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First, make sure that God is calling you, be obedient to the voice of God, be sure that he is working in your life, directing what you do, God is calling people like you, do not wait to be perfect, He will do his work in you and will transform everything in you. There is only one message to proclaim JESUS IS LORD. There is only one order to obey, do it and there is always a promise from God, WAIT FOR IT.

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Rev. Milton Gay, Metanoia 2021, chap. 01, pag. 36



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The Challenge in Mesoamerica

The Church is immersed in a world similar to that of the first century, therefore, to fulfill the great commission in the future we must go back and look at what the early church did to respond and reach the world with the gospel.

The outlook is not encouraging at all, we have the consequences of the pandemic and a war that has just started, a life plagued by sin and globalized hedonism, where bad news and shows go viral, giving way to the immoral and the unbridled.

We live in a post-Christian, post-pandemic world where the very church, our church has committed the sin of omission of accommodating to this world just as Paul warned in Romans 12:2.

Neither the pastoral nor the church have been able to read the times and realize that the dangers that history itself has warned us about have caused damage not only within the church but also within the hearts of believers.

Here are some of those dangers that have been introduced into the church and have done us much harm:

1 Isolation from the world: The world is bad and we lock ourselves up to protect ourselves in a bubble called the church to which we respond only reactively, that is, reacting from a moralistic point of view, but without impacting society.

2 Materialism and prosperity: The church lost Bresse's vision which said that the church of the Nazarene was a church for the poor and not to make ostentatious and postmodern temples but a refuge for everyone who needs grace and food.

3 A spiritual accommodation without social commitment: The church now only serves itself, they forgot the tables, the widows and the prisoners a long time ago and dedicated themselves to taking care of themselves and forgetting that we were created to preserve and flavor this world .

Regional evangelism proposes a transformation of the local church with the challenge of being the relevant church for this decade of 2020 - 2030 where we teach, train, model and empower the new generations to a life with passion for evangelism in order to reach this world with the message of Jesus Christ.



The passion of evangelism must be based on love for God, our neighbor and ourselves, trying to obediently fulfill the great commission, we must retake and emphasize our core values, our mission and fulfill the purpose for which we are a church.

The challenges we face are similar to those of the first century: opposition, coldness and lack of commitment, indifference and apathy, but we trust in God that He in this time is calling us to make a difference and wake up the giant (church) that is asleep and equip you for the new evangelization and the new empowerment process from the region to the local church.



As regional evangelism we will work to overcome the 7 challenges so that the local church can implement this great plan that will bring comprehensive growth:

01 Generate awareness and responsibility with the leaders of the church:

As evangelism we will work to develop in each one of the leaders and believers these two important requirements which will help everyone to understand their reality in their call to the great commission.

As evangelism our priority in this decade is to form mature Christians in Christ Jesus, that are, the best version of themselves and for this it is essential that we generate awareness, since we can only respond and act to what we are aware of. If I am not aware of something, I cannot do anything about it.

02 Change of ecclesiastical paradigm:

Not only the planters of the Jesus Film will plant new churches, all of us believers can do it through pastors, missionaries, evangelism committees, stewards and evangelists. When we provide knowledge to leaders, we generate awareness and commitment.

Together we can make a big difference in the process starting from regional leadership, district superintendents, coordinators, district evangelism committees and planters, pastors and local evangelism teams.

We are going to raise awareness in churches, empower, intentionally expose and follow up.

03 Provide state-of-the-art training and equipment:

All districts will be trained and equipped to use all digital resources such as lightstreams so that all churches can be catalysts for people and evangelize them through evangelistic videos on the electronic device.

The region is providing all the necessary material resources for the training of all local churches and pastors through the field teams that work as one with the region.

04 Delegate responsibilities in a cascading effect:

The region initiates the process in the fields and trains its team with the superintendents and these, in turn, follow up on a timeline designed by them until reaching the local church with all the resources what do you need. Each field and district will have a training team that will teach and mobilize all the local churches by zone throughout the district.

Local churches, together with their pastors, will intentionally form evangelism teams to evangelize in their communities with strategies that are most contextual to their community.

05

Develop a new culture of evangelization in the region:

The region needs to remember that one of the 7 essentials of the church is passionate evangelism and it is what gives life to the community of faith and challenges it to be church on this earth. . The church must understand that evangelism is not a program, an alternative or a trendy project, but is part of the Nazarene DNA which demands a fulfilling response from every believer throughout the region. children winning children, youth reaching youth and adults sharing hope.

A local church that is committed to evangelization will be aware of the needs and lacks of the people who live in its community and will help them in all areas spiritually, economically, emotionally and socially because Jesus approached them in an integral way: healing, feeding, ministering and saving.

06

Mentoring and empowering the new generations:

Mentoring taught us that we must accompany the new generations and model a responsible lifestyle in the ministry and start doing things differently if we want to have different and good results. Albert Einstein said “let’s not be fanatics doing the same thing and wanting to have different results”.

