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His Leading

Welcome! Welcome to the second edition of our 2021 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.

A Glorious Future Ahead

The beginning of this article is in reference to God's intent and plans for the United States, but there is a spiritual connection between our homeland and Mexico. In 2009 – an entire year before the Lord called us to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico – He led our ministry prayer team in Muskegon, Michigan to months of intense prayer for Mexico. As God shared His heart and passion for the spiritual freedom of Mexico, it became very clear that the future of Mexico could depend on a spiritual awakening in the United States. That is still true today! There are many connections between our two countries.

What is the Lord Saying?

During my quiet time with the Lord, He impressed upon me the beginning of a new era... 'This is the beginning of a new era. The old will pass away and the new is breaking forth as the first rays of dawn. This is the dawning of a new day for the United States. All that has diminished her beauty and weakened the accomplishment of her purpose (Isaiah 46:9-10) will be 'reformed' into the nation she was destined to be – "One Nation, Under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."¹ This will come to pass! There is no 'Plan B.'

'I (God) have established the resurrection of the foundational truths for America that are necessary for her 'rebirth.' All is in order. All is set in place and ready to be revealed. What is to come will be glorious! What I (God) am about to do will change history and build upon the foundation of the founding fathers. America will 'rise up' to the stature that has been 'endowed' upon her and her 'shame' will be cleansed from within. This is "the day of the vengeance of our God" (Isaiah 61:2). I (God) will purge 'darkness' from her until she is as bright as the "morning star." The entire world will watch in amazement; and by what I (God) do with America the world will know that I (God) am King and I (God) am the supreme ruler of the universe. Justice will reign supreme!

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With This in Mind, What Should Our Response Be?

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:1-2, NKJV, **my emphasis**)*

Our response to the Lord should be to “present” our “bodies” as “a living sacrifice.” A living sacrifice was an animal that was brought to the temple as a sacrifice, but rather than being offered on the altar, it was given to the priests as a service animal all the days of its life. In light of the times in which we live, the least we can do is to give ourselves to whatever the Lord would ask us to do with no reservation. It is important not to hold back unconditional surrender out of fear of what the Lord might ask of us. If we just give up the right to control our own lives, nothing He asks will ever be a problem again!

Paul went on in Romans 12:1 to say that to “present” our “bodies a living sacrifice” was our “reasonable service.” The word “reasonable” comes from the Greek word “logikós,”² and means “logical because divinely reasonable,” or in other words, “what is logical to God”(not what is logical to us)! I like to say that with what Christ has done in us and for us and will continue to do for us for eternity, presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice is the least we can do.

The founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and Nyack College, A.B. Simpson, wrote about the spiritual conditions in the day in which he lived – the last half of the nineteenth century – as if he lived in the times we now find ourselves in. He spoke of the dire need for Christians in his day to have “intense earnestness.”³ Intense earnestness being defined as having, “a whole heart for Christ, the passion sign of the cross, the enthusiasm of our whole being for our Master and humanity – this is what the Lord expects. This is what the cross deserves, this is what the world needs and this is what the age has a right to look for.”³

When I think of intense earnestness I think of the commitment that many people have for the ‘cause’ of their choice; whether it be saving an endangered animal, recycling trash, or any one of a large number of ‘causes’ out there. No matter how good, needful, or even noble they are, most of these initiatives have nothing to do with the eternal; “for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal (II Corinthians 4:18b).” If we are willing to sacrifice our time, expend great effort, and use our finances for that which is only temporary; how much more expectation should God have for his people to exhibit “intense earnestness” for that which He calls them to?

“Victory for God is never won by the multitude. The man who dares to go where others hold back will find himself alone, but he will see the glory of God and enter into the secrets if eternity.”

