



## Welcome!

Welcome to the third edition of our 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).

## “It’s Time for Change”

### The Climate in Los Cabos is Changing!

The climate in Los Cabos is changing; the Lord has declared it so. He has honored years of prayer and divine proclamations spoken over Los Cabos, including many of our own over the past four years.

In one particular picture during prayer, the Lord highlighted the Cabo San Lucas Bay to me (He has had us praying very specifically over this body of water in recent months). As we have been praying, He has been cleansing the Bay of spiritual defilement. One day, He explained an aspect of ‘dew’ I hadn’t thought about. As we know from basic science, water evaporates, carrying water—along with its character—into the air. In the case of the Cabo San Lucas Bay, the evaporated water floats over the land mass and settles as dew each morning. Prior to the spiritual cleansing of the Bay, every morning centuries of defilement landed as dew on the Los Cabos area, replicating generational idolatry on a daily basis. Then, in my daily bible reading, I saw that in one instance, God withheld the morning dew as judgment against the people; the dew, which unbeknownst to me, kept the harvest from scorching in desert lands during the hot summer months. As I thought about the importance of dew in a desert land, I had an even greater appreciation for the daily ‘redeemed dewdrops’ that now refresh and saturate the land of Los Cabos!

Along with the change of climate—and we know “it’s time for change”—our friends Sam and Karen Knapp introduced us to a great couple, Pastors Mark and Nelly Gulewich. The Gulewichs pastor a church, Vision de Cristo en las Naciones, which they started in San Jose del Cabo (the northeast end of the tourist corridor of Los

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*“Time for Change”—The Climate in Los Cabos is Changing, Continued....*

Cabos) four years ago. In fact, their church is less than ten miles from La Playita, where we originally lived. Even with our continual praying and searching for the Body of Christ in the Los Cabos area, we had no knowledge of the church’s existence until just recently. Pastors Mark and Nelly have been taking leadership classes from Bethel Church in Redding, California for over a year and a half. Richard was recently asked to speak at their church and it was a great blessing to be there. Mark and Nelly have three boys, a precious church congregation, and a good church location. Since they are associated with Bethel Church in Redding, they were aware that ten years ago, Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton prophesied the revival and transformation of the Los Cabos area from La Paz. In fact, up until a year and a half ago, Bethel actually had a ministry base in La Paz (which is the state capitol just two hours northeast of us). God continues to reveal the pieces of His ‘big picture’ and we are simply amazed as His pieces come together!

Another sign of stirring is the continual expansion of Pastor Carlos Maciel’s church, Cristo es el Camino, as well as the work being done in his three church plants. For those of you who might not know, only three years ago Pastor Carlos’ church was a church plant (that we were able to help build) from a larger Assembly of God Church in the area. Carlos now has Sunday School, as well as three additional services on Sundays, and the people are flowing out into the street. He has also been having two midweek services, on two separate nights, due to the demand. He shared with us that he has been running around 200 people in a church the size of a narrow barrio (neighborhood) lot. Then the Lord made His move. Out of nowhere, the owner of the empty lot next door (which the owner wants \$30,000 US dollars for) stopped to talk to Pastor Carlos. He has been hearing about the change that Pastor Carlos and his church family have been making on the inner city community. He then asked Pastor Carlos if he

wanted to rent the lot next to the overflowing church. When Pastor Carlos asked what the rent would be, the land owner told Pastor Carlos to name the price. Pastor Carlos said 1000 pesos a month (between \$70 and \$85 US dollars depending on the exchange rate). The land owner agreed and told him he had use of it for at least a year. This is the miraculous provision for space where there was none! Pastor Carlos called his faithful men to meet the task and to bring their money with them. He doesn’t browbeat his people but he does teach them total abandonment and commitment and they joyfully responded. They are now expanding the church into the empty lot next door. Just in case you are, don’t worry about money being wasted, Pastor Carlos and his men have a method of erecting structures, with the intention of moving every bit of building material at a later date—and only God knows what the land owner will say between now and the end of a year. Pastor Carlos’ vision is to set many small fires through the barrios of Los Cabos until they burst into one consuming holy fire!