If we want to reach our communities for Jesus, we must change our way of thinking and acting, that is, be more relational and attentive to people who do not know Jesus and show them love and hope in Jesus through our lives.

07

Work as a team on the new evangelistic strategy:

Regional Evangelism is making an investment of people’s time and resources for this great process that we intend to be valued and used by all districts. The first instance is the FSC’s and the superintendents and we put at their disposal the resources and materials so that evangelization is a priority in the next decade and thus we can change the model of planting new churches.

We want to celebrate the sowing and reaping at a district and field convention where we celebrate the fruits of this new strategy with fresh and relevant resources for the community.

We are going to mobilize the entire local church to share Jesus and that each ministry of the local church develops an evangelizing vision in all its events and that evangelism is not only at a specific time, but becomes a lifestyle of every Nazarene and Nazarene in the region.



Challenge is to plant new churches, it is to empower the church and each Christian to be a faithful witness of the wonders of God, it is to evangelize the world and make disciples. Challenge are new pastors, missionaries and evangelists that proclaim the message and raise the harvest which is abundant.



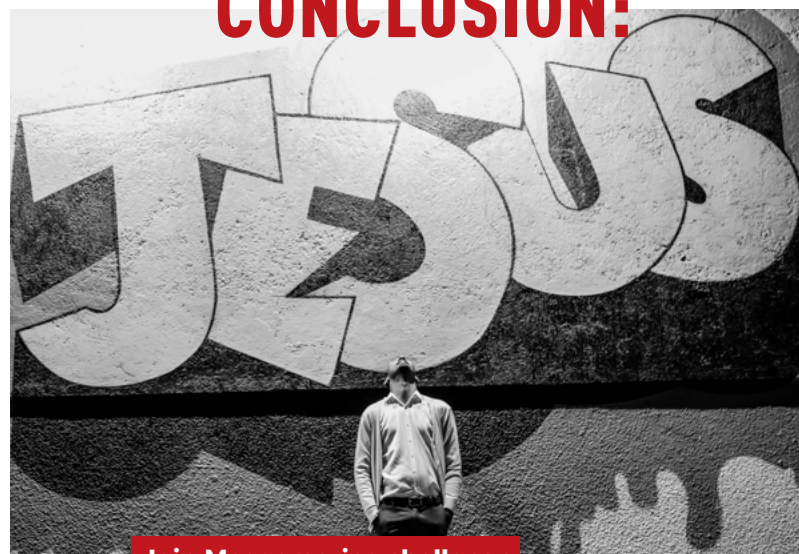
The Mesoamerica challenge is an integrating vision where our partner in this strategy is God, who is the only one who produces fruit and for our efforts to bear fruit we have to invoke the name of the Lord.

As the Church of the Nazarene in Mesoamerica, we must reinvent ourselves and return to the gospel the freshness and relevance that men like John the Baptist gave ,who, being a simple man, was powerful in announcing the message of repentance and the advent of the messiah.

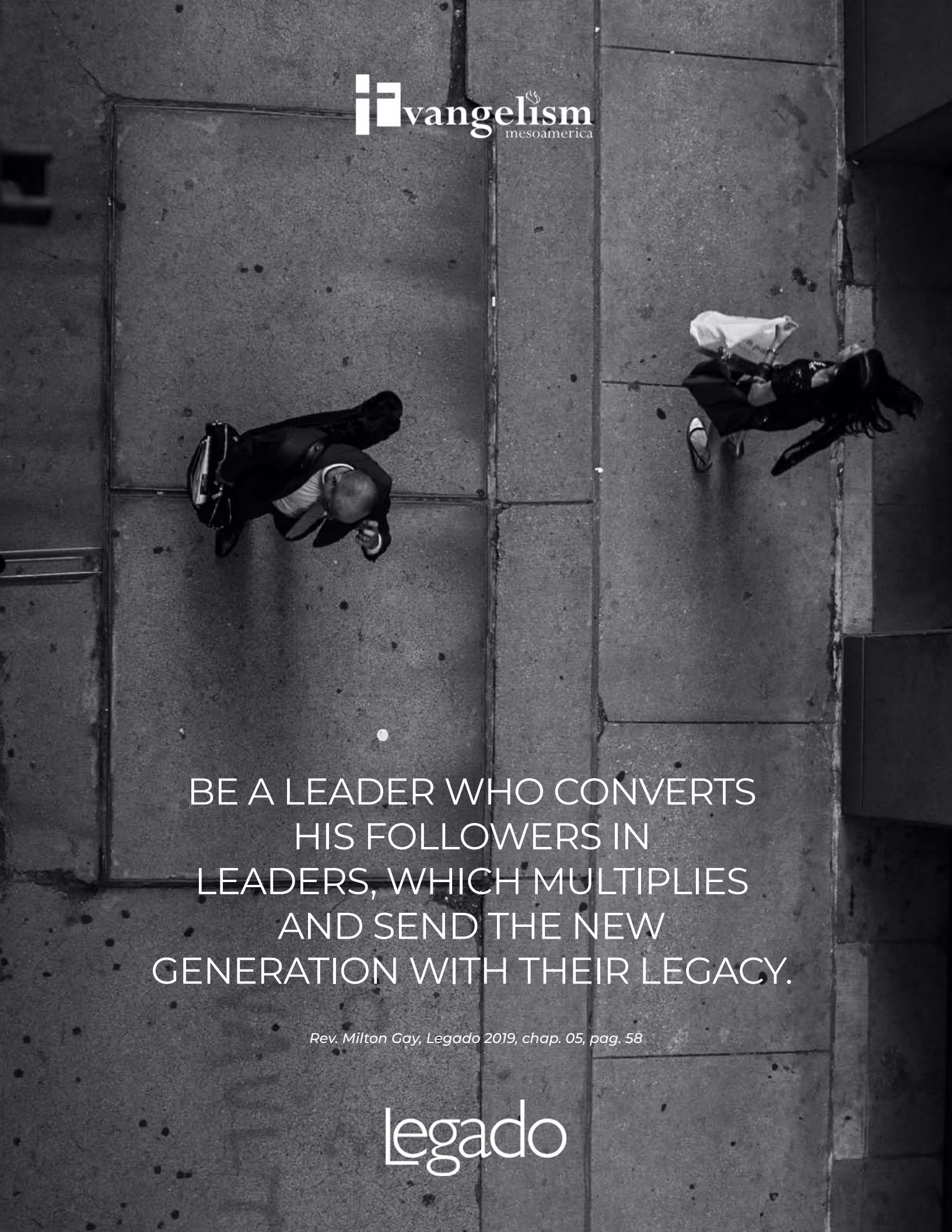
John did not perform miracles, he did not heal the sick, nor did he call down fire from heaven, but he did what gave him a unique place in the kingdom; to ask that he decrease so that he grows, that was the only voice that he cried out in the desert and that announced the arrival of the messiah.