*– Gordon Watt; Springs in the Valley,
Nov. 21, Mrs. Charles E. Cowman*

The Baptism of Fire

*As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** (Matthew 3:11, **my emphasis**)*

John the Baptist was the forerunner for Christ; the one who announced His coming and His purpose for being sent to earth. As John compared his calling to the necessity of Christ’s coming and to the power of His ministry, he emphasized that he (John) could only baptize people with water but that the Lord would “baptize... with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

One Saturday morning – within the last three years – Richard and I were praying during our weekly time of intercession at Cabo English Church. The presence of the Lord became very intense; and then the Lord spoke these words to my heart, “Pray for the baptism of fire throughout the city.” From that time until now, I have been

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seeking the Lord for a more thorough understanding of the importance of the baptism of fire for the day in which we live.

Many professing Christians in America no longer embrace Biblical Christianity and there is a dire need for a change of heart that will be reflected in their lives. We need a mighty baptism of fire. Fire changes the composition of everything it comes in contact with. The Greek word for “fire” is “pur.”⁴ One of the entries from the Strong’s NASB gives us this insight into the baptism of fire; “In scripture, fire is often used figuratively – like the ‘fire of God’ which transforms all it touches into light and likeness with itself. God’s spirit, like a holy fire, enlightens and purifies so that believers can share more in His likeness.”⁴ When we are born again, we are “cleansed... by the washing of water with the word (Ephesians 5:26b).” We are cleansed from all unrighteousness and our old nature was replaced by the nature of Jesus Himself, which is totally righteous. What we need in this hour is an acceleration of professing Christians being transformed into the image of Christ; including the healing from and deliverance of anything still remaining in our soul (mind, will, and emotions). Fire does a quick work!

There is an interesting verse in the twelfth chapter of the book of Daniel that speaks of the times of the end. The first half of verse 10 reads, “Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly (Daniel 12:10a).” In this time of unimaginable wickedness in the United States, we have the promise that many will be purified and refined. I believe a main ingredient of the manifestation of this verse will be the hot flame of the baptism of fire. In reference to Daniel 12:10a, A.B. Simpson explained it like this; “To be purified is to have sin burned out; to be made white is to have the glory of the Lord burned in. The one is cleansing; the other is illumination and glorification.”⁵

In regards to glorification, we need an understanding of the in-working of the Holy Spirit. When we were born again, the Kingdom of God was placed within us (Luke 17:21). The Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God cannot decline or plateau. The control we allow it to have in our lives certainly can, but the essence of the Kingdom, embodied in the nature of Christ within us, cannot. If the baptism of fire burns out the flesh, the glory of God that is in every believer will shine “brighter and brighter until the full day (our completed glorification at the time of Christ’s return), (Proverbs 4:18, my comment).” This is what we are praying for and looking to see!

Again, What Should Our Response Be?

Personally, our response should be to present ourselves to the Lord as a living sacrifice. The Lord has need of us. Then, when that transaction is completed, we need to ask the Lord to set us aflame with a continual baptism of fire. Many years ago in prayer, I saw a picture of myself as an eagle flying towards the sun (Son). I imagined my feathers burning off my body – and hesitated. Then, the Lord lovingly spoke to my heart and said, “Anything that is burned off you is not something you would want to remain in your life.” My heart melted from the loving response of the Lord and I continued to fly into the sun. After thirty-eight years of walking the “crucified life,” I am forever grateful of the circumstances the Lord has used to free me from ‘my-self.’ There is nothing temporal that I have lost that I would trade for the relationship I now have with the Lord and the peace that passes all understanding. The Lord was right!

In regards to the current crisis as to the lack of Christ-like character in professing Christians and the lack of confidence in the Lord in the Body of Christ; please pray for a baptism of fire for believers in the United States, Mexico, and around the world! Nothing will be lost in the fire that we will regret.

¹ *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*

² #3050, *logikos, Bible Hub app, Strong’s KJV*

³ *Days of Heaven on Earth, February 19th, A.B. Simpson*

⁴ #4442, *pur, Bible Hub app, Strong’s NASB*

⁵ *Days of Heaven on Earth, April 5th, A.B. Simpson*

“Our hearts are too limited to take in His fullness at a single breath.”

