

His Leading



Welcome! Welcome to the fourth edition of our 2022 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.

Why Were You Placed on this Earth?

For many Christians, the last three years have been a nightmare we have been waiting to wake up from—because certainly this couldn't be happening in the United States! Yet, God has not changed His mind concerning His plans for the United States nor the plans that He has for each and every one of His children. In fact, our Heavenly Father is in the process of saving the United States from self-destruction and each of you has a vital part to play.

Why is this necessary? The late Keith Green, who was known for his passion for the Lord, penned the answer to this question many years ago in one of his well-known songs, *Asleep in the Light*. For many years, the “church”—Biblically defined as a “body” made up of people with an authentic personal relationship with Jesus Christ—has been “asleep in the light.”¹ This has left us with many ‘born again’ believers in the United States whose lives are not consistent with the teachings of the Bible. A large number of those who claim to be Christians are now found in a condition similar to that which was found over and over again in the book of Judges, “In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). Although the reference to “king” in this verse is to a literal ruling monarch; I cannot help but think of where we are today. King Jesus rules less and less in our land and it is time for this to change! The antidote to being “Asleep in the Light” is to renew the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives. We must not only have accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, but we must be living with Him as the ‘Life-force’ of all we are and all we do.

IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth. For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory. –Colossians 3:1-4, AMP

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You Were Made for God

The answer is found in the fact that we were made for God! Our Heavenly Father wanted fellowship with those who were created in His image and His likeness (Genesis 1:26). We are told in Genesis (Genesis 3:8) that the Lord came to the Garden of Eden in the cool of the night to fellowship with Adam and Eve. It was in this ‘custom made’ environment that they fellowshiped with their Heavenly Father. They felt His heart, they learned how He thought, and they were being prepared to be like Him! They were designed to rule and reign with Him forever (Genesis 1:26-28). The Garden of Eden was the training ground that was designed to prepare them for the reason for their existence. They were made for intimate fellowship with God and everything they would do on earth was meant to flow from this relationship. This was their purpose for existence. They were made for God, and so are we!

Say Yes to God

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. –Matthew 6:33-34

If you are suffering from adverse physical, mental, or emotional conditions in response to what is going on in the world—as well as in the United States—the answer is, “Say yes to God.” He is calling you back to life in the garden. We are obviously not able to return to the Garden of Eden, but within the heart of every believer is a place of fellowship where we can choose to fellowship with our Beloved, and He loves us like no one else can.

One Biblical example of this is seen in the Song of Solomon, which is an allegory of the love of our Bridegroom (Jesus) with the Bride with whom He is betrothed (believers in Christ). In verses 4:12- 5:1 of the Song of Solomon, she is compared to a ‘garden’ with many allegorical nuances referring to His Bride and her growth to maturity. In the ‘garden of our hearts,’ the presence of Jesus in all His fullness is available to us any time of day or night. With practice, you can return to the ‘garden,’ and abide there with the Lord without negative effect on the duties or relationships of everyday life! This practice will eventually become natural and will help restore your soul (Psalm 23:3) from the effects of living in the days in which we now live.

There are few people who can even think of their purpose in this life as being ‘made for God’ rather than for themselves, but this is the life we were made for. True contentment will only be found when we surrender what we think will bring us happiness for that which the Lord is asking of us. The path to abundant life begins with simply choosing to want God’s purposes fulfilled more than anything else in this world.

“Sometimes the believer hears the inward voice of the Beloved calling. It is a gentle whisper and proceeds from out of the believer’s inmost depths...where the Lord, the Lover, abides. It is this whisper which possesses the believer almost to the point of undoing. The believer realizes how near is his Lord and yet he also realizes how much of the soul has not yet been possessed by Him. This intoxicates the believer and puts an insatiable longing within him to be changed into the likeness of his Lord. Therefore, it can be said of love. Divine love is as strong as death, for it kills just as surely as death kills.”²

What Choice Will You Make Today!

The choice you need to make is not easy. Everything in you may be saying that, “Saying Yes to God is not necessary,” and you will definitely be among the majority of Christians. Remember, only two of the twelve spies that were sent to spy out the Land of Canaan entered the Promised Land. Ten of the spies returned with reports for the people of God that ‘seemed right to them,’ but looked at what it cost them! Give Him control of your life; it makes life so much simpler. Giving a loving Heavenly Father all that you have and all that you are is not foolishness; it is the answer to all of the problems of life. It is your destiny—your purpose for being alive. The secret of saying “yes” is that, “You must simply want God’s purpose fulfilled more than anything else in creation.”³

¹ Keith Green, song, Asleep in the Light, The Greatest Hits album, released 2008

² Michael Molinos, 100 Days in the Secret Place, Divine Love, page 134

³ Francois de Fenelon, 100 Days in the Secret Place, You Are Made For God, page 129

Fourth Quarter Updates...

