

Welcome! Welcome to the fourth edition of our 2018 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.

More Than Conquerors

There is a possibility that any of you who read our newsletter regularly could think I have a one track mind, but in this case, I know it is the mind of Christ! I have written quite a bit about “overcomers,” “Sons of God,” and other biblical notations of God’s ‘Special Forces’ within His army, but the message is still strong and the need beyond comprehension. The letters to the seven churches recorded in Revelation 2-3 make it clear that the Father’s desire is for us to overcome. Revelation 12:11 tells us how to overcome and we can be assured that our loving, merciful Father would not instruct us to overcome if it were not possible – or necessary!

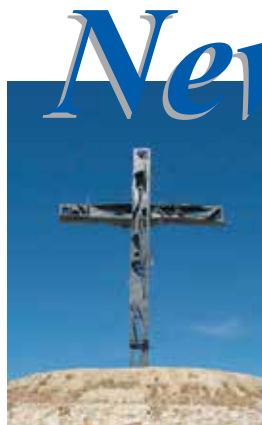
And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. –Revelation 12:11

In this article I want to go one step further. The Father desires—and has made provision for us—to be more than conquerors! We must overcome in order to be more than conquerors!

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. –Romans 8:37 (AMP)

It is important to remember that God does everything on purpose, and for a purpose. His plan was never just to get us safely to heaven someday. He made provision for that over two thousand years ago. Salvation is just the beginning of our being equipped to fulfill the purpose God planned for us when He shaped us in our mother’s womb. His ultimate goal for each of us is for us to become like Jesus (Romans 8:29), which equips us to have the power to overcome all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). As our spiritual muscles are strengthened, we can begin to move beyond just the struggle to overcome, to becoming “more than conquerors;” which from Romans 8:37 means “a surpassing victory”—one that is beyond victory.

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A Cause Greater Than the World in Which We Live

One of first steps to victory must be to change our expectations of what we think the Christian life is going to look like. Going back to the analogy of Special Forces is the clearest way I can illustrate the need for the reprogramming of our minds with a biblical view of the Christian life. If you watch any movies or television at all, you will see portrayals of the intense training Special Forces' recruits endure for the sake of national or international security. You will also see these recruits' unquestioning loyalty. Whereas, in the body of Christ, there is a glaring lack of commitment in Christians for the cause they were called to champion when they entered the kingdom of God through new birth. Some really do not know the clear teaching of the Bible in regards to "taking up their cross daily," and others, especially in privileged nations, find it easy to ignore the truth. American Christians tend to be completely self-centered or, at best, 'family and friends' centered or consumed with the cause of their own choice that they choose to rally around. In other words, the commitment level of most Christians can easily waver depending on their circumstances!

"The two things that a Christian needs most are the power to believe and the power to suffer, and these the enemy often comes to teach us. Not until we are ready to sink beneath the pressure do we often learn the secret of triumph." –A.B. Simpson, *A Larger Christian Life*, pg. 37

The Power to Believe

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. -Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

The next step to victory is to know and memorize the word of God. It is the strangest thing, but when I suggest to most Christians the need to memorize scripture, they look at me like I am joking. To have our minds renewed by the word of God is the only way we can be more than conquerors. Baby steps in the Lord are easy and results often come fast, but I can assure you that as you continue to grow in the Lord, there will come a time when you won't understand everything God is allowing in your life. At these times, if you are not strong in your belief in all God says He is and all He says He will do in His word, there is a good chance you will not even overcome, let alone go beyond victory. To continue on a path of life when you may not understand what God is doing—because His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8)—will take the spiritual strength and stamina of a life saturated in the word of God.

I can share from my own personal experience of a lifetime of daily bible reading, including a measure of scripture memorization, that what most often carried me through the most difficult times of life was the word of God rising up within me. Often, just one verse instantly gave me the power to overcome. In contrast to this ideal way I was taught—which was to love, honor, read and memorize the Bible—is a large part of the Body of Christ, which is somewhere between my testimony and a very shallow knowledge of scripture. A weak knowledge of scripture and little memorization gives way to doubt; it also can lead to listening to our well-meaning friends, who often give emotionally-laden, bad counsel. A weak knowledge of scripture can also lead to—when the going gets tough—making it easier to go our own way, rather than to overcome God's way.

