

Welcome! Welcome to the first edition of our 2019 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.

Let the Church Arise

Statistically, the lifestyles and habits of most Christians are not much different than our unsaved loved ones, our coworkers, or our neighbors. Sadly enough, this information is well documented by professional research groups.

As just a sample of some of the questions that were asked in a survey regarding the convictions and lifestyles of Christians in America, the participants were asked questions such as whether they regularly used profanity. Did they view or read pornographic material? How much alcohol did they consume on a regular basis? Did they become intoxicated? Was it common for them to gamble, such as frequenting casinos, playing games of chance, buying lottery tickets, etc.? What were their thoughts on lying or cheating, including at home, work or even on their income tax? Have they, or would they, be unfaithful to their spouse or have sexual relations outside of marriage? Would they ever consider or encourage another to have an abortion?

These were just some of the questions, which basically surveyed how professing Christians live and think in view of biblical values. The results were grievous and even a little unnerving, especially in view of God's plan for a 'Last Day Army' and a "Pure and Spotless Bride!"

Nonetheless...

Nonetheless—Even as God showed Elijah a cloud as small as a man's hand as an indicator of the end of a draught (I Kings 18:44), the Lord is speaking to His people in this day that the promised "latter rain," which brings the harvest, is near (James 5:7).

Nonetheless—When the Philistines were determined to kill King David, David was instructed by God to attack the enemy "when" he heard "the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees" (II Samuel 5:24), for David would then know the Lord had gone before him and the victory was theirs. Even now, the Lord is giving indications to the remnant in His 'last day army,' that He has called us and that He is with us. It is not time to draw back, for "If God is for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)?" It is time to listen for the 'sound of marching!'

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Let the Church Arise, Continued...

Nonetheless—To the visible eye, the army of the Lord may now appear as a valley of dead bones with no life in them (Ezekiel 37:1-10). However, in this account from Ezekiel, when Ezekiel prophesied to the dead bones—according to the word of the Lord—“breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army (Ezekiel 37:10).” We cannot be swayed by what we see, for the Lord has been breathing the breath of His Spirit into His people, causing overcoming life to spring forth. We can be encouraged for there is an exceedingly great army of Sons and Daughters scattered around the globe. These warriors are carriers of the Light of the World!

You Cannot ‘Fail’ Unless You Let Go of the Power & Promises of God

If the world around you is dragging you down, then “lift up” your “eyes to the hills” from where your help comes from. Your “help comes from the LORD” (Psalm 121:1-2b). The things you see around you are only “temporary,” but the things that are not seen are “eternal” (II Corinthians 4:18).

As William Gurnall wrote in ‘The Christian in Complete Armour:’ “No person ever drowns in despair unless he loses his hold on the power of God.”¹

As a soldier, get into prime spiritual condition. Listen and act on the current orders the Lord of Hosts gives to you for yourself and for the world around you. Encourage yourself in the Lord and pursue the purpose for which you were formed in your mother’s womb! Take Him at His word and prepare to live a life full of the expectation of God’s next move. Prepare to live a life that anticipates God’s moment-by-moment involvement in your life.

Don’t make a list of what you believe you need to accomplish to fulfil your destiny. Just walk out each day of your life amidst the cares and concerns of the world, with the joy and satisfaction of walking—as One—with the Lord of Hosts. Don’t fear failure because the life of Christ within us has all the faithfulness we need, if only we learn to exchange His strength for our weakness. You cannot ‘fail’ unless you give up on the power and promises of God because God will always be faithful to us! We can do everything the Lord has destined us to do through His strength.

Although this was written many years ago, the following encouragement from God is what we still need today:

“I said that all things are possible to him who believes. Can you accept this? Can you move in faith, anticipating that the mountain truly shall be removed? Do we not labor together, and if I am with you, how can you fail? To doubt is to ignore My presence and in failing to reckon on My power you are thrown upon your own resources, and when you are thrown upon your own resources, you are immediately conscious of limitations, and when you fear failure you create an atmosphere that precludes the operation of omnipotence. You are wholly cast upon the arm of flesh and thus doomed to fail...for he who trusts in Me shall be comforted. He shall be blessed above his fellows and rewarded beyond his expectation, for I look for faith and rejoice when I find it.”²

Be Strong and Courageous!