These are only three accounts of what the Lord is beginning to do in Los Cabos but we know that what God has said, He will do and His purposes will be established in the earth. The Father sent Jesus to not only redeem mankind but also His entire creation. The earth has already been redeemed, but it is up to us to reclaim it in the name of the Lord and in the power of His might! Whatever our view of eschatology might be, there is one change we can look forward to, “But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells” (II Peter 3:13).



## Pastor Carlos Maciel

### Our Brother of Faith & Purpose

We have known Pastor Carlos for four years now. He was our first translator when we first began our journey back in February of 2010. He was with us as we were first sent to tell the area pastors, churches and individual believers that God intended to invade Los Cabos with His Spirit.

In January 2011, we were by his side as he finished a humble home on the backside of the property he had purchased to build a church—in a place where many of you might not want to get out of your car. He chose that lot because he believed God wanted him in the barrios—even if the land was more expensive and the conditions were worse. This first church now has Sunday School, as well as three packed services every Sunday. They also have two mid-week services because everyone cannot fit into the church for one mid-week service.

His first church plant (his church only being three years old), has passed its one-year anniversary! We inaugurated the structure on purchased property on May 3, in addition to two other church plants (which I will be blogging on at a later time).

This all leads to what I'm really sharing today. On April 13, Pastor Carlos had Richard speak in the Sunday evening time slot. Since Richard was

speaking, we had our new translator with us, Nester, who is a special gift from God. Since Nester translated every word that Pastor Carlos said for us, we heard a part of the service that our limited knowledge of Spanish had

missed. Pastor Carlos walked back and forth on the stage several times during worship, encouraging his people; "Speak with your mouth these things out loud! Holy Spirit, I surrender to you. I submit to you. Have Your way in my life. Fill me, for without You we can do nothing." Pastor Carlos continued to cry out to the Lord for His presence to come into the church and into the lives of his people—"for we cannot go on without Your presence."

As Richard and I sat there (I almost in tears), we knew why God had chosen our friend to take the Kingdom of God to the barrios of Los Cabos. Pastor Carlos' vision is to start fires (smaller churches) all over the barrios until they unite into one big fire that will set Los Cabos ablaze.

Please remember to pray for Pastor Carlos and his churches!

## On-Line Donations Now Available!

It is a great blessing to announce on-line donations are now available. After procuring some extra help and wading our way through banking protocols, we are pleased to now offer options for both one-time and recurring donations on our web site: [www.newlifeoutreach.us](http://www.newlifeoutreach.us). You may also donate using your bank's 'Bill Pay' service or by sending checks to the address shown below.

Thank you to our family, friends, and steadfast supporters who continue to faithfully support us financially, in prayer and through intercession. Thank You!

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## The Kingdom of God is Coming Get Ready

On Sunday evening, April 27, Pastor Carlos blessed me with the opportunity to preach at his church. The opportunities to speak in a culture where women are still very oppressed are few. The Lord gave me a specific word to proclaim, “The Kingdom of God is Coming—Get Ready.”

I prepared my message on basic scriptures that explain the Kingdom of God being within us, and the Lord said, “It’s not going to sound like that. The Kingdom of God is coming. Be ready.” I again restructured my message with more of a prophetic challenge, although I didn’t know if these young believers were ready for it. Several days later, the Lord again spoke to my heart, letting me know it still wasn’t right. I rewrote it once again, expecting the Holy Spirit to rearrange the message as needed while I spoke.

I did get through the first three scriptures, but as often is the case, the last half of the message wasn’t what I had planned on in my first, second or third drafts! The presence of the Lord was very heavy and the people responded with open hearts.

Please pray for the continued outpouring of God’s presence in Los Cabos!





## World Cup Soccer at Ballena

On June 12, the kids at the La Ballena Feeding Station (one of 11 of Cabo English Church's feeding stations) were blessed beyond description with new soccer nets—just before the World Cup Series.

Carlos (Breeze) Garcia came up with the idea of buying the materials to make soccer goals for the kids at La Ballena. Tony Garcia chipped in and the two of them came over to our garage to work with Richard to manufacture the goals. The goals were taken apart for the ride to Ballena in the back of our faithful Montero and completely reassembled at the church/feeding station at Ballena.

