only God can keep us free. Again, in the words of John Loren Sanford, "Only when we are prisoners of God's laws are we free indeed."²

- If you believe in the inerrancy of God's word, do you live like it?
- How steadfast are you in your obedience to God's word, no matter the cost?

Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You. –Psalm 119:11

Breakdown of the American Family

There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death. –Proverbs 14:12

If we manage to numb our consciences into doing what we want to do, even if it is contrary to scripture, we are on a downward slope away from God. This trend has led to the gradual deterioration of much of American society, including the family. Formerly, the fear of the Lord and respect for His model of the family unit as expressed in scripture, kept many families together. As the love of the Lord and respect for His word has weakened, many families have been broken. This tragic trend continues and has already affected more than one generation. We can sooth our consciences with the prevalent thought of our society, but walking away from the word of God always brings a decline in the quality of life.

Through the self-centered lifestyles of the Baby Boomers on, we have modeled the importance of money over morals and embraced few to no absolutes. Since every leader sends blessing or decline to those within their realm of authority, many of our children and grandchildren have followed in our footsteps. We should not be surprised if they wander aimlessly through life or turn to destructive lifestyles.

- Does your opinion of marriage and family line up with the clear teaching of scripture?

Disappearance of Biblical Morality

Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. – I Corinthians 6:13b

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute (sex outside the marriage covenant)? May it never be! Or do you not know that the one who joins himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says, "THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH." –I Corinthians 6:15,16 (emphasis added)

Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. – I Corinthians 6:18

The clear biblical teaching of sexual relations being reserved for one man and one woman, within the marriage covenant, is now not only considered "old-fashioned," but is basically ignored, even among Christian couples. When I was young, if someone had sexual relationships outside of marriage, the fact would be hidden in order to protect their reputation; whereas now, youth and young adults are mocked and bullied for being virgins. Ignoring God's parameters

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for sexual relations has not only led to many divorces and the destruction of the family unit but has created a people lacking in commitment.

Several mainly ignored dynamics of sexual relations outside the marriage covenant have also greatly affected the deterioration of society through rampant immorality. Although this is not the topic of this article, I want to quickly point out what I believe are three of Satan's most effective tactics in weakening or destroying those called to be Sons of God...

The first is that each and every sexual experience produces a "soul-tie" with the other person—whether or not they are even ever seen again. These "soul ties" leave a part of each participant behind with every sexual encounter. Every non-biblical relationship leaves the participants broken inside, affecting other areas of their lives.

Secondly, sexual relationships of any kind outside of marriage soon do not satisfy. The endorphins that originally made such sexual activity attractive no longer satisfy, but instead produce an addiction with an insatiable appetite. This leads to a total lack of satisfaction with one's marriage partner, as well as an addiction that drives one to deeper and darker experiences.

The last dynamic is one of utmost importance. Demonic spirits are easily transferred through sexual relations and, in some cases, are purposely transferred by those in the occult. This has been one of the largest factors in the rampant advance of sexual perversion in the last fifty years and the resultant weakening of Biblical values. There are demonic spirits behind every perversion of sexual gratification beyond the Biblical definition of marriage. The immorality we allow through the lust of the flesh—if not repented of—will become demonized—this is addiction..."for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved" (II Peter 2:19b).

- How does your knowledge of the Bible's teaching on morality affect how you think? How you talk to others? How you live?

Conformed to the World

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. —Romans 12:2

Surveys of today's Christians show—from their own mouths—that the lifestyles of the majority of Christians vary little from non-Christians. As many in the Body of Christ have allowed themselves to "be conformed to this world," there is little to no evidence of their Christianity. The Bible clearly states to not "be conformed to this world." Not being conformed, though, happens only as you are "transformed by the renewing of your mind."

The Renewing of the Mind

Being "transformed by the renewing of your mind," necessitates a continual hearing and reading of the word of God and Biblical teaching (bringing us again back to the absolute authority of the Bible). Many Christians do not even attend church regularly; where God's word is heard and where there is edification received from other brothers and sisters. There are many reasons given for casual church attendance, but nonetheless, this is a major contributor to Christians being minimally different than the world around them.

