

His Leading



Welcome! Welcome to the fourth edition of our 2021 New Life Outreach newsletter. It is our goal to produce this newsletter quarterly, aiming to keep our friends, family and supporters up-to-date as far as what God is doing through New Life Outreach. We are planning on e-mail and on-line distribution for each edition. As we continue producing this newsletter, we may play with the format and change some things up, so if you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know. In the meantime, if you or someone you know would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send us a note at info@newlifeoutreach.us or visit us at www.newlifeoutreach.us.

A People within a People

“For many are called but few are chosen (but few will choose).” (Matthew 22:14, my emphasis)

It is an exciting day in which we live—no matter which country you live in! However, since most of our ministry family is currently living in the United States, I will be making reference to what God is doing in America. In the last eighteen months, we have seen the results of “wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12), in ways that most of us may have known existed behind closed doors, but we certainly had no idea of how widespread the deterioration of our biblical foundation had become.

God has had to shake all that can be shaken (Hebrews 12:27), so that the expanse of the darkness in our country could be seen in a way like never before. Our loving Heavenly Father also chose to allow our finances and our health to be touched, in an attempt to loose us from our self-sufficiency and draw us to Him as the answer to all of our needs. In the midst of this darkness and chaos, the wheat is being sifted from the chaff (Matthew 3:12) and those walking in union with, and dependence on the “King of Kings” (Revelation 19:16), are appearing as shafts of light; cutting through the darkness. These overcomers are a people within a people. They are not walking this earth as “mere men” (I Corinthians 3:3), but have chosen to follow in the path of their King, in the power of the Kingdom of Heaven, while still living in these bodies on earth. These are Kingdom People, and “they” will “not love their life even when faced with death” (Revelation 12:11). To walk as Kingdom People requires total abandonment to the ways of our King, and a complete renewal of our minds to Kingdom principles.

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What do you Prefer?

The difference between those who are chaff and those who are wheat is what they prefer—what their hearts are set on. This scriptural principle is very clear, “for as” a man “thinks in his heart, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7). Our spiritual appetite is either fed, or starved by the things that we prefer. If you continually put television programming, YouTube videos or hours of ‘who knows what’ on your phone into your head and heart; along with spending almost all of your time with people whose worldview is far away from a biblical world view (obviously not for evangelism purposes); neglecting the basic disciplines and joys of Christianity, you will easily lose your appetite for the truth (and possibly not even know it).

Let me reiterate this point with the words of the late A.B. Simpson, founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and what is now Nyack College, “Men are choosing every day the spiritual or earthy. And as we choose, we are taking our place unconsciously with the friends of Christ or the world. It is not merely what we say; it is what we prefer.”¹ God is not looking for self-effort—and certainly not works of the flesh—He is looking for absolute surrender.

In regards to absolute surrender, A.B. Simpson wrote, “The very test of consecration is our willingness not to surrender the things that are wrong, but to surrender our rights, to be willing to be subject” (to our Master, even when we do not understand why). Simpson further expounded, “When God begins to subdue a soul, He often requires us to yield the things that are of little importance in themselves”² – in order to break our ‘self-willfulness’ and replace it with a pure and contrite heart.

Kingdom People Make a Difference in the World around Them No Room for Complacency in the Kingdom of God

Complacency is a curse on mankind. God made mankind in His image; to be innovative, to have great curiosity and problem solving abilities, and to always be thinking about how to bring the current state of their environment to ‘bigger, better, and more beautiful.’ From the very beginning, the Lord instructed Adam and Eve to, “be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28). The Lord was very clear in His instructions to Adam and Eve that mankind was responsible to rule every living thing in the world around him. There is no room for complacency in this assignment.

Living in a Kingdom that Never Plateaus and Never Declines

The Kingdom of Heaven never stands still and certainly never declines. ‘Good enough’ is never God’s standard. When He declared that creation “was very good” (Genesis 1:31), He wasn’t being complacent, but was making a statement of complete satisfaction with that which He had created. Kingdom People are those who see beyond the status quo into the realm of, “What would God want me to do with this situation?” There is always more!

As we walk in conscious communion with God, we can ask for—and expect—creative ideas that will allow us to impact the world around us with divine answers and improvements. The answers for humanity will depend on us being in constant communication with the Lord. This ‘learned discipline’ actually enhances—rather than detracts—us from our everyday responsibilities. Divine answers come from divine connectedness. Even as our next breath is dependent on God; the answers that will accelerate the solutions to mankind’s needs will also come from God. The People within a People that God is raising up are a remnant of overcomers in every part of our world. This mighty group of ‘spiritual special forces’ will play a large role in leading the world back to God; “And let the one who is thirsty come” (Revelation 22:17b).