–A.B. Simpson, Days of Heaven on Earth, March 1

Looking Forward to the Future!

Before Covid-19 restrictions began in Los Cabos, during the last half of March 2020, we had three initiatives canceled; we had been working toward each of these for over four years. We are now looking forward for the favor of the Lord to bring each of these to fruition as soon as our Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Please be praying for each of these initiatives to begin and thrive in 2021:

The first two programs were training events for *Avanza sin Tranza* (Thrive Without Bribes). The Mexican people are actually taught from an early age that if you don't insist on bribes or use methods we might call 'corrupt,' then you will not succeed in Mexico. *Avanza sin Tranza* is a Biblically based values program (without chapter and verse), which was created by Daniel Valles of Ciudad Juarez.

Ninety educators were signed up for this training, which was schedule to take place at the end of March 2020 – until the training was canceled by Covid-19. The school systems in most of Mexico are in need of a value-based program at all levels of education. Beyond Los Cabos, *Avanza sin Tranza* was to be considered as a possible solution for this need.

The second initiative was *Avanza sin Tranza* training for 50 law enforcement officers working for the Municipality of Los Cabos – just imagine! This training was scheduled for the end of April of 2020.

The third initiative involves the Quinta Real Property. The Lord led us to this property several years ago. The vision for this property is being developed with the help of our dear friends from Australia, Neil and Lee Woollacott. The vision for the property is to eventually be owned through a trust, which is being established by Neil Woollacott. The property would then be developed for several different ministry uses (see previous articles for details). In the meanwhile, New Life Outreach was given sufficient funds in 2020 to be able to rent part of the property for a year. Richard had several conversations with the brother in charge of the rental of the family property. He and the family representative were narrowing down a figure when the Covid-19 restrictions went into effect. This agreement had to be tabled until Los Cabos is released from crowd-size limitations.

All things are possible with God. None of the delays in programming took God by surprise. He stills has grand plans for Los Cabos. We want to thank each of you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of what the Lord is doing in Los Cabos. May the Lord bless each of you!

Prayer – Preparing the Way of the Lord

Richard and I started our prayer assignment over the Municipality of Los Cabos in January of 2010. This was during our first trip to Los Cabos, Mexico—back when we weren't even sure where Los Cabos was! Following that trip, we attended a Lance Wallnau Conference in Cabo San Lucas. Shortly after the beginning of that conference, the Lord brought a specific prayer need to my attention. During the morning break, I contacted part of our prayer team and our prayer journey began. When the Spirit of the Lord invades a location, the enemy will always rise up against the presence of the Lord. Since that time, even though our prayer team members are in a different country, our team has met once a week (with few exceptions) via Skype/cell phone to pray for the spiritual needs of Los Cabos.

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We have also done what is coined “prayer walking.” Richard and I have walked many miles over many years now—praying over specific areas as led by the Lord. We bless and speak peace over people, houses, land, and whatever else we might encounter. This type of prayer has a powerful effect in the preparation of an area for revival. An organized example of prayer walking was in preparation for the Carlos Annacondia Crusade in April of 2016. Hundreds of volunteers from over forty area churches prayed over streets systematically based on the city maps we printed. This effort even included praying over parts of the city from a caravan of cars. The volunteers also handed flyers out throughout the entire municipality, while praying for the neighborhoods where the flyers were distributed.

Currently, we read the Mexican News Daily (excerpts from various Mexican newspapers, translated into English, and distributed daily via email). We also pay close attention to posters in stores, colloquial conversation, or any other sources that raise a spiritual red flag. If we sense a need for very specific prayer for a situation or area, we often will go to that area and pray over it in person. This is a very powerful weapon against specific types of enemy activity. Along with this, the Lord will often lead us to specific areas at specific times to reveal additional prayer needs that are time sensitive. Just think if you could literally see the enemies’ army—you would be able to pray much more effectively. The Lord reveals information to us in order to partner with Him in prayer for His purposes in any particular location.