The kids played in the street in front of the feeding station (due to the barb wire fence running along the half-lot next to the church). The few vehicles that did come along were full of smiles as they saw the local kids having so much fun!



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## We finally have ‘The Map!’

As many of you know, one of our goals for 2014 is to continue to ‘prayer walk’ the streets of Cabo San Lucas. Prayer walking is specific prayer for a street or area—systematically covering each street and each section of an area with targeted prayer. This also includes, when possible, having a church, Christian family or individual help by ‘adopting’ a street or section. Adopting an area can include: continually monitoring the section for prayer needs, ministering to people living in the area, letting the people know you are available for prayer if they need it, and speaking blessing and peace to the area and the people that live in it.



We started looking for a printed or printable map showing all the streets of Cabo San Lucas. The internet would only print a very small portion at a time and would not give us the overall layout of the city. Bookstores didn’t have one. The gas stations didn’t have one and neither did any of the tourist shops. We finally started asking a variety of people and were sent us on a number of wild goose chases over a period of several months (as we had time to pursue the map-quest). Finally, one helpful employee at the Delegacion told us to go to Catastro (I now have the spelling. At the time, I wasn’t sure if I understood enough to even search for it on the internet).

The employee gave us instructions as to where the Catastro was and told us the office was actually northeast of us in San Jose del Cabo. When our daughter and grandson, Amber and Roman, were here in March, the three of us started walking according to the directions I had received. We finally found the government office, the Catastro, which is actually the register of deeds. The lady at the desk told me I had to bring a letter to them in order to get a map (which was a fun challenge considering the language barrier).

We returned home to Cabo San Lucas and I later returned to Catastro with a letter, which—not knowing exactly what they needed in a letter requesting a map—asked for a map because we were a Christian ministry wanting to pray for all the streets in Cabo San Lucas. The receptionist had an interesting look on her face!

I was then sent to the back of the building where a very kind man told me he was just filling in for his parents that day and it would be the next day before they could prepare an official map for me. Two days later, I made it back to get the map. The kind man then asked me if I had my passport so I could purchase the map (that thought never occurred to me either)! Knowing the struggle I had endured, he asked his boss if he could buy it for me, so I wouldn’t have to drive up there again. They graciously allowed me to purchase the map that way.

It was quite an adventure just acquiring the map. I can’t wait to see what God has in store as individuals, churches, and families begin to ‘adopt’ each section of Cabo San Lucas!

We’ve posted a picture of the map here. I’m not sure how it will print, but if you’re inspired to do so, please print a copy, remember us, and pray for the transformation of Cabo San Lucas, as well as all of Los Cabos!



## Las Palmas: Cleansing the Area through Prayer

On Saturday, April 26, Pastor Carlos sent prayer warriors from all three of his churches to walk the streets of Las Palmas—the location of one of his newest church plants. He encouraged the people to walk, pray and proclaim as the Lord led.

The prayer walk began at 6:00 p.m. that Saturday evening with over thirty people spread out in groups of three or four. With our official Cabo San Lucas street map (see previous article), we were excited to have close-up copies of the streets of Las Palmas available for each prayer team.

Again, the amazement is how Pastor Carlos' people come together in number, with great joy, to kick start each new church plant. One day earlier, Pastor Carlos and some of his people were at the new church plant site when a woman came up to them and told Pastor Carlos that every church group that comes to Las Palmas only comes for one day and never comes back. Her message was a haughty one—telling Pastor Carlos a church would not remain in that area. Needless to say, Pastor Carlos' group assured her that wasn't going to be the case and prayed accordingly.

Please pray for this new church plant. The darkness is great, but that only gives our Heavenly Father more room to show Himself mighty through His servants!





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## An Inauguration to Remember

On May 3, we were blessed to be a part of the re-opening of Pastor Carlos' first church plant—Cabo Valle, led by Pastor Miguel. Pastor Carlos referred to the festivities as the church's inauguration. After looking up the definition, I couldn't agree more. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, an inauguration is: "A ceremonial induction into office." I can't think of a better concept then inducting the building and the church family into the official office—Preacher of Jesus Christ.

The original church structure (on rented property), was twisted and tore down last October during a cyclone that sat spinning in the Cabo San Lucas Bay for nearly 24 hours. Shortly after the storm, one of our ministry partners saw the need and provided money for new materials to rebuild the structure.