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A People Within a People, continued...

Ambassadors of the Prince of Peace

For thousands of years, people, countries, and nations have sought for and longed for peace, but without knowing the Prince of Peace their efforts have fallen short. The world—including the United States—is now crying out for peace, and the Prince of Peace is beginning to reveal Himself in powerful ways as the only source of true peace, with all else being a placebo.

Only that which is eternal and does not require ‘self-effort’ is really peace. Self-effort will always lead to frustration; since—by definition—self-effort requires continual ‘effort’ to maintain the status quo. Conversely, the Peace of God is the fruit of the outflow of the Holy Spirit, which is an indescribable presence. The degree that our ‘self-life’ is under the power of the cross, is the degree to which we will experience God’s peace, which is the only true source of peace.

God is declaring peace over His creation, and since He is the Author of Peace—without Him there will be no true peace. Peace will be one of the main calling cards of God’s Kingdom People, since the alternatives that this world has to offer have failed, and will continue to do so. “The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7 NKJV), is one thing the enemy cannot substitute, duplicate, or successfully imitate—for it only comes from God!

What Will You Choose to Do Today?

In the days, months and years to come, the power and character of God will be displayed throughout the earth, through a people who walk in union with—and dependence on—Him. One of the favorite scriptures of saints of old—in reference to this ‘day’—is Psalm 110:3; “Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power.” God’s rule will be made manifest in this earth, when God’s people rise to their calling and purpose. What will you choose to do today?

“Lord, help me today to live under the powers of the world to come and to live as one in heaven, yet walking on earth”³

¹ A.B. Simpson, Days of Heaven on Earth, June 30

² A.B. Simpson, Days of Heaven on Earth, August 24

³ A.B. Simpson, Days of Heaven on Earth, September 19

“To contemplate all things as God sees them, as Christ beholds them; overcomes sin, defies Satan, dissolves perplexities, lifts us above trials, separates us from the world and conquers fear of death.”

A.B. Simpson, Days of Heaven on Earth, July 2

The Green Light

After a year and a half of Covid-19 restrictions, there are signs of economic recovery, as well as the continued hope of the pouring out of the Spirit of God over Los Cabos, MX. On September 20, 2021, Los Cabos was officially declared 'green' (on the map of Mexican States which uses 'streetlight' colors to indicate the threat level of the Covid-19 virus). Thank-you for your prayers!

September is our hottest month, and is also the month we watch for hurricanes. Nonetheless, our tourism has been comparatively healthy for this time of year. At the beginning of summer, it was almost like the tourists from the United States and other parts of the world said, "We've had enough of this lockdown," and started buying their tickets and making reservations.

We don't move quickly down here, but being 'green' also means return to full capacity for our area churches, as well as the ability to have Sunday School and nursery. This long awaited classification also means the opportunity to have large gatherings of people, which prepares the way for many ministry opportunities.

As far as approaching the Director of Education of the Municipality of Los Cabos in regards to rescheduling the Avanza sin Tranza program; we are giving them time to get organized and back on their feet since school just finally started in mid-August. We are also praying about the timing for initiating the process for the Avanza sin Tranza training for the law enforcement officers of Los Cabos.

Richard and I are both continuing to mentor/minister to a handful of believers the Lord has allowed us to establish special relationships with. It is true that Cabo has a 'revolving door,' but we pour ourselves into the ones He sends to us—for however long or short that time is.

Richard is also continuing to visit the marina at Cabo San Lucas. This ministry has brought many opportunities to talk and pray with individuals in the marina area. Most of these men are there to sell everything imaginable to our tourists, but between the trickle effect of Covid-19 and, what is known here as our 'low-season,' there are few 'sales' people at the marina. Even though Richard has lost several contacts through our 'revolving door,' there have been a handful of new contacts each week.

We have a praise report regarding Richard's mentoring relationship with Brayan (who we introduced in our last blog). Richard did such a great job coaching him that he secured a good job at our Home Depot in Los Cabos. We will miss seeing Brayan's bright personality regularly, but praise God he is blessed and doing well!

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support. We would not be here without you!



A Vision to Train



Richard’s vision for vocational training began on our first construction mission trip in 2011. We had a covered trailer full of construction tools so that we could help build the first Cristo es el Camino Church in the Lomas del Sol community. The volunteers were wowed by the trailer full of tools; for even “craftsmen” in the lower economic strata usually own no more than a handful of tools and even fewer have the skill to do precision work. If you see a man with a wheelbarrow to carry his tools in, you know he is more successful than most.