The Power to Suffer

I realize that a healthy person does not want to suffer without a reason, but the Bible is full of verses telling us the value and necessity of suffering. Permit me to share just a few of my favorites:

Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. —I Peter 4:1-2

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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. Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong. —II Corinthians 12:9-10

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 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. —I Peter 4:12-13

No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. —II Timothy 2:4

I do want you to know that my natural disposition is not 'tough' and I am not minimizing discomfort or pain but, at times, both are necessary for our spiritual growth and/or for the cause of Christ. It all comes down to an irrevocable choice of surrender that we all must make if we are to be more than conquerors: My life is not my own. I've been bought with a price and I have an awesome dread of displeasing the Lord because I love Him too much.

Many years ago now, I had just went through an extremely difficult time of spiritual warfare, not due to anything I had done, but in order to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8). Shortly after that, I just happened to be a guest speaker at a small woman's conference. While there, my place of retreat for my daily devotions was my minivan in the hotel parking lot. In that peculiar setting, the Lord chose to speak to my heart and share His next intent for me. In the battle-worn condition I was in at the time, though, His intent was not an offer I wanted to accept. He told me that He had a promotion for me in His army and in the spirit I saw a picture of the upper part of the sleeve of an olive drab military uniform where the stripes of rank are placed. I thanked Him for trusting me with this promotion, but knowing the cost that could come with it, I respectfully declined the offer. The Lord then spoke the following words to my heart that I will never forget: "I have need of you." My heart melted and the conversation was over.

It is important for us to live in the reality of John 16:33; "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." There will be pain and suffering in this world. This is not heaven and we are setting ourselves up for disappointment to think otherwise, but in the midst of the battle we can always look for the hand of God working all things together for our good, even if we do not see it at the time.

Permit me to share a quote from the late Frances J. Roberts (written as from God in the context of looking for God in the fiery furnace):

"In a multitude of circumstances, the soul is tested, and often you may experience many different pressures bearing in upon you all the same time. This in itself works toward a special grace, for it demands greater stamina than any one challenge met singly, however difficult that one might be...Modern man has so protected himself from discomfort and from unpleasantness that both his body and his soul are in a dangerously weakened condition. Where shall he draw courage in the day of affliction?" -Frances J. Roberts, *Progress of Another Pilgrim*, pg.116

I challenge all of you to not waste the pain of going through the circumstances of life we would not have chosen. Determine to bring glory to God no matter what He allows in your life. You will never regret it!

Even as you read this article, I can give you this guarantee (even as He said to me years ago): God is saying to you today, "I have need of you!"

Transform Our World: 28th Annual Global Conference

We just recently returned from Transform Our World's 28th Global Conference, which was attended by over eight hundred delegates from over thirty countries from around the world. It was held this year at the Marriot Santa Clara Convention Center near San Jose, CA. Ed Silvano, at age 73, offers programming throughout the conference that is the conference equivalent of the most engaging extreme sport. The participants leave spiritually charged and inspired for another year in the trenches in their particular sphere of influence. TOW's tag line is, "Ordinary people doing extraordinary things with God." The conference videos are not yet available online, but if you would like to sample some of the inspirational videos available on the TOW website, check them out at: <https://transformourworld.org/transformationondemand/>



I can't possibly even begin to fill you in on all the magnificent testimonies of what God is doing around the world, so my only hope is to peak your interest with personal highlights. The opening night speaker was Loren Cunningham, the 83-year-old founder of YWAM, who is still flying from country to country, leading the ministry in great exploits. We heard Loren for the first time last year at the conference and we can't hear enough of his amazing testimonies from around the world. We've known of YWAM for over 30 years, but we had no idea of the impact that YWAM and Loren Cunningham have made in world events. Last year, we heard him give an account of a current national event that only God could have arranged and that we'll never forget, but since we heard it at one of the un-taped meal sessions, I'm not allowed to share it here. The next time you see me, if you ask me about Loren Cunningham, I can share this tremendous "God story" with you.



The emphasis at this year's conference was the impartation of the anointing of the Holy Spirit to the conference delegates in order to enhance their results for transformation in their many different spheres of influence. We were blessed to receive many prayers of impartation from brothers and sisters from around the world, but one such prayer left me with a lasting memory. This impartation came from the very large delegation from Hong Kong, led by retired Judge Barbara Chan, YK Chan and Pastor Wong. When they got up to report what they, as one of the oldest and strongest moves of transformation with TOW, could impart, they gently declared, "We carry humility," and they—with many influential delegates—certainly did! Humility was an amazing "God empowering" attribute to choose to impart to the delegates from other parts of the world.



