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His Leading



Welcome! Welcome to the 2024 New Life Outreach newsletter. It is our goal to keep friends, family and supporters up-to-date as far as what God is doing through New Life Outreach. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our e-mail list, please contact info@newlifeoutreach.us or visit us at www.newlifeoutreach.us.

Opportunities to Minister

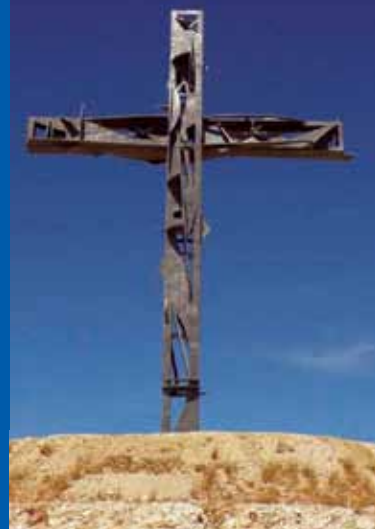
Dad was extremely busy this spring – diving into ministry opportunities as God made them available. Here is a peek at just a few of the ministry projects...

Shane and Tracey Crowley, of Fremont, MI, once again blessed

the people of Los Cabos, putting their building skills to good use. Shane is a cement contractor who can lay bricks like no other! For several years now, Shane and Tracey have ventured to Los Cabos, ministering to and serving the local people. This year was no exception! Our mutual friend, Randy Paulson, joined the Crowleys, as well. They brought Bibles to the people, ministered at the rehabilitation center, and worked through the intense Los Cabos heat. The people were blessed to have them!



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Opportunities to Minister, continued...



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Dad continued to lead the Kingdom Builder's Men's group, discipling and leading the area men's group focused on transforming the area for the Kingdom.

New Life Outreach was able to help sponsor a pastor's conference led by Missionaries Randy & Luisina Mishler and Pastor Alejandro Gomez. Pastor Randy's father first began the ministry several decades ago as a missionary in Mexico. The ministry strives to come alongside local pastors, providing resources, prayer and support for the often impoverished and isolated ministers. As an extension of that ministry, they organized a 2-day pastor's retreat. After the original location fell through, Chris Erickson generously offered to host the event at his hotel. In addition to the conference activities, Chris also arranged for the pastors and their wives to go out on the local 'pirate ship.' The event proved to be a blessing for them and the ship's crew – with the pastors sharing the gospel with the entire crew! The entire event proved to be a time of ministry, fellowship, and a needed rest for these dear pastors. It was a great success, one Pastor Randy and dad hope to continue offering in the future.



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Dad also worked closely with Pastor Luis this past Spring – helping to organize, train, and minister at the new English church service in San Jose del Cabo. Pastor Luis’ church has offered Spanish services for some time now, but the body saw a need for an English service, as well. Dad worked alongside the local volunteers to kick-off the service and ministered at several of the services, as well. It has been well attended and is proving to be a great blessing to area residents and visitors.



Please continue to lift dad up in your prayers as he continues to seek God’s face for direction. As always, none of this would be possible without your prayers and support – Thank you!

The Comfort of Captivity

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Reach out with your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen.” So Moses reached out with his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, Pharaoh’s entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained. But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right and on their left. So the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. When Israel saw the great power which the Lord had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses.” –Exodus 14:26-31

The Lord is mighty! He miraculously delivered His people from Pharaoh’s hand! The people saw and they believed – for a couple days, at least. Then they became thirsty and complained until God once again moved on their behalf, turning the bitter waters of Marah sweet. This is the pattern we see throughout much of the Exodus. God miraculously moved on the people’s behalf only to have them lament their discomfort and wish to be back in Egypt—even in captivity!

Exodus 13:17-18a illustrates this tendency:

“Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, “The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.” Therefore God led the people around by way of the wilderness to the Red Sea...”

God had to lead His people the long way so that they wouldn’t change their minds and run back to captivity! This tendency is again exhibited in Exodus 15:2-3, which tells us:

“But the whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The sons of Israel said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread until we were full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this entire assembly with hunger!””

In a matter of weeks, the Israelites lamented not having died in captivity—where at least they were full, where at least they had the comforts they had grown accustomed to.

I always found this interesting, and was quick to judge the Israelites. After all, how could a people who just experienced God’s deliverance so quickly desire to go back to captivity? Did they not know Who their God is? Did they not understand how He holds them in His hands and that the infinite, all-powerful God was on their side, with plans to prosper them and lead them to the Promise Land?

Then the Holy Spirit gently showed me as I struggled with a time of transition... Do I not know Who my God is? Do I not understand how He holds me in His hands and how the infinite, all-powerful God is on my side, with plans to prosper me and lead me to His very best?

Transition, pain, time in the wilderness... All of these things can leave us struggling, and even desiring to return to the comforts we once had, or cause us to never leave those comforts in the first place! We, too, may find ourselves choosing to live in a place of captivity—any place other than the center of God’s will for our lives.

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The Comfort of Captivity, continued...

May it never be! May we remember our God and His love and care for us. Just as Moses declared to the people: “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will perform for you today... The Lord will fight for you, while you keep silent” (Exodus 14:13-14).

