

Welcome! Welcome to the third edition of our 2018 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.

At the Edge of the Red Sea

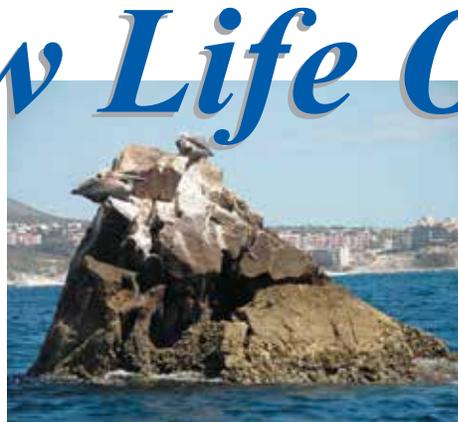
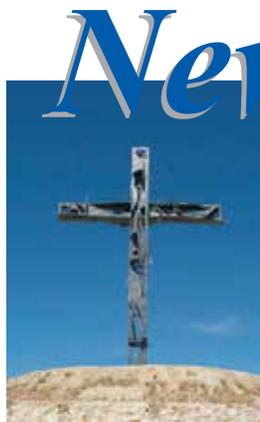
The story of the nation of Israel's exodus from Egypt is recorded in the fourteenth chapter of Exodus. This account demonstrates for us how carefully God orchestrates the events in the lives of His children. As we look at this text, we need to remember that He makes no mistakes and nothing touches us without the lifting of His hand. Even when we are the targets of the enemy's most fierce assaults, He promises to work "all things" together for our good (Romans 8:28); and "all things" includes those situations where we find ourselves because of our own failure and disobedience. If we repent from living our way and turn to obedience and to His ways, He can use the very place of our perceived hopelessness for our good and for His glory.

The historical account of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt is one of the most dramatic stories in the bible. This text is not just a historical record. It is for all of God's people for all times, since it shows us how God works in our lives. He delivered the nation of Israel from a place of perceived impossibility, to a place of having a testimony of one of the most celebrated victories of God's omnipotence ever recorded.

In this account, we see a pattern God often uses in bringing sons (daughters) to maturity. He allows situations in our lives where we can see no possible way out; those places in which we feel that staying in that situation is not an option because—in our own strength—we can no longer stand the pressure, the torment or the pain. It is in these places that we have an opportunity to trust God like never before. We will either learn to stand still and see the deliverance of the Lord, or we will choose to take what I call 'fire escapes.' These 'fire escapes' are 'socially acceptable' ways of escaping the very trials the Lord has carefully arranged in order for us to come to a new place in Him—a place we will never come to without an experience—probably less dramatic, but equally traumatic to us—as the account of the nation of Israel standing at the edge of the Red Sea with the armies of Egypt charging down upon them! Let's observe God's wisdom in dealing with His people as we look at this story.

In this account, the Lord purposely led the Israelites out of Egypt towards the wilderness and then gave Moses orders to set up camp at the edge of the Red Sea. With the entire nation of Israel in the perfect position—the place God had prepared for them—God hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he would pursue the Israelites, trapping them between his army and the edge of the Red Sea. Just imagine how the Israelites must have felt. God had just freed their entire nation from years of bondage in Egypt, which included sending them out from slavery with the wealth of Egypt, but then, on the heels of this miracle, had brought them to the edge of the Red Sea with the sound

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of over six hundred Egyptian chariots closing in on them and no place to go.

God's plan was two-fold. First, He wanted a people who did not know Him to learn to trust the wisdom of His leading and to experience His faithful deliverance. After all, the Israelites had been in Egypt (a picture of the world) for over four hundred years and had not worshipped the God of Jacob. Secondly, He wanted them to know they could trust Him to destroy their enemies!

As the people began to panic—regretting they had made an attempt for freedom—Moses spoke a prophetic word to them:

*And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. **Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD**, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. **The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.**" —Exodus 14:13-14 NKJV (*my emphasis*)*

Moses' admonition to the people contains one of the most valuable life lessons we can ever learn. When we come to one of those 'at the edge of the Red Sea' experiences in our lives—at a point where we feel we can bear no more pain and where relief seems impossible—it is then that we need to "stand still" in order to "see the salvation of the LORD." God allows these circumstances or brings us to these places in order to teach us the secret of victory and to destroy our enemies. These are the experiences that teach us to submit to what He allows in our lives until His purpose for that place of pain and despair has been accomplished. These victories can only be experienced through child-like trust in our Heavenly Father and complete dependence upon the overcoming power of the grace of God.