Along with the lack of church attendance, there are even fewer Christians who have a personal, daily time of Bible study or who read Godly, Bible-based books. If filling our minds with the truth of God's word is not a lifestyle, the diabolical strategies of this world can easily begin to erode our minds.

Instead of renewing of our minds with God's word, we have replaced the word of God with a bombardment of time-consuming options. The world in which we live has more to offer than I could possibly list; liberal news media, social media filled with everyone's opinions and news, 24/7 internet access, secular music and its messages, and television that few would have watched—not that long ago—are eroding not only our culture but also our Christians.

- What do you now consider acceptable that, in former years, you would have thought unBiblical? How has the erosion of previous convictions changed what you listen to? What you watch? How you live?

Where Are the Sons of God?

Jesus is waiting for a harvest of many “brethren” of the same substance as the “grain of wheat” that fell into the earth and died for us (John 12:24). The Father is waiting for many sons and daughters with the character of His Son, walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose lives and witness will be apparent to those around them!

Even though the lifestyles we have developed, the leisure activities we have freely chosen, and a general disregard of the truth of God’s Word have left a weak Bride, God still has an infallible plan. The Apostle Paul was a witness to the plan of the ages:

to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; 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. –Ephesians 3:8b-10

God plans for a glorious church to exist on this earth before the return of His Son. This glorious Bride will make known to the devil and his angels that Jesus Christ is alive and well on planet Earth. Instead of destroying Christ at the cross, Satan only succeeded in multiplying the very army that will defeat him through the power of their risen Lord. This group of overcomers will be called the “sons of God” because of their resemblance to their Father. All creation will rejoice at their appearing.

Nonetheless, scripture tells us that at the same time the sons of God are preparing the earth for the Lord’s return, there will also be a great falling away (II Thessalonians 2:1-3). The apathy for the things of God by many who have chosen their own way will continue until their hearts are hardened.

It is important to understand a very important pattern in scripture. The revelation of God always brings one of two responses: people choose repentance and embrace what God is doing or choose to reject Him, which results in consequences and judgement. Both responses come from the very same presence.

The Invitation

For many are called, but few are chosen. –Matthew 22:14

No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. –II Timothy 2:4

God has a powerful army waiting in the wings for its unveiling. Today, the Lord is sending an invitation for you to join that army; to separate yourself unto Him and prepare yourself for battle. There is a cost, but the cost is nothing compared to missing the joy and satisfaction of the fulfillment of the purpose for which God formed you in your mother’s womb. The cost is also nothing compared to the possibility of allowing a gradual slide away from the purposes of God.

The Lord is extending an invitation to you today—to a walk much different than you are currently experiencing. The choice is always yours, but our prayer is that you will choose to be found faithful—to stand by the absolute authority of God’s word, to renew your mind daily, and to live in the freedom, authority, and blessing you were created for.

1 John Loren Sanford, *Healing the Nations—A Call to Global Intercession*, page 97

2 John Loren Sanford, *Healing the Nations—A Call to Global Intercession*, page 87

Praise the Lord for Breakthrough!

Three months ago we sent a “blog alert” asking our ministry partners for prayer in regards to the increase in cartel activity in Los Cabos. What had mainly been kept in private, exploded into the open in the tip of Baja California. Today, we are thanking the Lord for His intervention in the capture of the ‘kingpin’ of one of the rival cartels in Los Cabos.

Let me first share a few notes from an intercessory prayer viewpoint... The Lord has been impressing upon our hearts that as we (those with this assignment) are led by the Holy Spirit to pray, the Lord is using His Body on earth to cleanse the heavens of “spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). The Lord chooses the timing and extent of the effects of the prayers of His people. On the morning of June 19, the Lord spoke to my heart, “The shift of power has taken place in the heavenly realms. I now reign through you (those with this assignment) in that place.” One of our prayer team put it this way, “the protection in the heavenlies” of demonic activity in the area “has been removed by the Lord.”

Within an hour of this encouragement came an amazing confirmation from the Lord. Richard arrived home from a men’s breakfast with news he just happened to hear from another brother he brought home from the meeting. The word on the street was that the authorities had captured a major drug ‘kingpin’ in Los Cabos the day before, including closing the main ‘drug stores’ (supply houses). The brother went on to say that between what little was left on the streets and the fear of the authorities; you couldn’t even buy drugs in Los Cabos anymore. He further explained that you were previously able to just make a call and a delivery would be made to your house, but now most would fear even making such a call—not knowing who could answer.

