

Welcome! Welcome to the second 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.

The Missing Link

Thirty-five years ago the Lord changed my Christian walk forever. There was no turning back. I experienced a “missing link” in my spiritual experience that has become—from that day on—my main message. Retired pastor, Christian writer, and teacher, Francis Frangipane, also has a similar testimony as to how years ago, through divine circumstance, the Lord told him: “You have one message.”

Let’s take a look at what gives this “message” such importance. We’ll begin with the Apostle Paul, the writer of the book of Romans.

The Apostle Paul is known as the Apostle of Grace—the apostle of the gospel as we know it. He started with the first five chapters of the book of Romans by proclaiming the difference between justification through the keeping of Old Testament Law—which was embraced by the Jews—and justification by grace, through faith, in the finished work of Jesus Christ. After his compelling teaching on how the sinless life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus changed the way mankind was to be reconciled to God, He began to expound on our co-crucifixion with Christ in the sixth chapter of Romans.

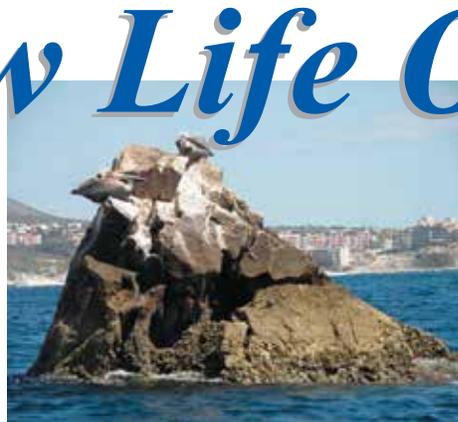
What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? –Romans 6:1-2

Paul had just introduced the teaching of grace in the first five chapters of Romans. Consequently, he began chapter 6 with a significant clarification; the teaching of grace did not erase any of God’s standards for Christian living, but, in actuality, Christ’s sacrifice provided the power for a consistent Christian walk.

He then went on to share the biblical principal of our co-crucifixion with Christ. When Jesus went to the cross, He took our “old man” or “old nature” to the cross with Him. When He died, we died. Since we are now dead to sin, why do we still live in it?

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection. –Romans 6:3-5

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These verses are not referring to water baptism. There would be no power over sin in that. If we died to sin, then the force in us that drove us to sin, had to die. In the Western world, we tend to think only of physical change or symbolic change, but who we really are is a spirit, who has a soul (mind, will and emotions), who lives in a body (which is necessary for life on this earth). When we accepted Jesus as Savior, we were immersed (baptized) into Christ Jesus. Our spirit was united with His and our spirit was made alive. This spiritual union applied Christ's crucifixion to our "old man" or "old nature" (just as if we were "in Him" when He died) and His resurrection was applied to us, giving us a new nature, the nature of Christ Jesus (just as if we were "in Him" when He was resurrected).

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. —Romans 6:6,7

Our "old man" or "old nature" (depending on your translation) is the sinful nature we inherited from Adam. Every descendent of Adam—after the fall of man—inherited a sinful nature separated from God. The nature of someone or something determines how they think, feel, and act. Before we were crucified with Christ, no matter how hard we tried to make ourselves think godly thoughts, make godly choices, or feel like the fruit of the Spirit, our sinful nature compelled us to sin. Conversely, in Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin because we now have the nature of Christ instead of our old sinful nature. If I asked you how you expect a person with the nature of Christ to think, choose, or feel, how would you answer? Typically, we are afraid to answer this question with what we really think. In the context of the question, it should be 'natural' for a person with the nature of Christ to be Christ-like—the problem being, we may not feel like we are there, or even worse, that it is hopeless to even try, but keep reading!

Let me give you just one more evidence from scripture before we continue in Romans 6; *"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me"* (Galatians 2:20). It is absolutely a walk of faith in what God's word says!

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. —Romans 6:8-10

Christians believe they are going to live with Christ when they die, but they may not realize that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus, our spirits were united with Him. Since His life is synonymous with eternal life, we are already eternal beings. This is why Jesus could say, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25,26) When Jesus was raised from the dead, He defeated death, and death is defeated for all who have been crucified with Christ.

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Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. —Romans 6:11

After a thorough explanation in Romans 6:1-10 of the crucified life or the 'exchanged life'—all that Jesus is for all that we were—Paul wrote verse 11 as the key to experiencing this life. The words "even so" imply that since all I have just said is true, if you want to experience the *"life... hidden with Christ in God"* (Colossians 3:3), this is what your response must be. Through the years, I have read many books written by many different authors, teaching on the exchanged life, but the importance of this one verse is consistently stressed! This is God's answer to our sin problem.