Shortly after the first of the year, Pastor Carlos, his team of faithful men from his church, and volunteers from all three church plants, as well as Richard and Shane Crowley, spent the next few months







excavating, putting in a septic tank, water lines and a fully-functioning bathroom—all on a newly purchased lot. The resulting structure was sturdy and impressive for the investment.

Pastor Miguel and his team handed out invitations to the surrounding neighborhood for the church service and festivities—including a carry-in dinner. The excited church family dressed up for the occasion! The presence of the Holy Spirit was strong. Pastor Carlos spoke to the packed church. The elders (including Richard and I) anointed the posts and entrance to the building. The prayer for the new work was powerful.

Please pray for the church plants at Cabo Valle, Las Palmas and Caribe!





## **A Temporary Shelter Feeding Station - Lactea**

Four years ago, there were as many as 200 women and children attending the Lactea feeding station in one of the poorest, most depressing squatter areas. The brother in charge became ill and the site was abandoned. Then, temporarily, Cabo English Church was able to use a nearby lot to resume a feeding/ministry program.

Around six weeks ago, our friends Tony and Lupe Hernandez, who are on staff at Cabo English Church and are in charge of directing the church's eleven feeding stations, came to me with a request. They asked me to come see the condition of this feeding station. They meet every Tuesday morning in a dry, dusty lot with no water, no power and not enough seating. The only building for us to use is a storage shed and the only shade (at the time) was along the eve of the storage building and along the eve of a neighboring house. My first time there was for Children's Day, which is a national holiday. There were around 100 women and children in attendance that day.

The lot this feeding station is now on, owned by Cabo English Church, is scheduled to be plowed within the year—with no more of a specific time schedule than that—a permanent feeding station (including a kitchen) cannot be constructed. Since the church has a document with 'right to use' (this is Ehido land, which is Mexican Indian land, which can only be leased but not sold), the church is guaranteed the equivalent of a double lot in the new location the government is moving the squatter residents (who have paperwork) to. Tony and Lupe know that breaking the continuity of a kitchen in the area by waiting for



the new lot would lose the familiarity the station has with the area residents. With this in mind, I went home that day burdened to at least get some temporary shade up at the station.

Richard volunteered to work with Tony and they are currently erecting a metal roof that can be transferred to the new lot whenever the move happens. Meanwhile, someone donated a small portable tent to Feeding Los Cabos Kids, which gave us a little shade.

One precious story, which I couldn't take a picture of since I was on one corner of the tent, was when we had to move the tent a few feet as we were setting up for the day. The children had already grabbed their plastic chairs and somehow managed to line up nicely (and I might add quickly) under the little available shade. As we moved the tent, they picked up the arms of their chairs—while still sitting in them and moved with more order than I've ever seen adults move. I think it might have been their desire to not lose out on an inch of the shade in the 100 degree summer sun! It was a precious sight seeing them move together, keeping out of the sun's heat.





## A Call to Christian Repentance

“...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” —Mark 1:15

When the word “repent” was used in the New Testament, it was typically addressing those who did not know Jesus Christ as their Messiah. Many times the audience included those who were very religious, but had no understanding of a need for a savior. Traditionally, repentance has been taught as a need for unbelievers—to turn around 180 degrees from the present way of life, to God’s way.

Certainly, this will always be true. However, the current crisis in the Body of Christ is that most Christians have not turned from ‘their ways’ to God’s ways hardly any degree at all. The majority of the Body of Christ is so close in their thinking and lifestyle to that of the world that they could easily turn away from the Lord, and it wouldn’t be a very big turn.

For years, as I’ve read the first half of Matthew 24, I’ve rationalized, ‘tributionalized,’ or ignored such phrases as “many will fall away” (Matt. 24:10) and “most people’s love will grow cold” (Matt. 24:12). I just could not imagine how anyone who really knew the Lord could ever walk away from Him. As the words to a popular song resound, “If you really knew Him the way that I knew Him you’d never walk away,” but I’m deeply concerned that few believers know Him in His death and resurrection to the place where they cannot live without Him. With much agony and grief, I am now watching this happen before my very eyes—and I fear this is just the beginning.