The very next day, the news went public in the Mexico Daily News (online newspaper in English). We give thanks to God for every prayer warrior fighting for Los Cabos; may the Lord bless you richly. However, the nature of warfare is, “attack – counterattack,” so please don’t stop now!



Flying Half-Mast

As is done in the United States, our Mexican flag is flown at half-mast in honor of a deceased dignitary. On a recent ‘Monday morning in the marketplace,’ we were honored with the company of Pastor Carlos Maciel. As we visited on the way to San Jose, Pastor Carlos suddenly exclaimed, “My children didn’t have school today. It could be a holiday and the government agencies might be closed today!” Richard and I knew it was the beginning of Holy Week but hadn’t thought about government offices shutting down for the week (the holiday actually being two weeks long). The three of us decided to continue on in order to pray for the area around the “Delegación” (government building) in the center of old downtown San Jose.

As we started into the courtyard, we noticed the flag, which is normally not raised when we arrive. The flag was at half-mast. I immediately asked Pastor Carlos who had died, and he replied, “Jesus.” I said, “Wow, a country with its flag at half-mast for the death of Christ.” Pastor Carlos, who had already started praying, added nothing else.

Richard and I were so impressed, despite our doctrinal difference, that the effect of Catholicism in Mexico is strong enough to cause the flag to be flown at half-mast. Fortunately, before I started this blog, I researched the days the Mexican flag is to be flown at half-mast, along with the history of Holy Week, which is followed by an additional week referred to as Pascua (Passover). My research revealed that the flag was actually only at half-mast for a deceased dignitary that Monday. It wasn’t in memory of Christ’s sacrifice for our sin, but...

As Richard and I watched the events of Holy Week and Pascua, there is still something noteworthy of the tradition. A whole country does honor and acknowledge the sacrifice Christ made for us. Actually, the remembrance starts with what we would refer to as Palm Sunday, with each day after that having its own ceremony for the entire week before Christ's resurrection! The celebration then continues with an additional week—Pascua. There are dramatic presentations of Christ's capture, trial and crucifixion performed in the streets, including a loud speaker announcement of the biblical account, throughout Mexico. It is considered an honor to be a part of these presentation/parades, with Christ carrying His cross for long distances. Regardless of the possible motives of the participants, almost everyone in the country knows what happened on Holy Week—this is still amazing!

As is the case in the United States, there is a new generation that may not embrace the biblical meaning of Holy Week and Pascua, but here in Mexico, it is still a small minority. We are told that so far the Easter Bunny and the accompanying traditions are not seen in the Mexican celebration of the holiday, including the use of the US name "Easter." Most government agencies are closed for the entire two weeks!

Again, we know all the ramifications of many of the religious traditions in Mexico, but scripture does say to give "honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7 ISV) and Richard and I are giving honor to Mexico, as well as glory to God, for the religious freedom that still exists!

Enjoy the photos of the typical Monday morning tradition of the mandatory patriotic ceremony for government and all schools—compared to the empty town square and half-mass flag we encountered at the beginning of Holy Week.



Getting to Know the Neighborhood - Colonia Tierra y Libertad



When I was just sixteen-years-old, I faithfully attended a church that sent us out to canvas the three-mile plus radius around the church every time we had a special speaker or event. Then, later in life, a group of us young women took turns watching each other's children so we could work on evangelism in the neighborhood. This was certainly good training for the places the Lord has had Richard and I throughout our ministry! Thanks to my early training, door-to-door ministry has always seemed very natural to me and Richard is just a gifted statesman!

Nonetheless, our new efforts to reach our neighbors around Cristo es el Camino's Templo Tierra Y Libertad is definitely a new experience. First of all, we are in an area where the poorest of the poor live and secondly—the very obvious problem—we are still not fluent in Spanish and don't always catch what is being said to us. This is especially difficult in an area where many different 'dialect' versions of Spanish are spoken. However, Pastor Carlos gladly came alongside our desire to go door-to-door in the colony of Tierra y Libertad by first coming with us himself and then by sending a faithful team that is not only experienced at this type of ministry, but really enjoys it.