The Lord appointed Joshua to lead the nation of Israel into the Promised Land after Moses’ death. Knowing the temptations Joshua would face as he led God’s people into their inheritance, the Lord encouraged Joshua with these words, “Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go (Joshua 1:7).”

Hear the heart of the Lord as you read this powerful encouragement on ‘courage:’

“Courage is that inner fortification of the disposition that is undaunted by the impossible, unthwarted by the improbable, and undismayed by the unthinkable. Courage makes perseverance attainable when encouragement is nowhere to be found...Courage gives stamina when love is gone, faith is wavering, and prayer is difficult... Courage is the simplicity of knowing: God is working out His purposes through every circumstance of my life.”³

Let the Church Arise, Continued...

We can be very thankful for the fact that the Lord included the accounts of the Old Testament overcomers in His word to show us how human beings like us were able to do great exploits through the power of God (and they didn't even have a new nature or the Holy Spirit living in them). In our day, we are privileged to be able to say, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things (Romans 8:31b-32)?"

Let the Church Arise!

Let the church arise! The bible is full of promises from God to encourage His 'last day army' in reference to 'the fulfillment of time' and 'the day of the Lord.' There have also been thousands of promises spoken by God to the hearts of His servants throughout the ages, describing His purposes in the earth between now and the Lord's return. It is time for us to fight, not hide in a cave until the Lord's return! We have no reason to despair because—in the end—we are the victors!

The battle between good and evil, which began with the fall of man, will continue until the Lord sets up His throne on the new earth. Some of our Lord's final words to His disciples address this very issue; "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world (John 16:33)."

Take courage! Our Lord is for us. We were formed in our mother's womb for a purpose and the continuation of the purposes of God for us is not finished. His plan for each one of us will continue to unfold until the day of His return or until He takes us home! Do not despair as we see darkness—or read dismal statistics. Instead, look to the Lord, His limitless power, and His promise to overcome.

¹ William Gurnall, *The Christian in Complete Armour*

² Frances J. Roberts, *Make Haste My Beloved*, pg. 37

³ Frances J. Roberts, *Make Haste My Beloved*, pgs. 86-87

When God Transforms a Nation



We were thrilled to have several members of our ministry team with us in November. While here, they were able to take in the Monday ceremony, as well as pray for the area during our regular 'Monday in the Marketplace' event.

It was while they were here that we had the opportunity to speak with the head of La Presidente Armida Castro's security team. We had met and talked with him previously, but had not been able to present him with an *Avanza Sin Tranza—Thrive without Bribes*—packet or talk with him at length regarding the program. The program is designed to teach Godly character, ethics and morals. The program does not directly reference the Bible, but teaches God's ways, that a people and a

nation might be transformed. When you do things God's ways, you prosper. Changing the mindset and teaching a nation His ways has the power to transform a nation!

As Richard presented him with an overview of the program, he shared with us the need for such training. He shared the struggle with domestic violence, as well as other struggles the people, police, and public servants face daily. He also shared, though, that with budgets tighter than ever, he could not see paying for such a program—no matter how desperately needed. We were thrilled to share our hearts and to be able to share our passion for bringing the program to the area through sponsorship, so that it would be free to the schools, as well as to the government officials.

We are currently working with the newly appointed head of the Los Cabos education department and are excited to begin training teachers, that they may train our students in these Godly characteristics! We were thrilled to have the opportunity to speak with our friend, the head of security, to see if there might be an opening there, as well.



“Every victor must first be a self-conqueror...One enemy in the heart is stronger than ten thousand in the field.”

-A.B. Simpson

Another Open Door for Avanza sin Tranza

During our early years of ministry, we were taught anything done for the Kingdom of God is going to have opposition from the enemy of our souls. Satan hates God and—consequently—hates us. Whether you knew it or not, the moment you received Christ as your Savior you were inducted into the Army of the Lord. However, unlike a physical army on this earth, trying to hide would be futile since Satan and his minions know you by the Spirit of Christ who lives in you. The reality of this spiritual conflict is that—until Christ’s physical return to earth—we can expect every attack on the kingdom of darkness to be countered from the hosts of darkness. Nonetheless, attempting to move into ‘self-protection’ and draw back, does not remove us from the Army of the Lord or the enemy’s recognition of us!

