# **His Leading**

Welcome! Welcome to the first edition of our 2020 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.

# Things to Consider in 2020 and Beyond

Our Heavenly Father is definitely shaking all that can be shaken in the world around us, but we have nothing to fear because He has a grand plan.

Many members of the Body of Christ seem to be disillusioned, depressed, or in a state of despair over the condition of the world in which we live. The Bible has much to say regarding how what we allow ourselves to focus on affects our lives. It has been said that, "The quality of our lives is in direct proportion to the character of our thoughts." For us as Christians, the quality of our Christian experience will be in direct proportion to the extent that our minds are renewed to His word, and set on the Lord. If we are His friends, we will know what He is doing.

To help us put our future into perspective with God's plan, let us review some very basic scriptural truths.

#### **An Ever-Increasing Kingdom**

Neither God nor His kingdom can decline nor go backwards. His kingdom cannot even plateau-there is only life or death-there is no middle ground. This principle is seen in Isaiah's prophecy of the coming Messiah; "There will be no end to the increase of His government..." (Isaiah 9:7a). In the parables of Jesus, the Kingdom of God is compared to both a mustard seed and leaven. Both of these pictures show the ever increasing growth and spread of the Kingdom of God.

At the Transform Our World Conference we attended last September, I heard an astounding statistic from a seasoned saint who God has stationed in Washington, D.C. He is not a man to exaggerate, and he stated clearly that of the 27 or 28 main news streams in America, only one source is reporting unbiased truth when it comes to what is really happening—from a conservative point of view. With this in mind, we can be assured that what we hear in the news could very easily be severely distorted, but God's plan and the character and nature of His Kingdom will never change. From now until Christ's return we can be confident that behind the scenes there will be an ever increasing kingdom.

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#### Two Sides to the Glory Cloud

Over twenty-six years ago, the Lord spoke to my heart like He was speaking through a loudspeaker; "There are two sides to the glory cloud." Since that time, He has confirmed this through many different sources. If we do not understand this principal, we may miss out on what God is doing. The simplest way to show this truth in this short article is seen in Isaiah 60:1-3:

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.

Nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising."

Another picture of this is from Habakkuk 2:14:

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea."

We know that "...we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13) in a new age, but this would not be notable in the context of what Habakkuk was told to record. Between now and the Lord's return, the glory of the Lord will cover the earth. At the same time Satan is releasing his wrath upon the earth against all that is of God (a time of great darkness), the Lord will be sending a triumphant counter attack of His glory. Not every nation and not every person will embrace the Lord, but they will be given the opportunity. Where sin abounds, grace will much more abound (Romans 5:20).

A powerful picture of the two sides of the glory cloud is seen during the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. God placed a visible cloud of glory between the people of God and the ensuing Egyptian army. The same cloud of glory that gave warmth at night and protection from the sun during the day for God's people caused great darkness and consequent confusion for the Egyptian army.

Your peace, joy, and quality of life in the days ahead—no matter what you go through—will depend on what and Who you are focusing on.

#### Don't Be Shaken by Seeming Contradiction

Even though Jesus proclaimed that His presence on earth had brought the Kingdom of God to earth—"The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15)—the events that followed His resurrection looked very contradictory to what His followers expected the Kingdom of God on earth to look like. The followers of Jesus suffered severe persecution, torture, the seizing of their property, and even the loss of family and life itself, but the Kingdom of God thrived as an invisible kingdom within every believer (Luke 17:21, NKJV).

In light of what seemed like contradiction, the New Testament writers addressed the pastors and members of the churches around them with words of encouragement and comfort—words we need to embrace, and even memorize, today. I've listed just a few of my favorite 'attitude correction' verses below to help you prime your pump and start the flow of an overcoming mindset:

"Therefore if 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 the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God." —Colossians 3:1-3

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." –II Thessalonians 5:18

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

—James 1:2-4

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" -Philippians 4:4

"And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me... for when I am weak, then I am strong." –II Corinthians 12:9,10c

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful."

-Colossians 3:15

"But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you." —I Peter 4:13-14

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." –II Corinthians 2:14

"And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." —Romans 5:3-5

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." —Philippians 4:6-7

#### Los Cabos-a Modern City of Refuge

At the time of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, the Lord established six Levitical towns where those who had accidently murdered someone could run for safety from the retribution of an avenging family until they received a trial. These cities of refuge can be seen as foreshadowing God's plan for salvation through Jesus Christ; since through the shedding of His blood, Jesus provided protection from eternal death and separation from God. He is our refuge. To Him we can run.

