

**Welcome!** Welcome to the second edition of our 2019 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).

## Life Changers

If Jesus Christ lives in you, then this article is a must-read. It is not important how long you have known the Lord as your Savior, what denomination you identify with, or the church you attend. Technically, your level of spiritual maturity and zealousness does not even disqualify you from the need to keep reading. What you do and who you are is not the life-changing factor. The real ability to change lives does not come from the “earthen vessels” but from the power of the life that lives in them!

*But we have this treasure in **earthen vessels**, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; —II Corinthians 4:7 (my emphasis)*

One key purpose for Father God leaving His sons and daughters on the earth after they are born again is to be ‘containers’ of the life of His Son. Scripture is full of God’s intent for the multi-membered Body of Christ. For this article, however, I want to concentrate on the practicality of how a conscious awareness of Christ in us should affect our interaction with those around us.

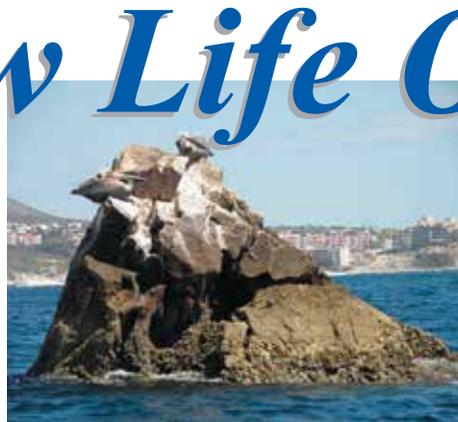
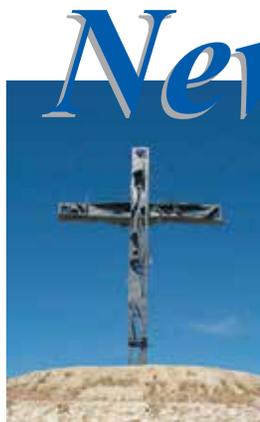
We will get into detail further later, but for now I want to emphasize the fact that ‘how we think’ will be one of the chief components in affecting positive change in the lives of the many people we encounter on any given day. When our feet touch the floor, or maybe even before we get out of bed, we should be filled with the expectation that during that day we will intermingle with people whose lives could be affected—even if just in a small degree—through interaction with us. We can also be filled with excitement, knowing that improving the lives of those around us is God’s idea, and He has “divine appointments” already planned for our day!

In preparation for what might possibly be a ‘new way of thinking,’ let’s take a look at just two of the biblical analogies Jesus taught to His disciples in an attempt to explain what His life—in them—was like.

## Living Water

One example of what the life of Christ in us looks like is recorded in the gospel of John. As Jesus entered Jerusalem at the time of the Feast of Booths, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, He compared Himself to “living water.”

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*Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" –John 7:37-38*

We see from this text that Christians have “living water” flowing from their “innermost being.” Most of us have a concept of what living water flowing in us does for us, but what can it do for those around us? Obviously, our desire is for all men to receive living water for themselves, but for the sake of this discussion let’s concentrate on what living water can do for them—even before it is in them.

Living water is a word picture for the life of Christ and the life of Christ encompasses everything Jesus ever did, as well as all He said He was. His life is the antidote for everything contrary to abundant life. This means, whatever problem a person has, can be touched by even a small dose of living water.

With our minds renewed with anticipation of God’s desire to reach out to those around us in very practical ways, let’s think of what being a ‘Life Changer’ could look like. In order to be a Life Changer, we must live with the expectation that God wants to be a part of our daily lives in order to release living water to those around us (As we forge ahead, I do want to make the qualification that I know the world in which we live is not the world I grew up in. However, with wisdom, there still are ways to impart ‘life’ to others).

**Scenario #1:** When you stop by your favorite coffee/donut shop on the way to work, you notice that the young woman who is waiting on you looks like she had a long, hard night. Quickly ask the Lord how you can ‘splash’ some living water on her within the short time frame available. Let’s just say in this case you are only able to make eye contact with an understanding smile and are only able to tell her what good service she always gives you. There are times when you will be able to share a scripture with people you meet, be able to tell them how much God cares for them, or even have the time and freedom to pray for them, but this will not always be the case. No matter what you see in the natural, don’t draw back. Even the smallest splash of living water will change a person’s day and even their lives in ways we may never know.

**Scenario #2:** You (female) are in the grocery store and there is another woman walking towards you on the other side of the aisle. She is so full of rejection from a life that no one should ever have had to live; she has trained herself to look down when passing others. This reaction has become automatic in an effort to make sure eye contact is never made. You look directly at her with a smile full of the love of the Lord, and the living water in you releases an unseen force that compels her to glance up. She makes eye contact with you, and you give her the warmest smile she has received in a long, long time. After you leave, the love of God will continue to draw her, heal her, and set her free. As for you, you will drive home with a smile on your face.