It is common to not like change. Transition is often hard, but are we willing to pay the cost, knowing God will provide sweet water and manna along the way? God will fight for us and His plans for us are good. It doesn't mean there won't be days of dryness, but it does mean we can trust His leading. May God not have to take us the long way, but may we walk so closely to Him, that those comforts we once knew no longer have a hold on us. I challenge you to seek His leading and yield your place of comfort to Him. God is doing a new thing, and He needs a people, a pure and spotless bride, who will trust His leading and press into Him—no matter where He leads.

Practically Speaking...

Make a memorial—a reminder of what God has done. Just as God instructed the Israelites to build memorials, or reminders, of what He had done for them in those seasons, so we, too, need reminders of what God has done. This will help us through those dry times!

These reminders could be a journal, a white board, notes, etc. In our house, we have a ‘pitcher of praise.’ It is a water pitcher with notes of praise for direct answers to prayers... protection during storms, work issues, sports, family, etc. All of those notes serve as reminders of God's faithfulness.

I challenge you—start your memorial today. Just as God instructed the Israelites to build memorials, I believe we need to, too. These reminders will help carry us through the dry times, as well as serve as beacons of God's faithfulness for our family and loved ones.

Prepare to Pivot

After having just finished writing the previous article, my sister, Jamie, sent a prophetic word recently shared at her church. The word, from Lana Vawser, focused on transition and change, specifically Psalm 32:8-9:

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will advise you with My eye upon you. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, Whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, Otherwise they will not come near to you.”

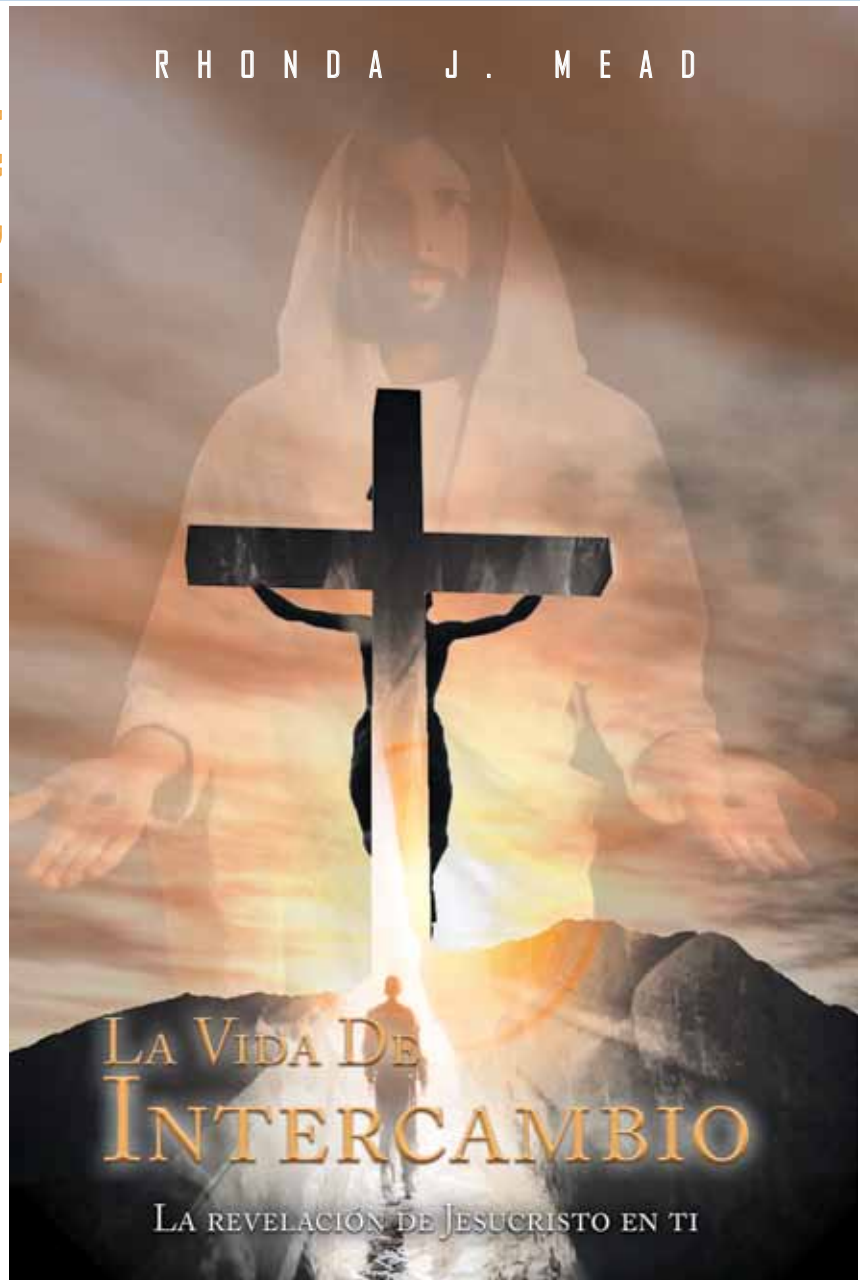
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La Vida De Intercambio

The Exchanged Life is now available in Spanish! Our dear friend from Los Cabos, Cesia Lopez, had began working on the project with mom before she passed. Cesia translated 'The Exchanged Life' and then worked with the publisher on edits and revisions. That labor of love is now complete. 'La Vida De Intercambio' is available on-line or through our home office. Order your print or e-book edition today!

LA VIDA DE INTERCAMBIO: LA REVELACIÓN DE JESUCRISTO EN TI

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



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