There have been moves of God which have brought many to the saving knowledge of Christ throughout the centuries, but God is indicating that in the days ahead, He will be pouring out His Spirit, as oil on a fire, over specific geographic centers around the world. Depending on what camp of Christianity you are in, you may have heard of geographic areas where there have been many prophetic words spoken over the areas regarding God's intention to use them as modern day 'cities of refuge.' These will be cities and geographic areas where the 'spiritual renown' of these places will draw many to run for redemption, healing, deliverance, or for a fresh encounter with God. In the spring of last year, the Lord spoke to my heart that Los Cabos would be a 'City of Refuge' that people will run to for whatever it is they need from God.

From the very beginning, from our first visit to Los Cabos in January 2010, we began hearing strong accounts and prophetic words telling of God's intention to pour out His Spirit on our city. We are still hearing words of agreement to this today. We have often used the example of the Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles, CA at the turn of the 20th Century, as an attempt to help people get a vision of just a part of what God intends to do in this city. We stand assured this is a 'New Day' in an ever-increasing kingdom, and God will do "far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

#### May You Have a Blessed New Year!

We want to thank all of you for your friendship and help in so many areas; your prayers and your financial support. I will be praying for the Lord to give you His vision for you, for not only 2020, but for all He has for you to do, on this earth, and in this body, before you see Him face-to-face.

Thank-you for being a part of our lives and a part of what God is doing in Los Cabos—a City of Refuge.

# Lomas del Sol - Children's Playground The Clash of Two Kingdoms

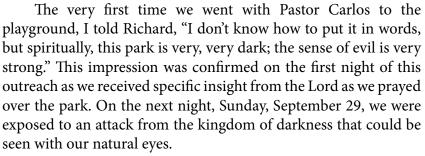


Pastor Carlos Maciel and his faithful army held their second evangelical service in two months at the Lomas del Sol Children's Playground, on September 28-29.

Weeks—if not months—before they hold one of these outreaches, they send out groups of prayer warriors who pray over the area and go door-to-door, praying for whatever the occupants express as a need. They also invite these community members to attend the upcoming outreach. As I continue to share, you will see how powerful their prayers and witness are.



#### **Great Darkness**





After the evangelical service, while the cleanup committee was working their way through the park, one of the ladies opened what appeared to be an unopened bottle of water. Fortunately, the sister recognized the smell of bleach before she took a drink. Someone had put bleach in the bottle and put it back down in the park for someone to drink. The crew quickly collected all of the bottles of water they could find and, upon opening them, found bleach in ten more bottles. It became obvious that there had been an attempt to do great harm to Pastor Carlos' teams, with the possibility of harming attendees, as well. After the water was discovered, Pastor Carlos was informed that the neighbor directly across the narrow

dirt road from the park is a very strong and serious sorcerer. Upon finding this out, it was clear to us why the Holy Spirit had led us to pray the way we did the night before.

#### **Several Years Before**

Several years ago, Richard and I were working with Cristo es el Camino; prayer walking a different colonial (neighborhood) called Las Palmas. A home bible study had already been established there and New Life Outreach paid the rent on an empty lot in the colonial for a place for services to begin.

At the time, this area had a very large group of young men that roamed through the community on a regular basis. The area was also being deeply influenced by practicing witches. In fact, when we were prayer walking with Pastor Carlos, one witch very smugly told us, "They (referring to Christians) come, but they all GO!"

As we continued forward in the establishment of a church plant, the Lord gave Pastor Carlos a spiritual picture. It was revealed to him that the house leader's teenage son had signed a covenant with the devil in blood. This agreement gave the enemy legal ground to work in the family that was leading the home bible study and the enemy was using that opening to try to destroy what God desired to do in Las Palmas. With everything in mind, Pastor Carlos chose to end the work at Las Palmas.

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#### **Please Pray**

Going back to our current involvement in evangelizing the Lomas del Sol Playground; I have remembered the words of the witch at Las Palmas for over five years, and when I heard about the bleach in the water bottles, the warrior part of me was deeply disturbed, as once again I remembered the challenge from the witch at Las Palmas.

I am asking each of you to please be praying for spiritual freedom for the Lomas del Sol Playground area. Together, we—along with Pastor Carlos' army—will fight in the unseen realm for spiritual victory for the area, and our cry will be, "If God is for us, who is against us?" (Romans 8:31)!





