



Dear Supporters and Friends,

2024 has been a year of victory through out the Americas and many new disciples are being mentored and encouraged to become disciple-makers. The year has also brought many direct attacks on the leadership in many of these countries. What a joy it has been to meet with these leaders every Wednesday and pray together via Zoom and hear the testimonies of the victory that the Lord is giving each one. We serve a great God who through it all knows how to win!

Here are some of the stories from this year. Jaime Pazmiño, the President of the Missionary Church in Ecuador at the end of 2023 had a heart attack and then needed stents placed in his heart. This all happened as he was challenged by the Lord to begin to make major shifts in the emphasis and structure of the National Church. He is recovering and the changes are producing results with many new disciples being made. This year his high school daughter, Emily has also been leading her friends to the Lord. She suffers from scoliosis was told that the screws, from an earlier intervention, have come lose and that surgery is needed again. They don't have the funds. Yet through all of this Jaime remains committed to moving the denomination to focus on making disciples and the result is that disciples are being made and the church is becoming revitalized.



Many of you will recall Marco, the President of the Missionary Church in Honduras - what a man of faith and prayer! He suffers the effects of infantile polio. For years he has needed a cane or walker. Earlier this year he fell and broke the left leg, foot and arm. He has been flat on his back and immobile for months. He is getting therapy and trying to heal. Yet every time we call him he is rejoicing at what God is doing and how people are finding Christ. He has lost some good leaders who have come to the USA and yet he praises the Lord.



August had two very big surprises for us. The first was a letter from our insurance provider telling that they would drop us unless we made some major improvements such as replacing all of the roofs, re-siding the two story, three stall garage with the small apartment on the second floor and replacing all of the decking around the house. Initial estimates put this repair at half of what we have saved for our house construction.

The second was that we found out that Nat's heart was not in good shape. Due to prodding from Nat's Endocrinologist Nat went to see a Cardiologist. Nat had no symptoms but the doctor wanted a baseline since Nat has been a diabetic for more than 20 years. All of the tests were good until the CAT scan, which showed blockages. Within days of the CAT scan Nat went in for two heart catheterization sessions. Major blockages to both sides of his heart were found, 80% and 90%. The doctor was able to insert three stents and take care of the problem.

Both of these surprises have turned into real sources of blessing. If we had been able to build the house we were trying to build there would have been no funds left to do these required repairs. That would have really placed us in a dangerous position with the mortgage holder. We might have been forced to sell and that would have been terrible. God knew what was coming and these two years when we wondered why he wasn't allowing us to move forward on the plans to build he simply was protecting us from something far worse!

Since Nat was expecting to do a lot of the work and given the bad condition of Nat's heart there is a very strong possibility that if we had gone ahead with the building he would not be here today. Again, what appeared as a problem was really a blessing from the Lord who knows very well how to take care of his children. Two apparently insurmountable problems for us, when left in the hands of our Lord, have turned into wonderful blessings. We serve a great Father!



forty-nine people graduated from a Bible Seminary that Rodolfo leads. Praise the Lord!

Rodolfo in Cuba just saw the Eastern tip of the island go through a major hurricane that again flattened that part of the country. This is the area of Cuba where we have a number of people who we trained in the Eventos held in Cuba. They are forming new groups of new disciples all over this region. Some of them lost everything they own and one of them lost his whole family. With the island in collapse and the people discouraged and "whipped" the gospel is still the answer. Just last week

José Salgado in Nicaragua, Miguel and Carmenza in Colombia and Abad in the D.R. have all been laid low with health issues. Again each of them speaks of the many new disciples that are being formed and very little of their physical problems. Through José Méndez there is a group of churches in Costa Rica that now want to become part of the Missionary Church in the Americas. We expect to visit them very soon and help them with the process. God is working through each of us to extend his kingdom and we rejoice in what we are going through.

Something the Lord has impressed on us during this year is that he always has a plan and it is for our good and his glory – always! At rare moments during our time on this earth we are allowed to get a glimpse of the working behind the scenes that is going on around our lives. Heaven will give us an eternity to review all that God was doing for us. Won't that be an "eye opener!" However, when this happens to us on earth it should bring gratitude to our hearts, a challenge to do more, and force us to our knees in humble recognition that God is working and that he has need for our complete attention and participation.

We want to especially thank you for being faithful, for without your support we would not be able to carry on. Please rejoice with us that in this past year the Lord has done great things throughout the Americas through those you help to support.

In His and Your Service,

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