The next moment that was especially meaningful to Richard and I was to hear Pastor Norberto Carlini from Resistencia, Argentina. Pastor Carlini was, and still is, one of the foundational pastors of the powerful revival that swept over Resistencia in the mid-1990's. This revival was largely due to the (then) relatively unknown evangelist,

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Carlos Annacondia. Ed Silvano was a part of that move. Cindy Jacobs was called to the area in the early days of her ministry. These, along with a handful of believers we have just 'come across' in Los Cabos, were all called to the area during this time. Ever since working for an entire year to host the Carlos Annacondia Crusade in Los Cabos, we have been amazed at what God used Carlos Annacondia to do in Resistencia and the change it made in the brothers and sisters who were a part of that move of God.

Ed had Pastor Carlini come to the conference to share what has happened in the city since God began to change the city. Ed asked for the privilege to translate for Pastor Carlini and the power of the presence of the Lord flowed between them like fire. That was at the morning session, with a teaching luncheon following—with Ed again translating for Pastor Carlini. It was during the luncheon that Richard and I rushed over to tell Pastor Carlini about Carlos Anacondia's crusade in Los Cabos in 2016. We then told him we knew of the unction of the Holy Spirit on the Argentine pastors, and asked if he would be willing to impart the fire to us. He was delighted to pray over us and we are grateful to God for that moment!

In order to share our last 'special' experience, I need to quickly share that while we were in Michigan in August for our annual excursion to our home base in Muskegon, MI, I was in a severe auto accident and our mini-van was demolished. I was miraculously spared serious injury, apart from extensive bruising, 18 stitches, a broken left thumb and a broken right arm. We were scheduled to fly back to Los Cabos one week after the accident, and all the American doctors were very helpful and told Richard how to remove my stitches, along with giving him instructions for caring for me during recovery. I only share the story of the accident to tell you that I had a cast on my right arm during the conference and that is key to what I am going to share next...

I had been asking the Lord to have mercy on me and heal my right arm faster than the predicted three to four months but, of course, I did not have confirmation that He would choose to do a faster work of healing. Pastor Kris Valloton, associate lead pastor of Bethel Church in Redding, CA, had just taught in the morning session. Bethel Church originally had a mission school two hours north of us in Mexico in our state capitol of La Paz until not long before we first came to the area in 2010. We heard through the grapevine that there were several encouraging prophetic words spoken over the Baja at that time, so when Richard saw Kris Valloton in the hall after the session, he asked Kris if he remembered any of the words. During that short pause in the hall, Kris, who also runs the School of Ministry, looked at my cast, asked what had happened and said, "I'll have to pray for you tonight." This was special because Kris carries a heavy anointing for praying for the sick, even though the purpose of this meeting wasn't for personal prayer. The session he referred to was actually late afternoon and we were ready. We ran right up to him after the teaching. He quickly, but gladly, prayed for my arm and then had to rush to catch his plane home. From that time on, my arm felt much better, but we do not have confirmation. My orthopedic surgeon from Muskegon, MI had already told me just to get an x-ray in Mexico and send the DVD via the internet to him and he would read it for me. We still haven't figured out a comfortable and economical way to get an x-ray yet, but either way, this was a special divine appointment with Kris Valloton.

I need to bring this to a close since I am typing with one hand—and my left one at that. Check out the material on the TOW website and enjoy the photos from the conference. A big thank-you to all of you that made it possible for us to attend this year's conference!



Presenting La Presidente Armida Castro

On Monday morning, October 1st, our new Presidente (Mayor) of the Municipality of Los Cabos, Armida Castro, conducted her first Patriotic Ceremony in the San Jose Plaza.



To give a little background on the election: the Mexican people—desperate for change—voted in an extreme leftist-socialist president for the country. He is commonly referred to by the acronym of the first letters of his four names: AMLO. AMLO represents the political party MORENA and is the first president of Mexico from that party to ever be elected. AMLO's people flooded the poorer areas of Mexico encouraging people to vote, as well as reportedly paying people to vote for him and the MORENA party. From what we've been told, this is one of the factors that led to the loss of the election of our former mayor, Arturo de la Rosa, and the victory for the MORENA party in Los Cabos.

As a ministry, we will be in continual prayer for Presidente Castro, and will also be offering our services to her administration in any way we can. Pastor Carlos and Isidoro were actually the first people in line for an appointment with la Presidente for the opportunity for us to congratulate her, present the availability of Avanza sin Tranza for her administration, and to offer our services to her in any way we can. We have also been in contact with the new Director of Education. He loves the Avanza Sin Tranza program and is sending the material we gave him to every one of the principals of the ninety schools he oversees. We are looking forward to working with him, as well.

Please spend much time in prayer for Presidente Armida's team as they establish this change of government in Los Cabos. There are many decisions to be made before she is officially sworn in on December 1st.