Throughout the years of leading our construction projects in Los Cabos, Richard has continued to see the need for structured vocational training. Part of the vision of the two and a half acre parcel of land, called Quinta Real (the Real family), is for the frontage on the

northwest side of the property to be used for vocational training; offering not only training, but a location where they can earn money for their services or products, while learning a trade.

Meanwhile, Richard is always working to encourage local men as to how they can improve their skills and/or start small businesses of their own. One such story is Ubaldo—one of Pastor Carlos’ lay ministers. After losing his job as a purchasing agent at one of the larger local hotels due to Covid-19, he bought a welder and was starting a welding business. He was already on his way, but Richard and our friend Gordy (another tradesman from the United States) were able to give him some welding tips, as well as Richard being able to help him design a professional looking invoice and coach him as to the need for bookkeeping for the new business. The end of this story does have a good, but strange twist; Ubaldo was called back to work as a purchasing agent at his hotel. Nonetheless, the skills he developed in his time off work will still be valuable in the years to come.

I just have one last project to report. At the end of June, one of our young friends from the church at Tierra y Libertad Church moved back to Los Cabos from our capitol city of La Paz. Brayan came back with a need to find a job, and Richard has wanted an ‘assistant’ to mentor. Since Richard does a little bit of everything down here, Brayan will get some good life experience as he continues his university classes online.

Enjoy the pictures of Brayan helping Richard, and another picture showing the northwest frontage of the Quinta Real acreage.

May the Lord bless each of you richly!



“Bad Medicine” is Good for the Soul



‘Bad Medicine’ is the name of the fishing boat owned by Richard’s friend Chris. Earlier in the summer, Richard had it on his heart to ask Chris what he thought of taking the young men on the praise team at Tierra y Libertad out on a deep sea fishing trip. He wanted to give them an experience that they might not have otherwise.

At the time, it was impossible to coordinate the schedules of all five members of the praise team with Richard and Chris’ schedules, but just recently, there was an opening to take Sammy and Charlie (formerly Carlitos) out on Bad Medicine. Chris had been asked by an old friend in the states to show the man’s nephew and his friend around Los Cabos. Bad Medicine can only

handle four fishermen at a time, so Chris—remembering the conversation with Richard earlier in the year—made the offer to Richard to take two of the young men from the praise team, while Chris entertained Samuel and Caleb.

Chris is a serious fisherman and he’s been fishing out of the Cabo Marina for over twenty years. They all met at the marina at 8:00 a.m. and weren’t seen again until 3:00 p.m. Chris keeps going until he gets fish for his friends! Sammy was blessed with a 4-foot sailfish (which they released) and Caleb pulled in a 9-foot Marlin—talk about excitement! Chris usually releases billfish, but the Marlin was injured by the gaff hook, so everyone was sent home with fresh Marlin meat. The young men had an experience they will talk about for years!

We do want to thank our friend Chris for his giving heart. He uses his crew, his gas, and his time to serve others. Chris just loves blessing others!



Tierra y Libertad Church Construction Continues Extended Season Permits Unexpected Progress

As some of you might already know, our goal is to complete our major building projects for the year by the end of June due to the arrival of our “hot season” in Los Cabos—after all, apart from irrigation, Los Cabos is a desert. Earlier this year, Pastor Carlos became acquainted with a new attendee of Tierra y Libertad who had a good reputation as a cement mason. He is the man who started working with us earlier this year on the ‘safe-room’ for the sound equipment and instruments. However, for several reasons, he was unable to continue working for us on the continued expansion of the church at Tierra y Libertad.

Later on, near the end of June, this cement mason met with Pastor Carlos and was able to take on the project of pouring the roof over the existing classroom adjacent to the ‘sanctuary’ area. This was exciting news. This cement roof will also be the floor for an eventual second floor pavilion to be used for additional classroom space. If this mason has the time available, we will also have him help complete additional, much-needed finishing to other areas of the church complex.

We again want to thank Shane Crowley Masonry of Newaygo, MI and High Grade Concrete Projects of Spring Lake, MI for the funds which are being used, and will continue to be used for the present masonry additions to Tierra y Libertad Church.

Please continue to pray for good Covid-19 reports for the Municipality of Los Cabos. Our tourism is extremely busy as people are tired of not traveling, but we are still under Covid-19 restrictions that make life difficult for our people and businesses.

Also, please pray for the opening of Pastor Carlos’ three churches and his mission locations. They have not yet re-opened from the newest lockdown, which began in June. Cabo English Church has returned to services as of two weeks ago, but there are still limitations that hinder the ability of our families to return to ‘normal’ church life.

As always, we would not be in Los Cabos apart from all of our faithful friends. May the Lord bless each and every one of you!

Pictured here is the roof/2nd floor masonry project.



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Tierra y Libertad Construction, continued...



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



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