In January 1992, the Lord gave me a short message for the Body of Christ. At the time, I found the words so foreign to my thinking. I would have doubted whether they were from God, except for the clarity of the Spirit’s voice and the power in which they came. I compared them to Matthew 24. Being confirmed by scripture, I waited to see what would come to pass. I now know, without a doubt, those words were the beginning of a proclamation to the church regarding impending danger. The message was:

“There shall come a time when my people shall no longer heed My voice. In that time there will be a great falling away. Beware lest you be one of these.”

What can be done to not be counted among those who turn their back on Him? According to Vine’s Expository Dictionary, repentance means, “to change one’s mind or purpose.” We must change our minds, get a new understanding of God’s purpose for us and lastly, develop such an intimate relationship with Jesus that we live moment by moment in complete dependence on Him.

### Repentance is Changing Your Mind

Without a change of mind there will be no change. In scripture this is called the renewing of the mind. “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...” (Rom. 12:2). “That, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,” (Eph. 4:22, 23). “If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on the things that are on the earth” (Col. 3:1, 2).

We must program our computer (our brain) with the truth of God so that our operating system (our mind) has accurate data to process. This process of renewal through exposure to the truth needs to be a daily discipline. We must be willing to lay down any preconceived ideas we have held to in order to pursue the truth presented in the Bible.

If you still do not see the desperate need for repentance in the Body of Christ, maybe the following questions will paint a picture for you:

- How many Christians rationalize divorce and sex outside of marriage? Do you?

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- How many Christians lie, cheat, gossip, are jealous, greedy, bitter, unkind, unforgiving, have outbursts of anger and justify their sin? Do you?
- How many Christians are so bound by their lifestyle that they are slaves to major indebtedness, work all the overtime they can get and have no time for bible study, attending church with their families or Christian fellowship as they strive for material gain? Are you?
- How many Christians rob their employers through slothfulness, excessive time taken for lunches and breaks, bringing company property home, and poor attitudes? Do you?
- How many Christians have holiness as a goal in their lives to the extent that it affects their everyday language, what they listen to and what they look at—let alone their hearts? Do you?

All of these questions can be summed up in one: How many Christians care about what God cares about more than anything else? Do you? It is time for Christians everywhere to change their minds to God's way of thinking!

## **Repentance is a Change in Purpose**

The second part of Vine's definition of repentance is a "change in purpose." Why did God leave you on this earth? What are you supposed to be doing while you're here? The answer to purpose is also two-fold.

First of all, everyone who has been "baptized into Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:3) through new birth is destined to be transformed into the same image (II Cor. 3:18). "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined (planned [my paraphrase]) to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren" (Rom. 8:24). Of course, we didn't receive new bodies or souls at our new birth so we don't look like Jesus, but we did receive a new spirit. As we renew our minds and allow our spirit to rule our soul (mind, will and emotions), we will start to become like Jesus (II Cor. 4:10-11)—usually ever so slowly. God is not

American and He's not in a hurry!

Please do not try to act like Jesus, you can't! If you could, you wouldn't have needed Him in the first place. Your part is to choose His way. His part is to empower you. By faith, just consider His powerful life living in you (Rom. 6:4-8), and depend on His ability for your inability (grace) to change you day by day.

## **Why on Earth?**

One reason the Lord left us on earth—as opposed to bringing us to heaven as soon as we were born again—was to leave us in an environment that would continually present us with the opportunity to choose or reject the path of righteousness. Satan's presence on earth provides the resistance we need to overcome—to grow up in the Lord—as well as offering the option for unrighteous choices. At times, Satan is allowed to touch our lives in ways we would not choose, ways that may bring despair and disheartenment. These times offer opportunity for our faith to grow through believing God will work all things together for good, no matter how bad the circumstances surrounding us. If we had no opposition in life, we would have no strength of character. Strong north winds develop deep roots.

With these thoughts in mind, our main purpose on earth is to be conformed to the image of Christ while we still have a chance—before receiving glorified bodies. This time of transformation is also training us to rule and reign with Christ forever. The level of maturity you attain on this earth, through dying to your ways and choosing God's ways, will largely determine what you do for eternity (not heaven or hell, of course, just your heavenly assignment). The secret to success is loving Jesus so much that you can't stand to live without moment-by-moment communion with Him. Your times of fellowship with Him is the key to transformation. As we behold Him, we become like Him (II Cor. 3:18). If you don't have this passion for Jesus, then ask your Heavenly Father for it.