Now let's finish this article by looking at the example of the Apostle Paul—the messenger of grace.

His Grace is Sufficient

Paul's epistles are full of amazing teachings on grace, accompanied by his own personal testimonies which demonstrate how an infinite God works in the life of finite, but yielded vessels. The background of II Corinthians 12:7-10 includes Paul's experience of being caught up into the third heaven where he heard what he called "inexpressible words" (II Corinthians 12:4). The following verses describe what God placed in his life to bring him from a place of prestige and authority to a place of complete dependence on the power of God; and how he responded. This text shows Paul's unwavering faith in the power of God.

*Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.**" Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. —II Corinthians 12:7-10 (*my emphasis*)*

There have been many suggestions and much commentary through the years on what Paul's thorn in the flesh was, but for our purposes we only need to know that Paul was given a "messenger of Satan," to keep him from exalting himself. When Paul 'begged' the Lord for this thorn to be removed, God's timeless response was, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." God very clearly told Paul that the way for His power to be perfected in him was for him to face circumstances in life that are impossible to overcome—whether emotionally, physically or relationally. It is only when we are at the end of our own resources, that the power of Christ will be manifested! That is why the Apostle Paul ended this section of scripture with this victorious confession, "I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me...for when I am weak, then I am strong."

In order to be ready for the 'edge of the Red Sea' experiences of life, we must determine in our hearts that when these times come, we will not take a 'fire escape' and miss out on God's purpose and destiny for us. The

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time to make this commitment is now; now is the time to strengthen ourselves in prayer, bible study and communion with God. If we wait to call out to God when our emotions are unraveled and we are already out of control, we may not overcome!

Just remember the Apostle Paul's secret as to how he had the strength to continue to overcome, even through many adverse circumstances. Meditate on his timeless words; "Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me... for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Daniel Valles – Los Cabos Avanza sin Tranza



Daniel Valles, the head of Avanza sin Tranza, was once again able to fly in to Los Cabos—in hopes of a chance to present the program to just the right person/people. The Avanza sin Tranza program, meaning 'Thrive without Bribe,' focuses on teaching Biblical principles for excellence without compromise. The program teaches morals and excellence few in Mexico have been raised with, and, while the program does not specifically refer to the Bible, it is a Christian-based curriculum that teaches the Biblical life values Jesus Christ would have us exemplify in order to thrive in every arena of life. It is a program being used to transform the minds of the people and reshape the direction of nations. It is a program we have prayed and labored to bring to the Los Cabos area for several years now, and we are excited to share this breakthrough

with you!

While in town, Barbara Ungson once again hosted Daniel's stay, free of charge, at the family's beautiful boutique hotel, Casa Bella. We cannot possibly thank the Ungson family enough for the continued generosity towards the cause of the transformation of Los Cabos!

Barbara arranged for Daniel to meet with the head of one of the Los Cabos' business associations and our good friend of many years, Pastor Jorge Pasalagua, came down from La Paz with a precious brother who will now be Daniel's contact person for Avanza sin Tranza in La Paz. Pastor Pasalagua, himself, is now able to be our (Spanish speaking) contact person in Los Cabos. These contacts are very important, but God broke through with yet another unexpected breakthrough...

Richard and I (and whoever we can bring with us) have been traveling to San Jose del Cabo (just northeast of Cabo San Lucas) for the governmental patriotic ceremony that is held each Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. for just over two years. We started attending on Mondays to fulfill a commitment to our precious Mayor, Arturo de la Rosa (Presidente). We had promised to pray for his administration and our municipality, and we still have not felt released.

In the last six months, we have been blessed by Mayor Arturo as he has publicly thanked "those who pray for him on Monday mornings" in a televised speech. We have been in one of the local newspapers, are graciously thanked by members of the government and press for praying, and, if the mayor is at the public ceremony, he always smiles and nods to us. In addition to praying for the administration, we have also been praying for the timing to approach Presidente Arturo with the offer to pay for Avanza sin Tranza for the heads of the municipality's departments. The Lord, however, had a different idea—one involving doors only He can open!