## The Light of the World

*Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." –John 8:12*

In this analogy, the life of Christ is compared to light. Light is a very powerful force, so much so, that light and darkness cannot coexist in the same location. When light enters, darkness must flee; darkness is overcome by light.

The presence of the Lord is what brings light, and where His presence is, everything changes. As “carriers of His light,” it is our responsibility to light up the world in which we live. Every child of God has the opportunity to light up the life of every person they see and every place they are in. The light in each of us is powerful enough to reveal another degree of truth about God’s person and His ways to the lives of many people on any given day. This is a huge responsibility!

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Scenario #1: You overhear your waitress at a restaurant sharing with another waitress that she intends to have an abortion before she gets further along in her pregnancy. Even though it appears that her mind is made up, you are able to casually ask her if she has already had a sonogram (making it look like a sonogram is a normal step of pregnancy). From this beginning, you are able to share when life begins and other truths about abortion. Even if you never see her again, your conversation—illuminated by the light within you—may have saved the life of an unborn child, along with bringing a significant change in the future of the young mother!

Scenario #2: As you are walking along a sidewalk, you encounter a group of zealous, non-Christians with a literature stand. Since you have time to share with them, you gently begin to present biblical truth which reveals the error of what they have been taught. Although it is mandatory for members of this group to be able to have a thorough knowledge of what they are taught; a force from within you compels them to listen to what you are saying and the light in you causes your words of truth to begin to make sense as light is allowed to shine upon them. Again, you may never know the eternal change in the life (lives) of those you shared with on that sidewalk, but you can have absolute confidence in knowing that your effort to splash living water on that group of people brought at least a degree of revelation to them because of the character of the living water within you

## What Are You Going to Do?

In order for us to become life-changers, our lives must change! Now is the time for you to start asking the Lord for the grace to start having meaningful interaction with the people you meet every single day. Since the power to encourage others is resident in us—the earthen vessels—just begin to expect even the smallest kindness given towards others to have eternal impact. Imagine the global effect of Living Water and Light touching a multitude of people throughout the world on any given day; simply from the worldwide Body of Christ developing a conscious awareness of the needs of the people around them.

It is time for us to renew our minds from a state of self-centeredness to an awareness of the needs of others. Since we are transformed by the renewal of our minds (Romans 12:2), this renewal will begin to change not only the way we think but the way we do life. As the lives of individual believers begin to change, we will affect the world in which we live!



## Food, Fun & Freedom

We were recently blessed to be able to minister with Sam and Karen Knapp once again. Sam and Karen are missionary evangelists. They have traveled for several years from their home in the San Francisco Bay area to bless Baja California Sur with their ministry. Sam is a fiery 86-year-old ‘healing evangelist’ and we repeatedly hear ‘notable’ healing testimonies each year after their time of ministry in Los Cabos. Included in this trip’s team

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were Mauricio and Claudia Cardenas from Ensenada, who were a great help to us in preparation for the Carlos Annacondia Crusade.

While Sam and Karen were in Los Cabos for their spring trip, they asked if we would minister with them at Patti's Kitchen (a local church and feeding kitchen in the colonia of Caribe). Karen had planned an 'inner healing' teaching and asked me to join her in praying for healing for the ladies. Then, she surprised our husbands by asking Sam, Richard, and Mauricio to plan something that would entertain the children while we ministered to the ladies.

Richard has a strong gifting for working with young children and immediately had a plan. He told the men of his love for puppet ministry and that we just happened to have puppets in Los Cabos with us. Since ministry doesn't have to be complicated in the barrios to be successful, Richard tied a rope between two trees and threw a blue tarp over it for the puppet theater. Then the puppeteers began to practice, but 'practice' never happened.

As soon as the children who had come to the feeding station saw the first puppet, they started laughing and talking to the puppets. Then, other children heard them from the other side of the complex and joined them. Soon, before we knew it, the chairs were filling up and the show was on—before Richard even had a chance to give instructions to Sam and Mauricio. The lack of practice didn't affect the performance at all, though. In fact, unbeknownst to us, Mauricio was another 'natural' as he named his gray and white kitty puppet, Meow-ricio!

The time with the women was also powerful. The women eagerly participated in Karen's interactive teaching. When it came time for personal prayer, the response was what we have come to expect in the poorer areas of the barrios—most of these women have suffered much injustice in their lives, including multiple forms of abuse. Only Jesus can heal their broken hearts and set them free from the scars they bear and from lives no one should have to live!





## Concrete Proof of Transformation

The beginning of each year for the last five years has brought a flurry of activity. This flurry starts when Shane and Tracey Crowley come for their winter, short-term mission trip to Los Cabos. Their time with us is always exciting and productive, with Los Cabos looking better than before they arrived.

