



## Welcome!

Welcome to the second 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).

## The New Day

When thinking of the last quarter, we simply cannot believe how much God has done! We were blessed to have several friends come down to visit and be a part of what God is doing in Los Cabos. Shane and his wife Tracey came down to work—and we do mean work! They diligently labored on Pastor Miguel's home, rebuilding what the storm had destroyed and, just as our Heavenly Father always does, the end result will be bigger and more beautiful than it was before. He is a God of restoration and Shane and Tracey were his craftsmen, loving many along the way!

We were also blessed to have the Cramblets, the Schneiders, and the Bryants visit. While here, they were able to see what we do first hand, as well as meet and minister with many of our local friends. Nancy gave a dental hygiene demonstration at one of the feeding stations and Howard and Beverly witnessed first-hand the ministry the Samaritan Purse's shoeboxes provide. It was such a blessing having them here



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*The New Day, Continued...*

with us!

We also were blessed to sit down and have lunch with Larry and Marla Haack, Los Cabos friends we have known for two years now. While discussing the vision God has given us for Los Cabos, Marla threw out the idea of hosting a crusade-style revival and said it might be time to “get out of the boat.” Larry instantly began to outline what would be needed and by when if we were to host a crusade around March of 2016. Right then and there, as we talked and prayed, God began to bring to fruition the revival seed He had planted some time ago. We talked over the next several days and laid out who would do what and what would need to be achieved by July 1st (funding and speaker) if plans were to proceed.

Since that time, roughly only three weeks ago, we have talked with Carlos Annacondia’s son, Elijah. Carlos is a well-known Spanish evangelist, often equated to the Billy Graham of Latin America. Every local pastor we talked to in Cabo assured us we would never be able to get him. His son, Elijah, takes care of his crusade planning. While talking to Elijah, we discovered Carlos would be in La Paz in November, and their schedule was free for March of 2016. Not only that, God had put in his heart it was time to begin holding crusades in Mexico!

We also met with Mr. Ongsun, a local businessman. Mr. Ongsun owns a large piece of property near the waterfront in downtown Los Cabos that God has been drawing us to for several years. We had seen a church plant open on the property, but only for a short while. Knowing the owner was possibly a Christian, we found out who owned the land and contacted Mr. Ongsun. It was then that he shared how thirty-two years ago his and his family’s lives had been changed at a revival in the border towns of Mexico. His wife now serves as pastor of a small church. He was elated to hear of a possible revival and offered his land to be used at no cost.

In the meanwhile, Larry and Marla have continued to work while in the United States, contacting those who might be interested in funding the crusade.

All this in just three weeks! When God said it was a new day, we could not have begun to imagine what all He had in mind. I have a feeling, we still can’t! While none of the plans have been finalized, it is exciting to forge ahead as we catch a glimpse of what God might be up to!

Please read on for more about these last few months and all God has been up to, and please keep us in your prayers, as well as the ministries we work with, and the crusade plans themselves. We love you and can’t thank you enough for your continued prayers and support!

Love, Richard & Rhonda

## Blessed by Friends

We were recently blessed to have Richard’s best friend from high school, Rick Cramblet, his wife Nancy, our dental hygienist and friend from Michigan, Nancy Schneider, and her husband, Rick, in the Los Cabos area. You are absolutely right! We had three Richards and two Nancys. I felt left out being a Rhonda.





On one Tuesday during their visit, we all went to Cabo Church's Tierra y Libertad feeding station. There, Nancy S. gave a dental demonstration for the kids. The kids just loved her! She handed out stickers to the children and we had tooth brushes and toothpaste to distribute to the children, as well. By the way, there's a fun story behind the toothpaste. Richard was talking to a couple on the plane ride home from Christmas in Michigan. As Richard shared what we do down here, she asked if we had a need for toothpaste. He shared about the upcoming dental demonstration and that we would love to have the toothpaste. Right in the Los Cabos airport, this kind sister in the Lord opened her suitcase and gave us approximately one hundred tubes of toothpaste. Now that's a divine appointment!





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## **Bigger, Better & More Beautiful Rebuilding Pastor Miguel's House**

It was that time of year again; the time for Shane Crowley (and his wife Tracey, who works besides him) to again wow Los Cabos with masonry skills. The local brothers who so graciously volunteered to work on the project with Shane and Tracey could barely keep up with them, and Pastor Carlos had a difficult time keeping them supplied with cement blocks—in what was still—post hurricane building supply conditions.

This was the second mission trip to Los Cabos for Shane and Tracey, and even before they knew they were coming back again, Pastor Carlos had been asking if they would be returning. We, along with Pastor Carlos, had a burden to rebuild Pastor Miguel's house, which was completely swept away into Cabo Valle by Hurricane Odile and he knew Shane was the man for the job.