Since Daniel was going to be in town, Richard brought our last Avanza sin Tranza packet with him and asked God to have someone walk up to him. This was exceptionally interesting since the mayoral election is this Sunday and very few members of the administration were present this last Monday. Actually, Richard and I were standing out in the open by ourselves. All of a sudden, it was like a 'spot light of favor' came upon us. One brother in the Lord, who is high up in the government ranks, came right over to talk with us. Then another dear brother who

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we have often prayed for came up, and then—out of nowhere—a young man came up to see what we were showing them. At, just a glance of the program material, he told us he was a teacher and they needed this in the schools. Then he asked if we wanted an appointment with the Directora of Municipal Education, Marlen Carballo. We tried to tell him that Daniel wasn't arriving until late afternoon the next day, but the appointment was made for 11:00 the next day at Municipal Education Office and we were not going to miss it.

We called our faithful friend Jonathan—who always helps us at a moment's notice—to translate for us. Mrs. Carballo was excited to see us, since she has tried to get a program on values and basic life skills into her elementary schools for four years. But the funding had never been there—until we walked into her office. We left our 'one last packet' with her and she graciously gave us an appointment two days later when Daniel could be there.

On Thursday, when we arrived, Senora Carballo and her team were ready and excited. Daniel explained the typical cost of the program, but then told Senora Carballo that our ministry had committed to pay for the program because of our love for the children and our burden for the reprogramming of the minds of the Mexican people. Neither she, nor us, could believe this was happening, as she expressed the joy of a new hope for the future she now has for the thousands of children in her care. None of this would be happening without us, and this would surely not be happening without all of your prayers and financial help.

Daniel will be back in mid-October to train 80 teachers from her administration, who will train the students in this powerful material containing biblically-based values and life skills (although not stated as such). Senora Carballo holds an appointed position in Mayor Arturo's government and the news of this powerful program will spread quickly. As the students bring home the material and talk to their parents, these values will spread into their homes and



touch countless families.

Please keep praying for the spread of Avanza sin Tranza in the Municipality of Los Cabos. Since we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, we have a vision of this program spreading to train law enforcement, government officials, the business community, and every sector of society—first with Los Cabos and then with all of Mexico!



Las Palmas Pre-Crusade



Warming up for our crusade with Evangelist Gamaliel Sosa on June 14, 15 and 16, Pastor Carlos and his team held a “pre-crusade” on April 14 in the Colonia (neighborhood) of Las Palmas. The official starting time was 7:00 p.m. (before dark), but as you can see in the pictures, the crowd really didn’t arrive until just after dark, around 8:00 p.m.

As we learned and experienced from the Carlos Annacondia crusade in April of 2016, extensive training of a crusade’s ministry teams is essential. We were required to begin preparation for the Annacondia crusade one year in advance. Although the preparation included more meetings than we would have ever chosen to attend or host, we saw the positive results—the power of the prayer and the excellence of the ministry teams. With this experience in mind, Pastor Carlos began sending out teams—made up of a total of 70 of his people—to evangelize the area around the Colonia of Las Palmas. Armed with flyers, they went from house to house introducing themselves to area residents and inviting them to church and the upcoming crusade. In addition, those in the ministry teams began relationships with many new people. These connections included the offer to pray for any specific needs the families had.

An estimated 350 people attended the crusade, with close to 150 receiving Christ for the first time! Many also requested prayer for healing, the results of which have not yet come in. This “practice run” began to prepare the spiritual atmosphere of the area for the larger crusade in June. It also trained the workers for the many committees necessary for the upcoming crusade.

We believe the time has begun for the reaping of the last day harvest (with only the Father knowing the length of time this will be). In response to the cries of His people, the Lord will be sending an increased presence of His Spirit to earth. This increased presence will lift Jesus up and will draw all who will come to faith in Christ. This drawing will include the removing of the veil from the eyes of many who presently do not acknowledge Jesus as God or as the Messiah; or as the only way to renewed fellowship with the Father, resulting in eternal life.

In response to what we believe God has begun in many locations around the world, including Los Cabos, we want to be ready for our part in this great outpouring. The relatively small crusade at Las Palmas was just the beginning of what we believe will come to Los Cabos, Mexico, and to the ends of the earth.

If you have not read about our ‘Perimeter People’ initiative, an effort to cover the area of Los Cabos in prayer each and every day, please read the blog posted just before this one. Pray. Ask the Lord which day you could commit to praying for Los Cabos. Then, e-mail us and let us know when we can count on your prayers. Please, do not wait. We will begin to put together a calendar of prayer partners as commitments roll in.

We can never thank-you enough for every part each of you play in the transformation of Los Cabos. We would not be here without you!