### **Personal Destiny**

The second part of a “change in purpose” is your personal destiny. Don’t get hung up on the word ‘destiny.’ All that means is the specific plan God has for you. Jeremiah 29:11 says, “For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to bring you to an expected end.” Of course, we all want to know the end before we start, but that usually is not the way God works. By walking in moment-by-moment dependence on Him, His plan will gradually unfold. We curious, in-a-hurry-humans have a very hard time doing this, but this walk of faith is necessary for our growth. “Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not unto your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths” (Prov. 3:5-7 KJV); “...and you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13). Don’t lose your peace over what God has called you to do. Live one day at a time, loving Jesus and faithfully doing what He has revealed to you. God gives information on a need-to-know basis. When you need to know the next step, He’ll let you know. Rick Godwin explains it this way, “When you’re lost, go back to the last place on the map you were sure of and stay there until you get further instructions.” Meanwhile, in childlike faith, enjoy the life He has given you—enjoy where He has you.

### **Intimacy**

Intimacy is a necessity for a good marriage and the Body of Christ is His Bride. As the Bride of Christ, we should long for personal, quiet times with Him. Your enjoyment in your marriage to Christ will be in direct proportion to the intentional time you spend in intimate fellowship with Him. The development of an intimate relationship with Jesus will bring you to a moment-by-moment, complete dependence on Him.

In contrast to intimacy, Revelation 2:2-5 gives us a picture of what is currently happening in the Body of Christ:

“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and found them to be false; and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lamp stand out of its place - unless you repent.” —Revelation 2:2-5

At first glance, it seems like the church this scripture is addressing is doing all of the right things. They’re working hard for God, and they’re not giving up like other saints. They don’t drink, smoke, or chew, or go with those who do. What more could you ask for? The problem is not what they are doing. They are obviously doing the right things. The problem is that they have diverted their attention from Christ to works done in His name. The phrase “deeds you did at first” could be a little confusing, but let’s think of our first deeds.

In the beginning, we were so in love with Jesus that we didn’t think much about the cares and concerns of this world because we had experienced the One Who loved us when we were still sinners. We loved Him back so totally that we didn’t have to go on ‘visitation’ in order to tell others about Him because we couldn’t keep quiet. We didn’t know enough to teach, preach, lead, and govern the Body, so we had time to just spend with Him and to devour the Word. We didn’t know much about the bible or doctrine, so we were naïve enough to pray—believing for everything, expecting answers, and leaving the rest up to Daddy. These were some of our first deeds.

Obviously, there is work to be done in order for the Body of Christ to run smoothly, but this can never replace our intimacy with our Beloved or our dependence on Him. It is important to carefully follow His leading as to where and when we are to labor. The continuing need does not constitute a call. It is the Lord’s Body, and it is up to Him to recruit the

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laborers and finances for His work. Until we adhere to these truths, we will be in danger of falling into the same rut as the church at Ephesus—the rut that diverted their attention away from Christ and toward works done in His name.

## **A Call to Repentance**

God is calling us to repent. He desires for us to live forever with Him, enjoy the abundant life Jesus died to give us, and to rule and reign with Christ in His kingdom. When Christ went to the cross, defeated all Satan had imposed on mankind due to Adam's fall, and rose from the dead, the Kingdom of God became available to us. Through renewing our minds, seeking God's purpose for our lives, and nurturing an intimate relationship with Christ, we can begin to experience the Kingdom of God on this earth. As Christ reigns in our hearts, His life and character will begin to be ours in experience.

The church of Jesus Christ is in dire need of repentance. Without a change of mind, purpose, and level of intimacy—in the dark days ahead—there is a danger of falling away for the members of His Body. This is a matter of 'life and death,' for, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12).

Repentance is also crucial for the end-time purposes of God. Without repentance, the Bride will never bear the image of Christ and the world will never see Jesus. He is the only One Who will draw all men unto Himself.

*\*All scriptures taken from the NASB unless otherwise stated.*

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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