Kingdom Builders Advance



Although this group is small and in the embryonic stage, several of the goals that we have had since moving to Los Cabos in 2012, now have the possibility of coming to fruition through the contacts these men have.

As the point man, Richard still holds a weekly Bible study on Wednesday mornings, and of course, every group needs its own chat for communication needs. This is exceptionally important for this group since its members are often traveling outside of Los Cabos.

I do have one fun note to share... When one of the members found out we were going to Honolulu for the TOW Annual Conference, he asked Richard if he could schedule a lunch date for us so that we could meet with a businessman from Honolulu. Our friend from Kingdom Builders was communicating with this gentleman and wanted Richard and I to meet this man in order to get a 'download' on what we thought of his character, as well as the property that he represented. With only two extra days before we would be busy from morning to night at the conference, I wondered if Richard could possibly get an appointment with this man in such a short time, but the gentlemen quickly returned Richard's call and we were able to meet with him before the start of the conference. We didn't have a rental car, but our contact kindly picked us up from our hotel. We had a very enjoyable meeting, and went away with what our friend in Cabo had asked for. Mission Accomplished (and just in case you're wondering—he was a wonderful young man)!

A Surge in Personal Ministry

Richard and I have been involved in one-on-one counseling, mentoring, and personal prayer ministry for at least thirty-six years. The requests for our services, though, have recently increased greatly. We are getting the usual requests for deliverance from debilitating habits, for prayer and counseling for emotional and mental problems, and for family counseling. We are also being brought in to help with some 'not-so-common areas.'

We are certainly thankful that we have been prepared to 'set the captives free' in areas that are not necessarily a part of 'normal' Christian 'counseling' and/or prayer. We are also blessed that years of ministry in Los Cabos have resulted in people having confidence in how the Lord uses us to help others towards personal freedom and Christian maturity.



Gathering Together Assemblies of God Los Cabos Tres Mesas

Before we continue reporting on this great night, I do have to make one correction. I have been reporting on the tent meetings that Cristo es el Camino (Jesus is the Way) Church has been having, as being located in the community of Las Palmas, but, as I just recently found out, the property that Pastor Carlos' extended

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church family has been praying over and having outreaches on is actually known as Tres Mesas (Three Plateaus).

Five of our largest Assembly of God churches gathered under the large tent that Pastor Carlos has been using for special meetings. Actually, the tent is owned by the Assembly of God denomination and has been 'on loan' for Pastor Carlos' use. The Tres Mesas area and the Assembly of God tent were chosen for this gathering.

They had one of their seasoned pastors, Pastor Jose Montoya of Bet San Assembly of God in San Jose del Cabo (the city on the northern end of our tourist corridor), as their main speaker. What was special about this event, though, was that the senior pastors from the remaining four churches formed a panel to answer questions about the Bible and/or Christian living. This opportunity was greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

This event also featured handing out food for the needy and included children's ministry mini-tents. We may never know how many people were touched by this program. Whether through receiving Christ into their lives as Savior, being touched by the Holy Spirit in a special way, or just having fun; this night at Tres Mesas was definitely worth the effort of those who worked tirelessly putting it together.



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**“The best place to be is where God puts you.
Any other place is undesirable because you chose it for yourself.”**

—Francois de Fenelon

Jesus Under the Big Top! A New Strategy

For those of you who may not know what Pastor Carlos Maciel's God-given vision for Los Cabos is, it hasn't changed since we first met him in 2010. His vision—from the beginning in Los Cabos—has been “to light little fires all over the barrios until the flames of the Holy Spirit join into a powerful move of God.”

Before Covid-19 restrictions took place, we came alongside Pastor Carlos' vision—helping when we could—to build these ‘fires’ in different communities in the barrios. At that time, he was obtaining city permits for a different ‘colonial’ (neighborhood) each month—in order to have a ‘family day outreach’ on Saturdays during the day, with evening evangelistic crusades on Saturday and/or Sunday evening(s).

For the past several months now, though, he has set his sights higher. He has received permission from the local Assembly of God leadership to use the denomination's tent (as shown previously) that holds between four and five hundred people (although we have not had that number in attendance yet). He started out working the Tres Mesas area. There is a very large, flat area in Tres Mesas where he has permission to erect the tent for services and outreach (this is the tent pictured in previous blogs).