Before Pastor Miguel's house was even a project, Pastor Carlos spoke prophetically to his congregation that God was going to build a house for Pastor Miguel that was bigger and more beautiful than the house swept into the flooded Cabo Valle Canyon by Hurricane





Odile. Months later, Pastor Miguel's new house has all the exterior and interior walls standing and is presently being prepared for the pouring of the roof. This house is block instead of wood and is larger than the home that was destroyed. Thanks to the hard labor of Shane and Tracey Crowley and Pastor Carlos' faithful men, this was accomplished in just five weeks!

Shane and Tracey were also able to bring down the majority of the funds to build the house from friends in the West Michigan area, including friends from their home church,

Kainay in Muskegon, MI. Shane's business, Crowley Masonry of Fremont, MI, and money from the 7M Mission Fund we help supervise brought in the rest of the projected budget. What a great victory for the work of the Lord!

A big thank-you to anyone who gave to either of the fund raising efforts! We also want to thank all of you who enabled us to facilitate this project through your prayers and support that keep us in Los Cabos, MX!



The faithful crew hold up fingers to indicate days on the project



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## **Samaritan's Purse: Operation Shoebox Cristo es el Camino in Caribe**

It may not be Christmas time, but the gift giving is still going strong. The caravan of semi-trucks loaded with Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes from Operation Christmas Child was held up at the US/Mexican border for over a month by the Mexican government. We don't know the exact details, but we do know the Shoe Boxes were late getting to Los Cabos.

Shane Crowley, who was in the area working on rebuilding Pastor Miguel's house, was able to go to the Operation Christmas Child giveaway at Cristo es el Camino in Caribe. Shane graciously agreed to take pictures for us so you could share in the excitement this program has brought to Los Cabos.

Samaritan's Purse required that we have at least fifty churches in our area attend their pre-Christmas, full-day training session. Without this many participating churches agreeing to handle the program (according to Samaritan's Purse's standards), Los Cabos would not have been able to participate in the program. As it was, the only reason Los Cabos was included was due to the fact that the churches in La Paz forfeited their shoe boxes this year so that our area might have them for the first time!

A booklet explaining the plan of salvation comes in each box in the child's native language. Pastors of the participating

churches must agree to meet with each of the families, introducing Jesus as Christ to the family, as well as discipling the child/family. The families must agree to let their children attend a twelve week bible study—provided by Samaritan's Purse—in order for their child/children to receive a box.





## An Introduction to Jesus Bev & Howard Witness Shoebox Bible Study

We were recently blessed to have long time friends, Bev and Howard Bryant from Shiloh Tabernacle in Muskegon, MI, with us. While here, they were able to witness first-hand the evangelical reach Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child has. It was a great thrill for Howard and Bev to be able to personally see the extremely effective, twelve-week bible study that is required for every child who receives a shoebox (Shiloh Tabernacle having prepared and shipped 400 shoeboxes to Samaritan's Purse Ministries this past holiday season)!

They were able to attend the follow-up bible study, which is being held at Cristo es el Camino Church, Tierra y Libertad. The bible study was facilitated by Lupe Hernandez from Feeding Los Cabos Kids. Pastor Carlos and his fabulous teaching team were there to help, too. This was a great coordinated effort between Cabo English Church's Feeding Los Cabos Kids and the Cristo es el Camino churches.

The bible study materials were supplied by Samaritan's Purse. The ministry includes full color, bible study booklets with the shoeboxes when they are shipped, along with training for the program! It

really is more than just small presents – it is the gift of hope and an introduction to Jesus Christ!

Bev and Howard told us Shiloh Tabernacle's goal is to pack 700 shoeboxes this coming year! At times, Samaritan's Purse has allowed churches to specify where their shoeboxes are sent. Bev and Howard think it would be great fun to contact Samaritan's Purse and ask for this year's 700 shoeboxes to be sent to Los Cabos. They said they never imagined they would be able to see an example of the powerful program shoeboxes start!





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## Meet Marla Haack

I was given the honor of helping to pray for women at Marla Haack's women's conference last year. The conference was held at Pastor Luis Benavides' Church. Marla and her husband, Larry, have a healing and deliverance ministry in the Chicago, IL area and minister for several weeks each year in the Los Cabos area. They have made the trip to minister here each year for the past 12 years.

I was again honored to pray with Marla this year, as well as help find translators for the conference. We were blessed by having two ladies from Cabo English Church translate for us; Lupe Hernandez and her friend Suzanne, both having healing ministries of their own.

Marla gave a compelling word and the ladies were eager for prayer. We prayed for the Lord to touch and heal many from past emotional wounds. We also prayed for several physical needs.

Pastor Benavides' wife, Mary, and her ladies served a very nice luncheon and the event was a success as usual!