The last two years have been exceptionally amazing due to the generosity of High Grade Concrete of Spring Lake, MI. Two years ago, Tom Sturris of High Grade Concrete challenged Shane with a donation offer – he would make a donation to a charity of Shane’s choice for each bag of concrete Shane bought throughout the year. We have been greatly blessed by Shane’s choice to work to transform the landscape of Los Cabos through New Life Outreach. The generosity of both Tom and Shane has escalated our ability to effect change in our municipality.

This year’s projects included block walls around the perimeter of the church at Tierra y Libertad and some badly needed upgrading to the church at Valle del Cabo. At Valle del

Cabo, the crew led by Shane and Richard, put up ten-foot block walls on each side of the church, which replaced some much worn OSB, as well as provided the structure with a ‘welcoming’ church appearance with a new façade. As you look at the photos, you will see a “mission look” peak, along with space for windows and a double-door entrance (the windows and doors are still in progress).

We want to extend a huge thank-you to Tom Sturris of High Grade Concrete, Shane & Tracey Crowley, and to all of Pastor Carlos Maciel’s church members that are always at our side making sure we have what we need!





*“Indifference to evil, is a great evil.”*

*— Unknown Source*

## Chiropractic Outreach at Tierra y Libertad Church



For many years, one of our ministry goals has been to bring the Body of Christ together. The Lord honors unity among brothers and sisters in Christ. With this in mind, we were recently blessed to be asked to be a part of a barrio outreach at three different area churches.

Jen and Dave Limpert of Hope for Los Cabo gave us a call and asked if Pastor Carlos would like to participate in an outreach that was being planned by Brian and Jacqueline Ruple of Cabo Missions for Christ, along with several chiropractors from the United States. The Ruple's ministry is actually relatively new in the area, so we were not only blessed by working with two other area ministries, but were also blessed to meet the Ruples for the first time.

The outreach included a team of chiropractors. They arrived with several portable 'adjustment tables,' along with a lot of clothing and gift items. They planned on ministering to around one hundred people just at the Church at Tierra y Libertad alone, including providing lunch for everyone. The chiropractors bought the food and Pastor Carlos' wife Janet headed up a kitchen crew from the Cristo es el Camino Churches.

The chiropractors specifically asked for worship with a gospel message and an altar call for salvation. Escary, one of Pastor Carlos' associates, preached a powerful message. He also led the youth praise team in worship. The presence of the Lord was heavy, leaving the participants with even more than the gifts of chiropractic adjustments, a special lunch, and clothing; all of which were expressions of the love of the Lord.

By the time the day was over, we were blessed with many new acquaintances and the final estimate of people served was around 220. Just in case you're wondering about the original estimate of feeding 100, Pastor Carlos asked his people to please leave the food for others, and in true form they gladly passed the food on to others.

We do want to thank Jen and Dave Limpert and Brian and Jacqueline Ruple for the invitation to participate in such a tremendous outreach!





## Lasso Ceremony at Palabra de Vida Hector and Tommy's Wedding



We conduct a chapel service at Palabra de Vida—ran by Bill and Jacki Glaubitz—once a month. Just recently, we were blessed with an entirely new ministry experience. Bill called just three days before Palabra de Vida's first wedding ceremony and asked if we wanted to do the "lasso ceremony." We had no idea what it was, but it sounded like fun so we said, "Yes" to the invitation.

In case you are interested, the "lasso" or "rope" ceremony is all over the internet. Richard and I did the research and Richard—who is great at ceremonies—touched everyone's hearts with his rendition. The lasso is actually made of one large loop made into two, through "tying the knot" in the center. It is a Hispanic tradition, probably originating from the Catholic Religion, where long rosary beads were used with a cross hanging between the loops over the shoulders of the bride and groom. In later years, it has become very common in protestant churches with couples of Hispanic descent, and can be made of many different materials.

Part of the excitement and beauty of this event is what a great accomplishment this wedding represented for both Hector and Palabra de

Vida. Hector went through Palabra de Vida's ten month program and was given the utmost in complements from Bill, who said with no hesitation, "And he did everything he was told to do without complaining!" He gave his life

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to Christ early in the program and is still a passionate follower of Christ. Since there are not many men who even graduate from the program—especially completing it the first time through—Hector himself represents another accomplishment for Palabra de Vida. Hector continued to make right choices and soon into the ‘transition’ period, he was blessed with a good job. Then, to top it off, Hector made the Godly decision to marry Tommy, rather than even considering living together!

The bride and groom did all the work. Palabra de Vida supplied the venue and Pastor Michael Galles from Cabo Church (where we attend on Sunday mornings) officiated. What Tommy’s family did in decorating the center was lovely. Even Jacki was amazed at how beautifully transformed their room for chapel services became. A caterer was hired and the men currently in the center graciously served the guests. There was also a beautiful wedding cake and the festivities included the traditional cutting of the cake. In all, it was a wonderful night and was a glorious celebration of how the power of God can transform a life!



## 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.

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