## The Battle Belongs to the Lord

At the end of last year, Pastor Carlos decided to combine the 11th Anniversary Celebration of all of his churches and 'missions' with a two-night crusade at the Lomas del Sol Playground. He has faithfully been planning Saturday and Sunday night outdoor meetings every month in areas around his churches, in an attempt to marinate the neighborhoods around him.

In reference to the last article, 'The Clash of Two Kingdoms,' this celebration/crusade was at the same playground where bottles of water had bleach placed in them and were then resealed by a group of witches battling for this area.

Pastor Carlos' intercessors (a special type of prayer warriors) were ready for them. Our dear friend Jonathan was on watch at the park at 5:00 a.m. on the Saturday morning of the first night. He told me that "several" people who he had never seen before were walking around the park, touching different objects, just as if they were 'blessing' or 'praying' for the park. However, this group was from the enemy's camp.

As I was praying with Jonathan during the first night's Anniversary Celebration, the Holy Spirit showed me that a woman at the back of the audience was a witch. As I shared this with Jonathan, he confirmed my impression, and said she had been one of the people walking around the park during the day. By the end of the night, there

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were two of the enemies' forces that we knew of; standing in the back of the audience clapping to the worship music and raising their hands.

To the best of our knowledge, none of the infiltrators came forward for prayer or accepted the Lord. We do know that when they are sent to infiltrate a church, they are wise enough to act like the Christians around them. Please pray for the salvation of not only the man and woman that were revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, but any of the others who are actively meeting and doing rituals in the area of the Lomas del Sol Playground.

# "The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but the difficulty of it does not make us faint and cave in, it rouses us up to overcome."

—Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest devotional, July 7

# Lomas del Sol - A Miraculous Update

We recently heard one of the most encouraging testimonies of God's power and desire to heal the sick we have ever heard! Pastor Carlos reported the following doctor's report from a brother who received prayer for healing at the Lomas del Sol Children's Playground Outreach on September 28-29...

A brother with deteriorating health asked for prayer for sclerosis (or cirrhosis) of the liver. He has not drank alcohol for many years now, but before coming to Christ his years of severe alcoholism left him with an incurable case of sclerosis of the liver. He just received this report from his doctor: "You have a NEW liver!" In answer to his asking for prayer, the Lord gave this brother a "new" liver! Through the years, we have prayed for several men with severe liver damage, but this is the first report we have heard of such a miraculous result.

In addition to this first report of miraculous healing, we have also received several other confirmed reports to share with you...

A young, teen-age girl, whose feet were so crippled she could not walk without support. She was brought to a crusade at a park close to Lomas del Sol, where four other churches had asked Pastor Carlos to join them for a one-night event in late September of 2019. We clearly saw the young girl go up for prayer. Her left foot was so completely turned in that only the left edge of her left foot touched the ground. Along with this, she was 'pigeontoed' with both of her feet turned almost completely in so that her toes faced each other at the center. She had to have a person on each side of her just to walk up for prayer.

She was not healed that night, but in a matter of weeks, her parents brought her to the Sunday night service at Lomas del Sol to give praise to the Lord for her feet were completely flat and straight! In the Lord's mercy, she will now be able to have a normal life!

Last, but not least for this report, is the account of a black man from Africa, who was diagnosed HIV Positive. He came to an evening service at Lomas del Sol at the end of last year in very bad physical condition. Even as he was prayed for, he started feeling stronger and felt he was healed. Pastor Carlos asked him to go to his doctor to confirm whether or not that was the case. His tests came back showing him completely free from HIV. God has completely changed another brother's destiny, and he is now a walking testimony of the grace of God!

Nothing is too hard for God! He wants us to ask for anything and everything, and then to leave it up to Him to choose what He will do. Be encouraged to be prayed for and to pray for others. The kingdom of God is at hand!







## Neil & Lee Woollacott Imparting to Los Cabos 2019

If you follow our blogs, you may recognize the names of our dear friends Neil & Lee Woollacott from western Australia. Just in case you are not familiar with their story, though, let me share how God brought the four of us together.

As a part of the 2015 Transform Our World Conference in San Jose, CA, we traveled north to Redding, CA for an optional visit to a well-known Bethel Church pastored by Bill Johnson and Kris Vallotton. After the opening dinner, we were instructed to leave our tables, form circles, and pray individually for each person seated at our table. Neil and Lee were two of the people who were at our table, and during that prayer time, their hearts were connected to ours. Later on while still in Redding, Neil asked that if they were able to travel to the US again for the TOW Conference in 2017, would it work for them to travel back with us to Los Cabos after the close of the conference. It did and so they did. They returned to the US in 2017 for the conference and flew back with us to Los Cabos for a 10-day visit. During the 10 days they spent with us in 2017, Neil and Lee developed a burden to help us with our vision of the transformation of Los Cabos.