*Surely a present word for the church today is to remove the places from our lives where Satan can get a foothold. Over and over again, as I counsel and pray for even mature Christians, this admonition keeps coming forth. For the army of Christ to be a formable foe in the days ahead, any opening for the enemy to gain ground must be removed. The following article is Part I of *The Devil Has No Claim on Me*.*

## **The Devil Has No Claim on Me**

*I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.] —John 14:30 (AMP)*

Jesus could say He had finished what He was called to do since the devil had no part in Him. We could think that is totally unremarkable since we never suspected the devil would have any part in the Christ, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. However, on the other hand, we might wonder why Jesus, near the end of His life, would make a point of saying the enemy had no part in Him.

The statement Jesus made was very significant. Jesus didn't waste words, so why would He make a point of saying the devil "has no claim on Me," or as the NASB states, "he (the devil) has nothing in me." Jesus was the God-Man, fully God and fully man. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, He never inherited the sinful nature of Adam and never had anything in common with the father of lies. As a man, He lived a sinless life, a life which the devil never had a claim on, for there was no sin found in Him. Judicially, He defeated the devil once and for all at the cross, as the spotless Lamb of God, the only possible, acceptable sacrifice for all of mankind. The devil never had any power over Jesus and it's time for the devil to stop having power over us!

### **He Only Needs a Foothold**

"A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough" (Galatians 5:9). When baking bread, in proportion to the whole lump of dough, it only takes a

small amount of yeast to affect the entire lump. Satan knows this is also true in the lives of believers. If we are prone to wanting to be respected or needing to feel good about ourselves, he will gladly let us lead religious lives; serve in many capacities in our churches, as well as in any number of good or godly activities with relatively no interference. If our natural tendency is to esteem intelligence, wisdom, and knowledge, Satan may even encourage us to spend hours studying the bible, as well as reading many 'meaty' Christian books; "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Timothy 3:7). He will stand back and watch with possibly little to no interruption, because he knows the foothold(s) he has in our lives that are accessible for his plan "to steal and kill and destroy" (John 10:10).

When he desires to destroy a church or a person's ministry, he has Christians in place who have allowed the enemy to retain footholds in their lives. He can send a seductive spirit in through the church secretary and destroy the shepherd of the flock. He can stir up a spirit of perversion in a well-meaning believer and destroy the life of a young person with a mighty call of God on their lives, or maybe cause continual church splits through jealousy, gossip, or backbiting. I trust you can see the pattern. All he needs is a wounded spirit or broken heart that has not been healed, a besetting sin that has never been brought to the light, or just plain flesh—the part of our mind, will and emotions programmed by our pre-Christ nature (the old man) that has never been renewed. That is all the devil needs to wreak havoc in the Body of Christ.

### **The Temptation of Christ**

The account of Jesus' temptation by the devil is recorded in the first part of Matthew chapter four. Jesus had been fasting 40 days and 40 nights and was very hungry. You can expect the enemy of your soul to hit you in your weakest moment, in your weakest place. Since Jesus was extremely hungry, the first of three temptations from Satan came as such:

*"If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is*



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*written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'*" —Matthew 4:3b-4

What was wrong with Jesus turning stones into bread so he could eat? Absolutely nothing if it were the provision of the Father, rather than the temptation of the devil. This principle is shown by Jesus' answer to Satan. He only acted on the present word of the Father for the current situation. Scripture is clear; Jesus said He did only what He saw His Father doing (which He was able to do, due to their undisturbed fellowship in the spirit).

From the time we are born again, from the time our spirit-man is united with Christ, the Father's intention is to be able to lead us and guide us according to His will for our lives. "He wants us to know that He is requiring of us, as He required of His Son, such subjection unto His will, and such a sensitivity to His voice, that we will do only what He is doing, say only what He is saying, and get involved only in what He Himself has ordained as His particular and specific purpose for our lives."<sup>1</sup>

*"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.*  
—Matthew 16:24b

It would have been sin for Jesus to turn the stones into bread because He knew it was not the will of His Father; "Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The Christian life is not a list of do's and don'ts, it's a relationship with the God of the universe, through His Son Jesus Christ. Anything apart from total dependence on the life of Christ within us leaves a foothold for the enemy.

In Mathew 4:6, we find Satan's second try at getting Jesus, "to fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

*If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT*

*STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'* "Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"  
—Matthew 4:6,7

Aside from ignoring the first Christ-life principle of doing only what he saw His Father doing, what would be the problem with trusting His Father to protect Him? The answer to this question is probably found in another question; why did Satan choose this particular temptation? Satan, being very cunning, made sure he chose a high place where many people could see what would happen. The pinnacle of the temple hovered over the temple courts below, where many Jews would be about their temple business. If Jesus had jumped off that pinnacle, it would have looked like a motion picture as the angels of heaven flew in, catching Him before He ever touched the stones below. He would immediately have been famous—just like a movie star! However, in Jesus' case, it would have proved He was the Messiah, the Son of God. This sudden acknowledgment of being the Messiah may have kept Him from the insults, the rejection and grief, the beatings, and ultimately death. If He had jumped off the pinnacle of the temple, independent from the will of the Father, it may have allowed Him to avoid the cross.