The Gamaliel Sosa Crusade



We were blessed to have the honor of hosting a crusade with Pastor and Healing Evangelist Gamaliel Sosa this last month. The event was originally scheduled to be a three-day crusade held June 14, 15 & 16. This, however, is Mexico! Our warnings for Hurricane Bud started early the week before the crusade, when the storm was far away in the Pacific Ocean (and for the record, this isn't really the time of year we expect hurricanes). The hurricane was downgraded to a tropical storm by mid-week, but, by that time, its path had switched to a perfect beeline towards Los Cabos. We knew this was nothing to be concerned about and we do get most of our badly needed rains as a result of tropical storms, but we had a three day crusade starting on the day Tropical Storm Bud was scheduled to hit.

The winds were not bad and we received a manageable amount of rain, but obviously we had to cancel Thursday night's crusade. The rain had slowed down by late evening on Thursday, but the sun didn't come out until Friday afternoon. Since many of Pastor Carlos' faithful workers live in housing that is not waterproof, they couldn't be asked to be at the crusade site early Friday morning to begin preparing the property for a crusade. The property owner graciously agreed to allow us to use the property for Sunday as well

as our previously reserved day of Saturday the 16th. This turned our three-day crusade into a two-day event. We did gather on Friday night, the 15th, to scout out what would be needed for additional power, as well as what was needed for the restrooms to function, since we were planning on using an abandoned restaurant building on the property.

Pastor Carlos had put together seven teams of ten persons each. The teams worked on evangelism and publicity a month ahead of the crusade (which is a long time in Mexico); and as usual, his people were trained, efficient and faithful. Gamaliel, who we call Gama, flew in from the mainland the Wednesday before the crusade was to start.

Richard estimated crusade attendance at close to four hundred people for each of the two days. The worship team and Gama's preaching were both powerful. Several people came forward for salvation or to recommit their lives to Christ. Even more came forward for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit and many came forward for prayer for healing. As of this writing, we do not have a head count of first time commitments to Christ or any testimonies of physical healing, but we will definitely share those we might hear.

The reason we chose to have the crusade on the Quinta Real property was to 'marinate' the property in the Holy Spirit. We are still asking the Lord to make a way for Pastor Carlos' main church to be able to have use of the property by the end of this year; at which time he must vacate the empty lot next to his church that he has been renting for several years. Whether we just receive permission to use the property, the funds to rent it for a year or the funds to purchase the entire two and a half acres, we still believe this is the direction the Lord has faithfully been leading us these last eleven months.



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Finishing Touches A New Home for Pastor Carlos



Way back in January-March 2011 when Richard and I came for our first work project in Los Cabos, Pastor Carlos had just purchased a small, humble partially-built home. His plan was to “camp” on the property with his family of five (including his baby at the time, Joshua) and to build his first church building in front of the house. Having not much, if any, construction experience, he was crying out to the Lord for direction.

Within a few days, Richard drove up with our trusty Blazer and covered trailer, along with his expertise and a plethora of tools. I arrived a little over a week later with my ability to shop for building products (and paint when the time came). When we left in mid-March of that year, there was a humble addition added to Pastor Carlos’ house, running water, wired electricity, and the foundation and beginning of the existing church. From that leap of faith at the Lomas del Sol property, Pastor Carlos and his wife, Janet, have realized they needed more space and a home not located in back of a church in a Mexican barrio, where the needy, the bored, and the lonely are often at the door day and night.

It was just a year ago, when we came back from our Christmas break in Michigan, that we found out Pastor Carlos had bought another “fixer-upper” in that short period of time. Since that time, Pastor Carlos—as he has been able to save a little money—has been hiring brothers from the church to work on the house. Then, the blessing from Shane Crowley’s diligence in Michigan surfaced just before it was time for Shane to come. One of his material suppliers in Michigan offered a generous donation for the mission work Shane would be helping with. A good part of that blessing was gladly budgeted for Pastor Carlos’ house.

With funding, Shane and Tracey, and the brothers from Pastor Carlos’ church, who we were able to hire with the donated funds, made great progress laying the blocks for the upstairs of the families’ new home. In addition to the construction, the donated funds were also used to purchase a stove and refrigerator for the home. We were able to take Janet and her family shopping for appliances. It may seem like very slow progress to anyone not living in Mexico, but with all factors considered, this project is moving along quickly. Pastor Carlos and his family have now been living in the home for several weeks and there is an end in sight.