One of the possible projects they were interested in seeing established in Los Cabos was the start of a Christian leadership academy (in addition to basic education from public schools), utilizing Transform Cambodia as a model. After returning to Australia after their visit with us in 2017—with Los Cabos in mind—Neil flew to Cambodia to talk to the founders of Transform Cambodia (https://vimeo.com/15589876) to see if the founders of the trust that supports the work in Cambodia would consider expanding their mission to Los Cabos. Although this may or may not come to fruition, Neil still has the vision for the first Transform Cambodia prototype in Los Cabos; dedicated to training powerful, pure, Christian leaders for Mexico's future. Neil and Lee returned once again to Los Cabos this last October, after a 36-hour flight from their home in western Australia.

For eight full days, they imparted to, ministered to, and prayed over brothers and sisters in Christ in the Los Cabos area, as well as prayed over the geographic area itself. The first day of action included the Sunday morning service at Cabo English Church, our traditional Sunday chicken dinner with Pastor Michael and his wife, Laura, at Pollo de Oro, and, for Lee, a special appearance at my Sunday evening prayer class. I had prepared the class ahead of time to be ready to receive personal prayer from a special guest from Australia. The Holy Spirit blessed us with His presence and it was a memorable experience for everyone present; as well as an opportunity for Lee to be coaxed out of her comfort zone.







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The next day, Neil traveled to San Jose with Pastor Carlos, Richard, and myself for the 8:00 a.m., Monday morning patriotic ceremony in the town square in front of the Municipal Palace. After the ceremony, the Lord brought attention to the four of us in a unique way. Our current mayor, who was elected just one year ago, had introduced the singing of the Baja California Sur state anthem to the patriotic ceremony several weeks before. We soon found out that almost no one in the government or crowd knew the words to this song. Richard—as the statesman of the family—made a point of talking to the mayor's secretary in order to get a copy of the anthem, and after that time faithfully carried the copy of the words in his portfolio each Monday morning.

When the time came to sing the state anthem during the Monday morning program with Neil, Richard and I were familiar enough with the tune that we sang with gusto (even if we didn't pronounce all the words right). Our efforts were noticed that morning! As soon as the crowd was dismissed, La Presidente led her entourage of reporters—including a TV camera—over to our little group. She very graciously took time to come over to Richard and I to thank us for caring enough about her state to work on learning the state anthem. I'm sharing this here because Neil, along with Pastor Carlos, Richard and myself, was on live footage in Los Cabos, MX.

After the ceremony, the four of us went to our favorite "meeting" breakfast restaurant where Neil pulled out his plans and research ideas for the location of a Christian leadership academy, as well as the layout of the Quinta Real property (that I often make reference to). The financing is not there at this point, but Neil is faithfully doing the groundwork for possible presentations in the days ahead. With Lee joining us later in the day, we proceeded to the Quinta Real property for prayer and discussion of what God's plans for that land could include.

Neil and Lee's impartation to Los Cabos also included going to one of Cabo Church's 14 Feeding Stations, the Feeding Station at Tierra y Libertad. Brenda, a very precious sister from Cabo Church, asked if some of the women from Pastor Carlos' church at Tierra y Libertad would consider teaching the children, as well as their mothers at the Tierra y Libertad Feeding Station. It was almost six years ago when Lupe Hernandez asked me if Pastor Carlos would consider overseeing a church in Tierra y Libertad that would train the women and the children at the nearby feeding station, so Richard and I were very excited when Pastor Carlos told us that he and his ladies would be checking out the feeding station the day we were there with Neil and Lee. It was a great joy

to my heart to see part of the original vision for the church at Tierra y Libertad finally coming to pass!

The following day, Richard, Neil, Lee and I traveled to San Jose del Cabo for a service at Palabra de Vida; the drug and alcohol rehabilitation center run by our dear friends, Bill and Jacki Glaubitz from Canada. When Neil and Lee accompanied us to our monthly service during their first trip to Cabo two years ago, Lee came out of her shell and prayed and spoke powerfully over the men in attendance. Their teaching and ministry to the men in Palabra de Vida was again a blessing to everyone involved.