The only way to experience the power of sin being broken in our lives is to personally apply the truth of God's word on a daily basis. We must consider, or reckon (NKJV), what scripture says about our sinful nature to be true in order for it to affect our lives. Until then, it is "head knowledge." I first began to experience this truth

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in a time of crisis that left me with great anxiety and debilitating depression. As I quoted Romans 6:11 out loud to my flesh, “I reckon myself dead to sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord,” my “mustard seed” of faith flipped the switch from the fruit of my flesh to the fruit of the Spirit. This same principle applies to every area in our lives in which we need to “overcome.”

Now let’s finish this section with two more verses from Romans 6:

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. –Romans 6:12-13

Because we are “dead to sin;” because our sinful nature was crucified with Christ and we now have a new nature—the nature of Christ—our identification with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection gives us power over sin. We now have a choice to “let sin” reign in our mortal body or to not “let sin” have its way. We now have a choice to present the members of our body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness or to present ourselves to God as those alive from the dead. Galatians 5:24 further reinforces this truth: “*Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*” Notice the past tense in the verb “crucified.” All those who belong to Jesus have had the passions and desires of their flesh crucified. It is finished! The battle lies in our application of the truth to the unrenewed parts of our mind, will, and emotions.

The renewing of our mind, will, and emotions to the new ownership of Jesus—rather than to our “self-life”—is a gradual process, but we are guaranteed the victory if we do not give in. Our flesh is like a gorilla in a cage. It can rant, rave, and shake the bars all it wants, but it’s on one side of the grave and we’re on the other! The Apostle Paul, truly understanding the struggle of the Christian walk, exhorted us with a verse that applies to many areas of our lives; “*Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary*” (Galatians 6:9).

Why is this significant?

There are many seemingly similar teachings for experiencing a victorious Christian life, and I am not minimizing any of them. However, I do know that without entering into identification with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection, we are still in control of our lives—no matter how sincere we are or how excellent our Christian walk is. Jesus died once for the sins of all mankind—past, present and future. Nonetheless, if we had never applied the finished work of Christ Jesus to our lives by personally asking for forgiveness, we would never have experienced salvation. All that Jesus did for us is appropriated (applied to our own lives) by faith in the word of God. Identification with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection is the same.

Identifying with Christ’s death is the answer to our ‘self-centeredness.’ Since we died when He died, our sinful nature’s claim to our lives ended at the cross. The appropriation of this truth applies the power of His resurrection to our lives and “it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.” With my new nature—the nature of Christ—the power of sin is broken. I am now free to choose to walk after the Spirit or after the flesh.

There are two parts to our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection:

First, we must agree with scripture: when Jesus died, we died. Obviously, this is a step of faith since we looked the same after receiving Christ as we did before. This is the reckoning of Romans 6:11: ***Father, I choose by faith to accept my death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. I consider myself dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ my Lord.***

Secondly, we must apply the cross of Christ to our “self-centeredness” by giving unconditional control of our lives to the life of Christ within us. This is presenting ourselves to God as those alive from the dead and presenting our members as instruments of righteousness to God (Romans 6:13): ***Father, I no longer want to control my life. I give control of my life to you, no matter what the cost and no matter how fierce the battle between my flesh and the Spirit might be.***

Just one more thing... We can know all the scriptures that explain the crucified or victorious Christian life and can even teach it, but if we have never appropriated what He did personally to our lives, it is only head knowledge and head knowledge does not set us free. Let us not waste one facet of what Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection provided for us! If “*you...know the truth...the truth will make you free*” (John 8:32)!

Establishing a Perimeter of Prayer

Consistent, intentional prayer coverage—this is a project that has been a passion for some time, but one that God seems to be putting together even now. We have tried several ideas for gathering commitment for on-going prayer coverage for the streets of Los Cabos over the last several years. We know that the transformation of a geographic area requires systematic prayer coverage. We also know that in order for any victory to be sustained, our “canopy” of prayer can never be allowed to weaken. This cannot be a short-lived prayer initiative. We must occupy until Jesus comes!

We published an article in the last newsletter entitled just that: “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 calls 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.

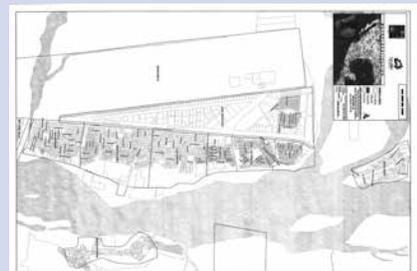
- You may commit to praying for the Los Cabos area as an individual, a couple, a family (immediate or extended), a small group of friends or coworkers, a youth group, a Sunday School class, a Bible study group, or an entire church or business. We are asking for a minimum of fifteen minutes of prayer 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!