The labor pool necessary for all the finishing, electrical and plumbing virtually dried up this spring/summer. We

have had so much new construction in the area over the last year and a half that anyone who wants to work can be working. Pastor Carlos hired a couple of men who helped Shane and Tracey, but when Shane left, their work ethic left with him. With Pastor Carlos in such a desperate situation, Richard knew he might be the only one who could

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get Pastor Carlos and his family into the home. Consequently, Richard added countless hours of work on Pastor Carlos' house to the work he was already doing, including the finishing of the latest phase of the church at Tierra y Libertad.

There are still some finishing touches that will have to wait for the workman who has committed to do the thin coat over the blocks; as well as the welder who still says he will make the front gate (which is badly needed to secure the home). However, even in this condition, Pastor Carlos, his wife Janet, and their three children Paola, Carlitos and Joshua, are thrilled to be in their new home!

We all send a huge thank you to the generous donor from West Michigan that made the majority of this project possible. Thank-you, Tom, and may God bless you and your business!



The 'Mission' Church at Tierra y Libertad Update



This project has been a progressive one—as the funds have come in and the help has been available. The new addition of a permanent fence and entrance area, which was started by Shane and Tracey Crowley during the first part of the year, is complete!



Richard had expressed his desire to Pastor Carlos for the last stage of the church at Tierra y Libertad to be finished—if Pastor Carlos could find help with the thin-coat, painting and gate. Not only did Pastor Carlos find help, but he and his youngest son, Joshua, helped as well. One of Pastor Carlos' associate pastors, Escary, rounded up a couple of his youth and the group finished the entire project in one day. The project looks wonderful and we want to give a special thanks to Pastor Carlos, Joshua, Escary and the fine young men from his youth group!



Pastor Carlos calls his church plants 'missions' and Tierra y Libertad is one of them. The church has an outreach breakfast on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., followed by Sunday School. The worship service, which we have been attending for almost a year, is held at 4:00 p.m. The mid-week bible study is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and prayer meeting is held on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. The church is only running an average of thirty people, but the presence of the Holy Spirit is heavy and the worship is passionate.

Please remember to pray for all of Pastor Carlos' churches; the mother church (Lomas del Sol), Valle del Cabo, Caribe, and Tierra y Libertad.

We again would like to thank the generous donor from West Michigan who helped fund this most recent phase of the church at Tierra y Libertad. Thank-you all for your prayers and generous giving that makes all we are able to do in Los Cabos possible! Great blessings to all of you.



Establishing Perimeter People

We previously published an article entitled, “Consistent, Intentional Prayer.” We are now ready to launch this extremely necessary initiative in an attempt to bolster a continued, systematic prayer covering for the Municipality of Los Cabos.

In that article (available on our website), I shared the origin of the term “Perimeter People.” I also shared the difficulty we have had in organizing consistent prayer in our area. We desperately need committed Christians who have a passion for the power of prayer and have a burden for the area of Los Cabos—even though living elsewhere. If you are reading this article, you may be one of many the Lord may prompt to commit to this initiative (For those of you who live here and are willing to commit to consistent prayer, thank-you as well. At this time, please send an email to info@newlifeoutreach.us. I will notify you when we launch our local prayer initiative).

- The Purpose of this project is to have consistent prayer coverage for each day of every month of the year. This prayer coverage will be as a canopy of glory, which will begin to protect the Los Cabos area from the influence of the enemy and will reverse existing enemy strongholds.
- We will try to assign your day of the month on a first-requested basis. For any months shorter than 31 days, the prayer partners for the unused days for that month will pray on the last day.
- You may commit to praying for the Los Cabos area as an individual, a couple, a family (immediate or extended), a small group of friends or coworkers, a youth group, a Sunday School class, a Bible study group, or an entire church or business. We are asking for a minimum of fifteen minutes of prayer on your assigned day—up to coverage throughout the entire day for larger groups. Please feel free to be creative and have fun with your commitment.
- We do ask that at any time you find you are unable to continue to fulfill your or your group’s prayer commitment, simply let us know so we can reassign that day of the month. We are extremely grateful for any amount of time you are able to cover the Los Cabos’ area in prayer.
- I will attempt to send each person/group an email each month (near the end of the month) listing the following month’s prayer requests.