The next day, Janet and Carlos invited the four of us to come for breakfast, and Neil had asked to pray over each of the family members. The Holy Spirit was present in a very powerful way, with the Lord giving Neil some very special words to speak over the family, along with speaking over our faithful friend Jonathan, who had also been asked to enjoy the special time.

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The next event was totally social, but for any of you who have ever visited us, you know about the fun time we have most Sundays after Cabo English Church, enjoying Christian fellowship at the restaurant, Pollo de Oro.

After Pollo de Oro, Neil was the guest speaker for the evening service at Pastor Carlos' main church in the Lomas del Sol neighborhood. The Holy Spirit again blessed us with a powerful service, with Neil and Lee gladly ministering to everyone in the congregation that asked for prayer.

While we were ministering at the evening service at Lomas del Sol, Pastor Carlos' brother-in-law, Victor, asked for the privilege to have us as his guests at the restaurant where he is the chef and onsite manager. The next morning, we arrived at the restaurant, Fisherman's Landing. Victor's dishes are very special. Victor is not just a cook, but is an accomplished chef. As we were there, we were able to see how he cared for his employees and how he carefully brought the best out of them. Victor is definitely doing 'Marketplace Ministry,' even if he himself might not call it that. Again, the Holy Spirit was present, there in an open-air restaurant, built on a dock, at the edge of the famous Cabo San Lucas Marina. As we closed this special time in prayer, a very significant word of knowledge was shared with Victor—a word that confirmed God's desire for his future that none of us knew anything about.

Richard and I are continuing to 'What's App' call on a regular basis with Neil and Lee as Neil works with us on details for the future of the Quinta Real property, along with other ideas Neil has for the future of Los Cabos.

We want to thank Neil and Lee for the gift of their time and financial expenditure to journey to Los Cabos for these ten days of impartation! Thank you!



## Transform Our World 2019 Annual Global Conference

We were once again greatly blessed to be able to attend the Transform Our World (TOW) Annual Global Conference in Monterey, CA on October 15-18. TOW is not a denomination or ministry covering. It is a "movement of movements"—bringing ministries from around the world together to meet and fellowship with one another, to be encouraged and inspired, and to find others with the same calling and passion from which to glean. During the four packed days and nights of the conference—starting at 8 a.m. and continuing on until after 10 p.m.—a Christian community of like-minded believers is formed. Those representing these ministries are able to form lifelong-friendships, which often enhance the ministry they are called to, as well as help to bring breakthrough and give new insight to their own God-given assignments. There were delegates from 30 nations this year, with a total registration of over 800 participants.

There were general sessions, workshops, and evening sessions during the conference that showcased transformation in every sphere of society throughout the world. Delegates from many nations, every walk of life and social status, fellowshipped together, prayed for one another, and exchanged contact information for the common goal of being 'salt and light' in the world in which they live. It is always amazing for Richard and I to see how little we, as Christians, know about what God is doing outside our own denominations or ministry circleseven how little we know about what is happening in the Body of Christ in the United States.

I can't possibly begin to relate the testimonies of what God is doing in our world in just a blog. We heard hours and hours of 'Good News' –the news we might never hear if we didn't take the time and resources to gather together with others outside our 'normal' lives and ministry structures. If you are interested in hearing and seeing footage of the conference presenters just go to https://transformourworld.org/

May the Lord fill your hearts with encouragement and expectation for the day in which we live!

# Operation Christmas Child A Surprise Blessing

Just after the first of the year, Pastor Carlos Maciel told Richard and I, "We are having an event for children at









the church in Tierra y Libertad this Saturday. I'll take pictures for you." He just happened to mention this to us as we were saying good-bye, so neither of us really knew what to expect.

Towards the end of last year, Brenda, one of our dear friends from Cabo Church who is working with Cabo Church's feeding stations, asked us if we could talk to Pastor Carlos to see if any of his ladies could help with the feeding kitchens at Tierra y Libertad. Pastor Carlos talked with his faithful ladies, and since that time, he and his faithful team have been working with the kitchen and teaching the women and children on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The 'event' he mentioned was something that had been in the works that we knew nothing about.

Los Cabos had not been a part of the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program for as long as any of us knew, but in 2014—due to the devastation in Los Cabos from Hurricane Odile—the churches in La Paz, who had been attending all of the mandatory trainings and meetings necessary to be given "shoeboxes" from Samaritan's Purse, asked if their shoeboxes could be given to Los Cabos.