Operation “Promised Land:” Upcoming Crusade



Evangelist Gamaliel Sosa is again coming to Los Cabos for a very special crusade—one that will be held on the “Promised Land” (If you are not familiar with this vision, this amazing story is on our website under “Blogging Cabo, 2/21/18”). The crusade is not until the nights of June 14, 15 & 16, but we are asking you to start praying now! New Life Outreach and the Cristo es el Camino Churches (Pastor Carlos’ churches) are bringing Gama in for a special “city-wide” event. After our extensive planning experience from the Carlos Annacondia Crusade, we are ready!

Although ‘Gama’ has been a friend of Pastor Carlos’ since his youth and is now a friend of ours as well, we chose him because of the call of God on his life (we just have the privilege of being able to be blessed by his ministry before his calendar is continually filled years in advance). Gama is an evangelist with a precious call from the Lord, a powerful heritage in the Lord, as well as a powerful anointing for healing and evangelism. In Gama’s humility, the Lord will be able to use him mightily in the coming days of end-time harvest.

Promised Land? At this point, we are only able to afford to rent the property for the three days of the crusade, but please don’t forget this property is a huge, two and a half acre site in an easily accessible Los Cabos residential/commercial area. We will be praying over the site from now until the event and are praying for the presence of the Lord to fall on that property and ‘marinate’ it with the Holy Spirit during the nights of the crusade. We are praying not only for the crusade; for salvations, deliverances and healings, but also for the ability to secure the land itself for continued ministry. Our first goal is for the new location of Pastor Carlos’ “mother” church—with only God knowing exactly what else He has in mind for the Promised Land!



*Pictured here: Carlos Annacondia Crusade 2016
Our Prayer - Ongoing, life-altering, region-transforming revival*

“To be fully occupied with God the first hour of the day energizes the life forces and creates the capacity to meet the emergencies of any day, however trying. Many a crisis loses its force when met by one who has gained poise and inner calm at the outset of the day.”

-Frances J. Roberts, Progress of Another Pilgrim, pg. 12

Shane & Tracey Crowley 2018



This year was Shane and Tracey Crowley's fourth winter in Los Cabos! Shane, having a masonry business in Fremont, MI and a heart for missions, asked Richard how he could be of help in Los Cabos. Since that first visit, Shane has worked his way up to five weeks of hard labor—working with our Mexican brothers on different construction projects. His wife, Tracey, joins him each year.

The largest project this trip was enlarging Pastor Carlos Maciel's new house. Way back in January-March 2011 when Richard and I came for our first work project in Los Cabos, Pastor Carlos had just purchased a small, humble partially-built home. His plan was to "camp" on the property with his family of five (including his baby at the time, Joshua) and to build his first church building in front of the house. Having not much, if any, construction experience, he was crying out to the Lord for direction.



Within a few days, Richard drove up with our trusty Blazer and covered trailer, along with his expertise and a plethora of tools. I arrived a little over a week later with my ability to shop for building products (and paint when the time came). When we left in mid-March of that year, there was a humble addition added to Pastor Carlos' house, running water, wired electricity, and the foundation and beginning of the existing church. From that leap of faith at the Lomas del Sol property, Pastor Carlos and his wife, Janet, have realized they needed more space and a home not located in back of a church in a Mexican barrio, where the needy, the bored, and the lonely are often at the door day and night.



It was just a year ago, when we came back from our Christmas break in Michigan, that we found out Pastor Carlos had bought another "fixer-upper" in that short period of time. Since that time, Pastor Carlos—as he has been able to save a little money—has been hiring brothers from the church to work on the house. Then, the blessing from Shane's diligence in Michigan surfaced just before it was time for Shane to come. One of his material suppliers in Michigan offered a generous donation for the mission work Shane would be helping with. A good part of that blessing was gladly budgeted for Pastor Carlos' house.

Shane and Tracey, along with the brothers from Pastor Carlos' church, who we were able to hire with some of the donated funds, were able to make great progress laying the blocks for the upstairs of the

families' new home. At the end of February, Shane and Tracey had to head for the north country, but the blessing of the donated funds is allowing us to continue to help Pastor Carlos towards the finish line of moving the family of five into their new home.

As you look at the pictures, you may recognize the church building at Tierra y Libertad, which was funded in part by Aerovision of Norton Shores, MI. Richard wanted to finish/secure the front of the property with a cement fence along the bottom for an



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even higher retaining wall and add a “no climb” wire fencing spaced between cement pillars. Plenty of lighting was also added to help secure the church. Shane, Tracey, and the crew did a thorough job with the foundation and completed beautiful cement work so that Richard can continue the work of finishing the new fence/outside wall.

We want to give a huge thank-you, as well as send a huge blessing, to Shane and Tracey Crowley and the generous donor from the West Michigan area! Thank You!



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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