For roughly the past two months, our Friday mornings have been fun and have been a new experience for Richard and me. So far, we have only had a handful of people respond to our invitations with attendance to one of our services, but it is a joy meeting many new people, as well as to have the opportunity to pray for many of them as we work our way through the colony.

We would like to thank Howard Bryant again—one of our faithful friends from our home base area—for his donation that has purchased the beans and rice we hand out as we go door-to-door (actually, fence to fence). Even in Tierra y Libertad, most of the people who live here are probably not going to go too long without food, but the gift of food does encourage them to come out of their humble homes to talk with us. They often come to greet us when they hear Richard calling out—in Spanish—"We have a gift for you!" They have been so inundated with one of the area religious cults they have a tendency to otherwise ignore our friendly calls from the road.

Please be praying for spiritual fruit from the squatter colony in Tierra y Libertad and, as always, thank-you so much for all you do for us and the area of Los Cabos, MX!



Tierra y Libertad Hosts Joint Service

Along with other events to build up the congregation, Tierra y Libertad recently hosted Pastor Carlos Maciel's Cristo es el Camino mother church, as well as both mission churches.

The congregations from Cristo es el Camino do regular outreaches throughout the barrio neighborhoods and they are definitely seasoned workers for the Lord. Chairs were brought in from the other three locations in order to have enough seating. Extra lights were hung for the new guests and plans were made for a large junior church for the children (we had 43 children that night). All was spotless and ready for the guests. The amazing thing is, they have done this so many times that the setup and cleanup goes faster than you could imagine. There are a lot of things in Mexico that take a long time or move slowly for a North American, but this isn't one of them!

There was a tremendous presence of the Holy Spirit during the song service—ushered in by brothers and sisters who know how to worship.

Pastor Carlos preached for the joint service.

The night was a success when it came to the purpose for the joint service; to worship together, for more neighbors from the Tierra y Libertad squatter colony to be introduced to the message of salvation, and for our neighbors to become familiar with the church and its people.



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Tierra y Libertad: Movie Night Outreach

Our first extended stay in Los Cabos was during the first part of 2011. We helped Pastor Carlos Maciel add onto the small home that came with his church property. We also helped excavate and lay the foundation and knee wall of what is the Cristo es el Camino mother church today. During that stay, Pastor Carlos decided to have a movie night. We utilized white, plastic chairs on the leveled dirt inside the knee wall and projected the movie on a taught, white bed sheet. We watched a scratchy version of the famous movie, *The Cross and the Switchblade* with Pat Boone. It brought back fond memories of youth group activities when I was young.

Fast forward six years later... Richard and I were sharing with Pastor Carlos how, for many years, we had activities on Friday nights for the residents of Holton, MI, where we lived and operated a Christian Community Center. That brought back memories of former movie nights in Los Cabos and the three of us decided to do a double feature—over two consecutive Friday nights—at the mission church in Tierra y Libertad.

I can't say the crowd was huge, but the local children were thrilled they could actually attend a movie, eat popcorn, and drink soft drinks at a location near their homes. Richard was at the church working on construction earlier in the day, and the local children started asking when the movie would be showing.

The fellowship was great and the message presented by the Christian cartoons shown first, as well as the main feature, was very clear. If you had been there to see the faces of the children in one of the poorest areas in Los Cabos, you would probably be so blessed you'd be ready to sign up for any future movie nights!





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New Life Transformation **The Revival of the Heart...** **The Transformation of a Country**

We were greatly blessed to have many individuals and ministries step up and help support the Carlos Annacondia crusade held in April of this 2016. As we look to the next step in the revival and transformation of Los Cabos, though, we find ourselves once again in need of ministry partners. We continue to seek on-going support for both ourselves, as well as for transformation efforts. That's where the New Life Transformation

Fund comes in. The goal of this fund is to have Kingdom resources available to bring in ministries and speakers, as well as pay for transformation endeavors. Please consider...



- Supporting us monthly
- Donating to the New Life Transformation Fund – Making Transformation Possible in Los Cabos
- Supporting other on-going Los Cabos mission projects

Thank You again for your continued support and prayers. God is doing a mighty work in Los Cabos. We are blessed to be a part of what He is doing!



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



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.