Just recently, the local circus happened to set up in the same flat area where Cristo es el Camino has been putting up the tent from the Assembly of God. In true visionary form, Pastor Carlos walked outside the Assembly of God tent, and—looking at the much larger circus tent next to him (this tent holds between 700 and 800 people)—He asked the Lord, “Why does the circus get to have a large tent like that and your people have one much smaller?” He then determined that he would go over to the owner of the circus tent the next morning and ask where such a tent could be purchased. The man looked at him and said, “The timing of the Lord is perfect.” I will sell you this one. He set the selling price at \$80,000 pesos, which is currently around \$4,100 USD.

Over the years, many of you who faithfully follow our ministry have asked us to let you know if there is something special you could purchase for our work in the barrios of Los Cabos—especially for Pastor Carlos and Cristo es el Camino. The circus is purchasing a new tent, so we will have to buy or make new stakes for the large tent (Richard is already thinking of what we will need).

If any of you are interested in donating towards this project, please let Richard or I know, and we will discuss the details with you!

Thank-you for all of your prayers and for the support of what the Lord has honored us to do in Los Cabos! Please continue to pray for all that the Lord lays on your heart.



32nd Annual Transform Our World Conference Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii

We have been blessed to attend the annual Transform Our World Conference for several years—that is until the Covid-19 interruption. Our ministry board graciously includes the estimated cost of the annual Transform our World conference in our ministry budget. In fact, we were looking so forward to attending the annual conference in 2020 that we had already paid for that year's conference before it had to be canceled. The same thing happened in 2021.

This brings us to the spring of 2022. The announcement came that this year's conference was going to be held in the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii; right on Waikiki Beach! God does work all things together for good! The Hilton Hawaiian Village was chosen as the venue in honor of architect and pastor, Francis Oda. Francis has been with TOW

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for many years and this year's conference showcased his design. The layout of the hotel includes several tall towers with rooms, along with everything you would need for a small 'resort' village surrounding the towers; all of this is spread along Waikiki Beach. One of the features we liked best was that the local residents were able to get passes for free parking at Waikiki (whereas it would have been \$51 a day for us to have parked a rental car on the premises). They have fireworks on the beach every Friday night, and it was such a great experience to walk around with the local people, as well as with those who were staying at the hotel. It was also the closest that either Richard or I had been to the 'repercussions' from fireworks.

On the Monday night before the conference officially kicked off, the TOW Conference team hosted a free luau for any 'early attendees' at another one of Francis Oda's newest designs; the Henry and Jeanette Weinberg Center. There is no parking available there, so three large tour busses full of attendees loaded up at the Hilton Hawaiian Village for the ride to the venue. This property had been a rundown building that had been used by fishermen to keep their nets in—even though it is snuggled between Waikiki Beach and an inlet for smaller commercial boats. The property had turned into a hangout for those on abusing substances. It had definitely become an eyesore. Francis' was approached to envision a 'redo' for the property and the result was amazing.

The luau was wonderful and included entertainment by a well-known Christian singer. Volunteers from several of the local churches treated us like royalty, including serving four different types of local entrees and local desserts. This luau was definitely one of the highlights of the conference!

There is so much more to share from five days of teaching, from the speakers, as well as from the rich fellowship with other attendees. Nonetheless, I will end with just one more highlight—part of the story of the history of Christianity in the Hawaiian Islands...

At one time in the history of Hawaii, it was a Christian nation. In fact, throughout the conference we were reminded that "Aloha" represented the breath of God. The Hawaiian people would greet each other with Aloha. They would put their foreheads together and breathe the 'breath of God' into the mouth of the one they were greeting (they obviously were not germ-conscious in the early days). They were literally blowing the 'breath of God' (or the Holy Spirit in modern terms) into the life of the one they were blessing.

Near the last part of the 1800's, Hawaii had a Christian queen who ruled the nation according to the

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Emerging Renewal Recap

1. We invite people to an encounter with the Manifest Presence of God.
2. We equip them in their Destiny Gifts
3. We call them to be agents of transformation (Ekklesia) and we provide an intercessory team for their success.
4. We commission them to be sent.
5. We require them to take the Ekklesia Excellerator.



“But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself [and dealt wonderfully with] the godly man [the one of honorable character and moral courage—the one who does right]”

—Psalm 4:3a

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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Bible. Eventually, speculators from the United States came to Hawaii in search of land for sugarcane plantations. These men ‘worked’ their way into the government of the queen in an attempt to encourage her to unite with the United States. When their conniving didn’t work, they physically removed the queen and put her in jail. Even then, she pled with her people to never confuse Americans with Jesus; but

to continue to faithfully follow their Lord!

Please pray for the Hawaiian Islands. There are many huge buildings being built, but we were told the average Hawaiian is struggling to keep afloat.

Aloha, may the breath of God rest upon you, and, as always, we are able to minister in Cabo San Lucas, MX because of all of your prayers and faithful support. Thank you.