“At the level you are tried, is the level God can trust you for what He will bring forth.” —unknown

Honoring Us & Honoring You

While at a recent Monday patriotic ceremony, (outgoing) Presidente (Mayor) Arturo's right hand man made a point of telling Richard the administration wanted to honor us as a couple at the weekly ceremony on Monday, October 24. Regretfully, we had to share that we would be in the San Jose, CA area for the Transform Our World Global Conference and would not be able to attend the ceremony that Monday. The timing was also important since Arturo del a Rosa was defeated in the July 1st National elections, even though, in Mexico, the newly elected officials are not sworn in until December 1st and fade out of office somewhere between the election and December 1st. Mayor Arturo's administration wanted to be sure to honor us on his last day as acting mayor.

As we shared in previous blogs, Presidente Arturo has honored "those who pray for him and the city," before the public on several previous occasions, but this particular offer was a precious gift for our two years of faithful prayer for his administration, our attendance to the patriotic ceremony, and because of our ministry's financial gift of paying for the values-based program, Avanza sin Tranza (see previous blogs), to be taught in all 90 elementary schools in the Municipality of Los Cabos. They also especially wanted to honor us for our patriotism to their country, as well as for our concern for the well-being of the Municipality of Los Cabos, even though Mexico is not our homeland. We have often been blessed to hear this from various members of his administration throughout these past two years. They have even graciously likened our faithfulness to that of a handful of foreigners in the history of Mexico who physically fought for the country—to fight for a land not our own.

All of you who pray for us, support us financially, and continue to encourage us, you are honored, as well. May the Lord richly bless you and give you peace!



The Plaza is Complete - San Jose del Cabo

Along with our ministry reports, I like to give those of you who have visited Los Cabos updates on the area from time to time. Many months ago, the plaza in front of the Municipal Palace and the historic Catholic Church in San Jose del Cabo was completely torn apart, including the infrastructure. I am sharing just a few photos of the 'new look' for the sake of those of you who were familiar with the 'old.'

For over two years now, we have made a point of attending the San Jose del Cabo governmental patriotic ceremony, which is held in front of the Municipal Palace at 8 a.m. on Monday mornings. Our prayer is to make our presence in the community known to the government officials, to pray for the government, and to pray for the San Jose Central area.

The photos showing parts of the ceremony are significant for two reasons. The first deals with the special presence of (outgoing) Presidente Arturo de la Rosa and his wife Vianney. The second is the visit of Bill Hodges from Christ the Rock Church in Muskegon, along with his friend, Ben Culbertson from England, who recently spent a week with us. Bill and Ben came to our area to pray with us over specific geographic locations.



Establishing Perimeter People

We previously published an article entitled, “Consistent, Intentional Prayer.” We are now ready to launch this extremely necessary initiative in an attempt to bolster a continued, systematic prayer covering for the Municipality of Los Cabos.

In that article (available on our website), I shared the origin of the term “Perimeter People.” I also shared the difficulty we have had in organizing consistent prayer in our area. We desperately need committed Christians who have a passion for the power of prayer and have a burden for the area of Los Cabos—even though living elsewhere. If you are reading this article, you may be one of many the Lord may prompt to commit to this initiative (For those of you who live here and are willing to commit to consistent prayer, thank-you as well. At this time, please send an email to info@newlifeoutreach.us. I will notify you when we launch our local prayer initiative).

- The Purpose of this project is to have consistent prayer coverage for each day of every month of the year. This prayer coverage will be as a canopy of glory, which will begin to protect the Los Cabos area from the influence of the enemy and will reverse existing enemy strongholds.
- We will try to assign your day of the month on a first-requested basis. For any months shorter than 31 days, the prayer partners for the unused days for that month will pray on the last day.
- You may commit to praying for the Los Cabos area as an individual, a couple, a family (immediate or extended), a small group of friends or coworkers, a youth group, a Sunday School class, a Bible study group, or an entire church or business. We are asking for a minimum of fifteen minutes of prayer on your assigned day—up to coverage throughout the entire day for larger groups. Please feel free to be creative and have fun with your commitment.
- We do ask that at any time you find you are unable to continue to fulfill your or your group’s prayer commitment, simply let us know so we can reassign that day of the month. We are extremely grateful for any amount of time you are able to cover the Los Cabos’ area in prayer.
- I will attempt to send each person/group an email each month (near the end of the month) listing the following month’s prayer requests.

Since there is no time or distance in the spirit realm, the future of the Municipality of Los Cabos can be touched by caring members of the Body of Christ from around the world—just as though you lived here! Please start praying now as to what part the Lord would have for you in this project.