Unbeknownst to us, Pastor Luis Corello, who does the 1:30 p.m. Spanish service on Sundays in Cabo Church's building, has had a team holding a "Five Day Children's Club" at Cabo Church's building on Friday evenings. Due to their participation with Samaritan's Purse, Cabo Church received a shipment of "shoeboxes" this year. Not only were they handed out at the Five Day Club, but we also receive shoeboxes for Cabo Church's feeding stations; this included the station at Tierra y Libertad where Pastor Carlos' team has been ministering.

Tickets had been given out to the children who regularly attend the feeding stations, in order to receive a shoe box. Tierra y Liberad had fewer than fifty of those, but due to the graciousness of an anonymous donor, Pastor Carlos was given the money to purchase gifts for any other children that attended the Saturday event.

The church at Tierra y Libertad ended up hosting and feeding 250 children! As usual, they know how to decorate and host amazing children's events and this was no exception. It was extremely successful, and we have no idea what ministry may develop in the future from this event.

Pastor Carlos had his daughter, Paola, take pictures and she did a great job. Enjoy the pictures and please pray for the continuing ministry at the church at Tierra y Libertad.



















# 2019 Christmas Family

Two of our daughters and their families have again asked us to use the money we would normally spend on gifts for their families to bless a special family in Cabo San Lucas. We are especially close to this year's family as the single father is Pastor Carlos Maciel's nephew, Gilberto (Beto for short) Mendoza.





Beto grew up between the United States and Mexico, but is another example of parents who never bothered to get citizenship for their children. By the time he was in his late teens, he was well engrossed into 'gang life,' including criminal activity. He was imprisoned in the United States and was eventually deported to Mexico.

When Beto was first deported, he lived with Pastor Carlos' family for a period of time, but he wasn't ready for the lifestyle of Pastor Carlos' family—or their rules—and was soon on his own in Cabo. It wasn't long before he was arrested and placed in our local prison. He served three years there, and during that time, Pastor Carlos faithfully visited him on a regular basis and faithfully kept talking to him about Christ. Eventually, Pastor Carlos led him to the Lord. When he got out of prison, he was able to quickly get a job at one of our larger hotels since he is bilingual. He is now blessed by the Lord. He is very personable and gentle, and we have greatly enjoyed our times together with him.

This brings us to how he became a single father of two boys. Beto lived with a woman before going to prison in Los Cabos and had a son, Gilbert (Betito) Mendoza Coronel, age 8. Betito's mother had another son, Angel Coronel, age 13, from a previous relationship. Her last relationship with a man got her involved in the local 'thug' life in Los Cabos. Her boyfriend was killed and the mother of the boys is now running for her life.

Beto also has a 12-year-old daughter from when he was married in the United States, Candy Mendoza, age 12. Candy is now living with his exwife's mother and at this time Beto cannot return to the United States.

After he was released, Beto took on the responsibility of raising—not only his son—but also Betito's stepbrother. Pastor Carlos' family is providing childcare for the two boys while Beto works six days a week. They are also allowing Beto and the boys to stay in the former church 'parsonage' in back of the church at Lomas del Sol. Through God's favor, Beto's employer also has arranged his schedule in order for him to take a bus from where he works to where the boys go to school; then they all take the bus home to the church at Lomas del Sol.

#### **Shopping Day**

We took Beto and the boys out for pizza and then headed directly to the local "professional" skateboard store in Cabo Central. The boys had both previously had inexpensive skateboards from Walmart, but they were quickly broken. When Beto and the boys heard about the chance to buy something they wanted, they quickly choose quality skateboards. With the budget we had, the boys could only afford to get the boards (without the "trucks" (wheels)). They hugged those boards like a little girl does a doll.

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The boys didn't have to wait long for the wheels. As soon as one of our close friends heard this story, the husband asked us how much we thought the wheels would cost and handed us \$150 to cover the cost of the wheels!

Along with their boards, Beto bought some 'winter' clothing for the boys and a Lakers' baseball cap for himself. For Beto's daughter in the United States, Candy, we purchased a "sling bag" in the United States and sent it to California with some spending money and a Christmas card from Beto.

Part of our shopping trip for that day was at the El Patio mall in Los Cabos. Beto and the boys posed for us in front of the huge Christmas tree in the center of the mall. Betitio wanted to sing Feliz Navidad for everyone.

Thank-you to everyone who made this Christmas special for Beto and his children!



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