There are too many areas of prayer to share, but another main area in which the Lord uses us is in praying for people and homes. We are called in to pray for people for emotional or spiritual needs. We are also called in to pray for marriages and family problems. We have had to pray over people who have been directly involved in different types of ritual or that have experimented in any one of a number of non-Christians ceremonies that abound in Mexico. These prayers are needed as they help prepare for what God has planned for Los Cabos.

We really do pray day or night over whatever the Lord lays on our hearts. Those of you who support us in any way have a part in this ministry. Intercessory prayer has been, and still is, a major part of the preparing the ‘spiritual soil’ of Los Cabos for the promised move of God. We want to thank each of you who faithfully pray with us. If praying for Los Cabos hasn’t yet become a common practice for you, we invite you to please join us! All you have to do is start talking to God about what is going on in the Municipality of Los Cabos – and remember prayer is a two-way conversation!

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Shown here are several pictures of various areas we have prayed for since 2010 – some in person and some from afar. As always, enjoy the pictures.



2021 Building Projects



(the time of year when it's not as hot and humid in Cabo). Some of Pastor Carlos' men having been helping him, as well. Thanks to Shane Crowley, we still received a generous check from High Grade Concrete Products of Spring Lake, MI—even in the midst of Covid-19! High Grade Concrete Products made a deal with Shane several years ago that they would give a portion of the cost of the concrete that Shane used during the year to the charity of Shane's choice, and we were blessed that he chose us! This gift from High Grade Concrete Products and from Shane has greatly increased our ministry ability. Again, we want to give a huge thank-you to High Grade Concrete Products for their generosity towards the work of the Kingdom of God!

Richard has been and is continuing to work on our projects planned for this year. We did end up with one unexpected project. Bill and Jacki Glaubitz built, ran, and financed Palabra de Vida, the drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in San Jose del Cabo for over ten years. After much prayer concerning the future of the center during their inability to get to Los Cabos from Canada, they decided to close the rehabilitation center. In order to get the building ready to go on the market, Richard told Bill that he and Gordy would fix the damage caused from birds (damage to the roof and ceiling over the chapel room in the center). Bill was faced with the choice of not being able to leave Los Cabos for a period of several months or leaving for Canada with little notice.

At Tierra y Libertad, we started our first church project, which was to block in a special room in order for the sound equipment to be securely locked up. Richard designed the room with a door that looks more like a safe than a door; with a built-in lock rather than using anything external that could be cut. Richard and our friend Gordy White from Washington State worked with Uvaldo on the door design, teaching him tricks and techniques for welding (learned from their decades of working in the trades in the United States). Uvaldo is starting his own welding business (since he has not yet been called back to the job in purchasing that he

The first of this year brought continued uncertainty as to which Covid-19 protocols would still exist in Los Cabos. This uncertainty caused a very large reduction in the number of Canadians and 'Gringos' from the United States that usually migrate to Los Cabos during the winter months. This uncertainty also interrupted our normal building schedule. For the last seven years, Shane and Tracey Crowley from Crowley Masonry in Fremont, MI have worked closely with Richard and have been an unbelievable asset to our annual building projects. Shane and Tracy's time with us is such a 'family' tradition for the brothers and sisters at the Cristo es el Camino churches that their absence this year left a void for our church family.

Richard has still been working on our 'winter projects'



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previously held at one of our better hotels). We also hired Uvaldo to make a new front gate for Tierra y Libertad—one that will be much more difficult to break into.

The next project earmarked for this year will be a concrete staircase at Tierra y Libertad. These steps will form a roof for one of the bathrooms and will lead up to the caretaker's room above the kitchen. We are also excited about having a roof for the two classrooms poured, which will also form the floor for the second story youth room. Other projects in consideration – as funds allow – include some portable improvements for the lot where the church plant in Gastelum meets, as well as new vinyl signs for all four churches.

We don't have our usual plethora of pictures this year because Shane and Tracy are my step-by-step photographers, but please enjoy these pictures!



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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