Jesus' answer to Satan's temptation reveals another significant Christ-life principle. Scripture was not written so we could find a verse to rationalize our attitudes or actions—things we really know are not the Father's will but are still planning to do. We may be able to find a scripture to use to justify what we want to do, but there is always a heart problem when we desire to stray from God's best for us. This way of thinking is like seeing how close we can walk to the edge of a cliff without falling off. If this is your flesh pattern, the underlying problem is rebellion from a self-centered heart. As long as you choose to avoid the cross—which is the only hope for the death blow to your self-centeredness—your carnality will continue to be a foothold for the devil.

Satan's final temptation for Christ is found in Mathew 4:8-10. It is clear from the audacity of the temptation that Satan was desperate.



*Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”*

*Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’”* —Matthew 4:8-10

Before delving into the ramifications for Christ, as well as the entire human race, if He had taken Satan’s offer, we need to clarify Satan’s current position. Christ Himself called Satan “the ruler of this world” in three separate places in scripture.

*“Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”* —John 12:31

*“I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me”* —John 14:30

*And concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.* —John 16:11

Along with these texts, in II Corinthians, the Apostle Paul called Satan “the god of this world.”

*In whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*  
—II Corinthians 4:4

These verses provide the two or three witnesses needed for a word to be established! At this time in history, Satan remains the God of this world (system). Christ judicially defeated him at the cross, but he still has authority over the kingdoms of this world—all that remains of Adam. This includes the effects of sin upon the world in which we live, unredeemed mankind, and carnality in believers. For if we walk after the flesh rather than after the spirit, we are choosing to walk in the likeness of our old nature, which we inherited from Adam. Satan has no authority in the Kingdom of Heaven, and the Kingdom of Heaven is present in every believer through Christ. Satan is only given authority by the lifting of the Father’s hand,

for His Divine purpose, and by Christians walking after the flesh.

In light of these truths, Satan did have authority to give Jesus, “all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.” If Jesus had truly worshipped Satan, He would have sinned, and Satan would have remained “the god of this world.” If that had happened, Jesus would not have qualified as the acceptable sacrifice for mankind and the world would have remained under Satan’s grip.

Again, the temptation Satan attempted to use to get Jesus to worship him was to offer Christ Jesus what would be His—after the cross, without experiencing the cross. If we as Christians continue to find ‘ways out’ of the situations the Lord allows us to ‘be in,’ our self-life is not dealt with and Satan’s strongholds, no matter how well hidden, remain.

The Lord’s answer to this temptation was, “‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’” Satan’s strategy with each and every Christian is to get us to worship someone or something other than God. The people—including ourselves—or the things we worship become idols in our hearts. An idol is anyone or anything that keeps us from experiencing the cross in our lives; the cross being the pain involved in doing the will of God. In reference to the last temptation, if Jesus had chosen to worship Satan, He would have forfeited the purpose for which He was placed in Mary’s womb. The idols of our hearts, if not dealt with, remain footholds for the enemy and will cause us to fall short of our God-given destiny received in our mother’s womb.

## **Final Words**

The Lord is looking for a Bride without spot or wrinkle. He is looking for Joel’s army; an army that no foe can stand in the way of. Our Father is looking for many sons (and daughters), made in the image of His Son and fashioned into His likeness. The Lord Jesus is looking for temples, not made with hands, who can carry His glory to a lost and dying world. He is waiting for us to become



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vessels fit for the Master's use. The following quote from the late Bill Britton describes what a people becoming progressively free from any claim of Satan looks like.

“Jesus healed the sick, cast out devils and raised the dead to demonstrate the privileges of him who walks in the Kingdom realm, above the limitations of this earthly life. Blind eyes were opened and the lame made to walk without any failures, to show that there is nothing hard for the New Creation Man...The New Creation Man has absolute dominion over all the works of God's hands. All creation bows to his authority. He who walks entirely in the Spirit and is no longer bound to the earth, knows no limitations... So as long as we bear the image of that one (Adam) who is of the earth earthy, we are Satan's rightful food. But as we put on the image of that heavenly one, that life-giving spirit, we no longer are the Serpent's Meat. He no longer has the right to attack us, and he can find nothing in us. When the sons of God have then ministered this life to the world, until the Adamic nature is no longer in evidence, then shall the glory of God cover this earth, and Satan will starve for lack of the old carnal nature to feed upon. Praise God!”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Who Are You?*, George H. Warnock, p. 70

<sup>2</sup> *Reach for the Stars*, Bill Britton, chp. 4, p. 5

**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.