To get started today, please send us your name, along with your contact e-mail address (in the case of a group, please e-mail the name of your contact member, along with his/her contact information). Even if you are unable to make a commitment to be part of the “Perimeter Project,” we still want to thank-you for your concern with what the Lord is doing in Los Cabos, Mexico!



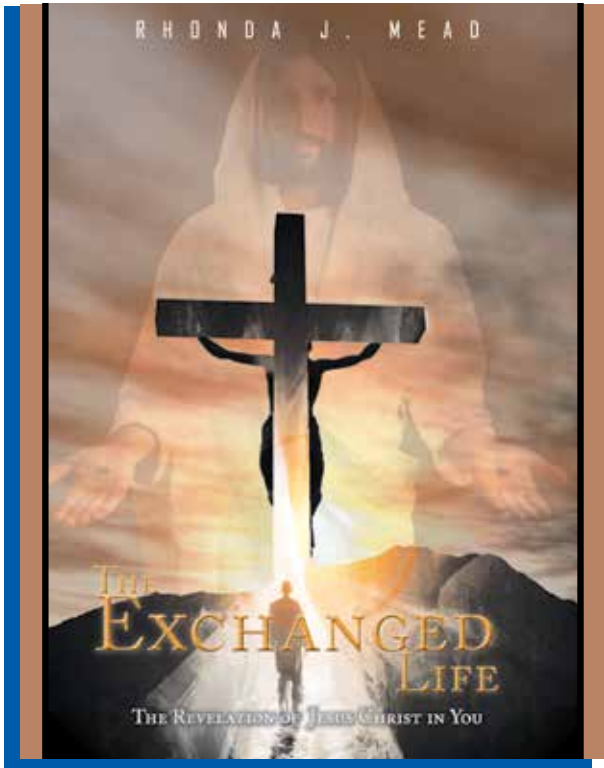
“In humiliation one’s justice is taken away.

This is a principle of Sonship.

This shows that all ambition and retaliation have been dealt with.”

-Kelley Varner

Now Available: The Exchanged Life



Rhonda's first book, *The Exchanged Life*, has been updated and is now available on Amazon.com and through other retailers world-wide. If you have not read *The Exchanged Life*, we encourage you to pick up a copy today. Here is just a short excerpt...

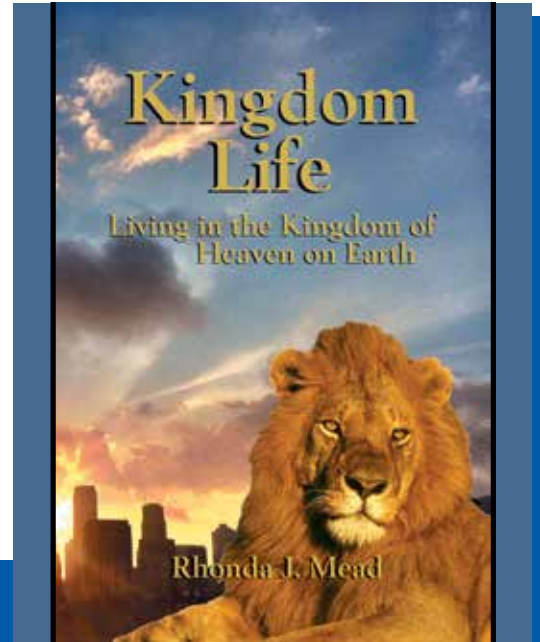
There is more to your Christian walk than you are experiencing! Many writings of the past speak of entering God's rest, the deeper walk, the life hid with Christ in God, or the victorious Christian life. Nonetheless, many, after studying the truths of *The Exchanged Life*, never experience it. Others have earnestly rededicated their lives to Christ numerous times, completely surrendered at every alter call, worked in ministry until they were totally disenchanted and pressed in until they were wore out, yet found the peace and joy the Bible speaks so freely of an elusive dream. If self-effort, zeal, or diligence were the key, many would be experiencing abundant life, but they are not!

God has a reality for you—on this earth—that few will ever taste. The Kingdom of God is at hand and is available for you to walk in now, in preparation for eternity.

If you are drawn to the teaching of the patriarchs of the Church Age...

Watchman Nee, Andrew Murray, Thomas a' Kempis, Major Ian Thomas, Jessie Penn-Lewis, Oswald Chambers, Madame Guyon, T. Austin-Sparks...

...then you will appreciate the depth of the mystery of the Gospel presented inside this volume. It is presented in a way all may understand and enter in.



Rhonda's second book, *Kingdom Life*, is also available. Pick up your copy today!

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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