I shared this preamble to let you know the enemy does not want the minds and hearts of the Mexican people being renewed with the Biblical values the Avanza sin Tranza program is derived from. We have had several counterattacks from the enemy over the last two years, but we continue to persevere.

Juan Mesa, the newly-appointed Director of Education (from the recent change in municipal government), recently gave us a call. He had previously expressed his department’s need for a value-based curriculum for the schools in our municipality, but he called with the good news that he was ready to implement the program.

With only a few days’ notice, Daniel Valles, Director of Avanza sin Tranza, happened to have an opening in his schedule and was able to fly down from Ciudad Juarez to meet with Director Mesa. Daniel, Richard and I were thrilled to be able to meet with him. Director Mesa is a very gracious man and deeply concerned about the children under his charge.

The meeting was a great success with the only remaining details being the date and time for the training seminar. If all goes as planned, the training should be shortly after the first of the year, making room for a firmly established program before the end of the school year. Daniel was also able to reiterate the importance of implementing Avanza sin Tranza in the government and in law enforcement.

Please pray that any plans the enemy has for resistance will be thwarted and pray for Director Mesa as he arranges the many details necessary for the implementation of the program in the ninety schools of Los Cabos.

The Avanza sin Tranza programming has no funding behind it apart from the modest cost for implementation, material and training Daniel must charge for the movement to continue. Please pray for the program to spread like wildfire in Mexico, along with the additional funds New Life Outreach will need for further implementation in our municipality. If you would like to financially support the Avanza sin Tranza program, please contact us today.

May the Lord bless every one of you for your faithfulness to the work He is doing at the tip of the Baja Peninsula!



Cristo es el Camino Church's 10th Anniversary Celebration



Believe it or not, another year has come and gone. This year's celebration was held at the recently updated Church at Tierra y Libertad during the Sunday evening service. There were approximately 264 in attendance with, according to Pastor Carlos' estimation, another 100 regular attendees not at the celebration. For Richard and I, it was our 7th Anniversary Celebration with Cristo es el Camino, and just as in previous years, the joy and celebration just flowed into the surrounding neighborhood.

The night started at 6:00 p.m. Richard and I were late due to previous obligations; Pastor Michael and Laura from Cabo English Church were out of town for Thanksgiving and Richard had the honor of preaching at both services at Cabo English before rushing over to Tierra y Libertad.

Every year, the congregation does an amazing job of decorating for the anniversary. There was much time and effort given and the decorations served as a frame for the glorious celebration in the Lord. Everyone is honored at the annual celebration and it means a lot to them to be an active part of the local church. The assistant pastors were introduced and honored, and of course, Pastor Carlos, his wife Janet and their family—Paola, Carlitos and Joshua—were treated like royalty. There was great music from the praise team, soloists and from the youth band, which was led by their talented leader Escary; and since there are always many visitors invited to their celebrations, Pastor Carlos gave a powerful sermon on Christ being the door to eternity. He gave an equally powerful altar call.

I just have to leave you with one last observation of something that always amazes me. I'm an administrator by gifting and I am always amazed at what they are able to put together in a short period

of time. Time and time again, I see the site at the beginning of the day and think, "We could be in trouble," but by the time the opening words are spoken, everything is transformed and the events go on very smoothly (this is Mexico). I'll use the transformation of the sanctuary area into the fellowship hall as this year's example. Instructions were given to the congregation as to where to stand for the first phase of set up, then the second and lastly the third. Everyone stood up, continued to visit and within ten minutes, the large round tables you see in the photos are put up with the chairs neatly arranged around them. Just as quickly, the table cloths were carefully laid out and the serving of the food and beverages to the tables started immediately—like a well-trained army!

Just in case you're curious, the cleanup started shortly after 10:00 p.m., with the last of the faithful servants leaving close to 10:30; and yes, they still go to work and school the next day. Things are different south of the border!

Thank-you for your co-laboring with us for the transformation of Los Cabos!



**Our Passion - Jesus Christ!
Our Mission - Bringing the Body of
Christ together for the transformation
of Los Cabos, MX!**



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