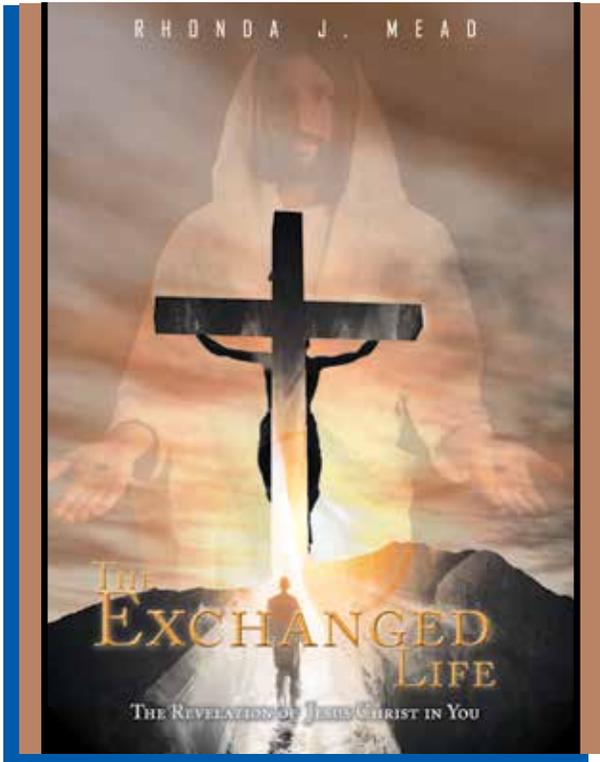
Since there is no time or distance in the spirit realm, the future of the Municipality of Los Cabos can be touched by caring members of the Body of Christ from around the world—just as though you lived here! Please start praying now as to what part the Lord would have for you in this project.

To get started today, please send us your name, along with your contact e-mail address (in the case of a group, please e-mail the name of your contact member, along with his/her contact information). Even if you are unable to make a commitment to be part of the “Perimeter Project,” we still want to thank-you for your concern with what the Lord is doing in Los Cabos, Mexico!

“The strength to do exploits will only develop under extreme pressure; with an unknown future and with no ability to change the situation on your own.”

-Rhonda’s Journal

Now Available: The Exchanged Life



Rhonda's first book, *The Exchanged Life*, has been updated and is now available on Amazon.com and through other retailers world-wide. If you have not read *The Exchanged Life*, we encourage you to pick up a copy today. Here is just a short excerpt...

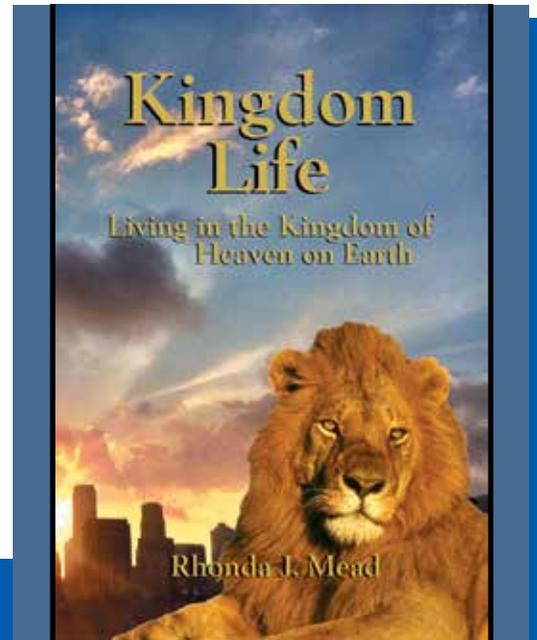
There is more to your Christian walk than you are experiencing! Many writings of the past speak of entering God's rest, the deeper walk, the life hid with Christ in God, or the victorious Christian life. Nonetheless, many, after studying the truths of *The Exchanged Life*, never experience it. Others have earnestly rededicated their lives to Christ numerous times, completely surrendered at every alter call, worked in ministry until they were totally disenchanted and pressed in until they were wore out, yet found the peace and joy the Bible speaks so freely of an elusive dream. If self-effort, zeal, or diligence were the key, many would be experiencing abundant life, but they are not!

God has a reality for you—on this earth—that few will ever taste. The Kingdom of God is at hand and is available for you to walk in now, in preparation for eternity.

If you are drawn to the teaching of the patriarchs of the Church Age...

Watchman Nee, Andrew Murray, Thomas a' Kempis, Major Ian Thomas, Jessie Penn-Lewis, Oswald Chambers, Madame Guyon, T. Austin-Sparks...

...then you will appreciate the depth of the mystery of the Gospel presented inside this volume. It is presented in a way all may understand and enter in.



Rhonda's second book, *Kingdom Life*, is also available. Pick up your copy today!

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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