Our church, we ourselves must be like him, with the passion to proclaim the messiah and to empty ourselves so that he grows and we only give glory to God.

CONCLUSION:



**Join Mesoamerica challenge
and together let's win the
world for Christ.**



BE A LEADER WHO CONVERTS
HIS FOLLOWERS IN
LEADERS, WHICH MULTIPLIES
AND SEND THE NEW
GENERATION WITH THEIR LEGACY.

Rev. Milton Gay, Legado 2019, chap. 05, pag. 58

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Church of the Nazarene Etna is a church established in San Pablo Etna, in the state of Oaxaca Mexico, we started as a small group and despite the pandemic we are going through, the church has remained with an average attendance of 650 people at our Sunday meetings, in full pandemic, we opened another meeting 30 minutes from the congregation, which we call “Etna Villa Point”. This year we planted three daughter churches and raised up leaders who lead more than 40 small groups in different places in our community.

All this is the result of the grace of God and the implementation of some principles that have helped us develop the church, we continue to learn and I believe that we will continue to grow.

Josué Barrera
Pastor CON Etna,
Oaxaca, México





HOW DO WE START?

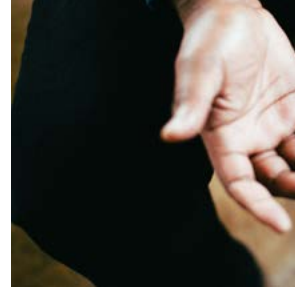
If we ask ourselves how does a church start? There are different ways. It is curious that the highest percentage of churches start as a result of a division. In its simplest sense, a division is two visions, a group does not share the vision of its pastor and they find a leader who guides the new group to a new vision. This hurts the churches a lot, and in the case of the group that leaves, many times over time it divides again, and although there are more churches, they are not necessarily healthy and do not always have the potential to grow.

Others are born from a resentment of what could not be done in a place, and although this does not cause a rupture, the pastor or planter goes with a damaged heart, and starting with those kinds of feelings in the heart greatly affects the development of a new church.

On the other hand, there are churches that are born from the need of a community, I have witnessed churches that started without formal planning, but were the result of the need to care for and shepherd new believers or believers who moved from one community to another. another and they were left without a church. And another church is born from the vision of making disciples and that a community is touched with the grace of God.

In our case, we were sent by the superintendent to start a new congregation, there was no temple, equipment, people or financial resources, but we had the blessing of God and our pastor to start this new work. The lessons begin here.





EVERYTHING STARTS WITH A — CALL

I don't believe in self-calling, I don't think it's correct for someone to say I want to be a pastor, I want to plant a church, I've already finished seminary and then it's my turn to enter the ministry, being a pastor is a call from God, and The first question we must ask ourselves is if God called us, when this happens there will be a conviction in the heart, but also a recognition of spiritual authorities who send us to do the work. Psalm 127:4 says: Children born to a young man are like arrows in the hands of a warrior. Every planter should be a spiritual son who must be launched like an arrow by a brave man, that is to say, a spiritual authority, with intentionality, and as far as I know, arrows are not launched by themselves.

When God calls, he backs up, I have realized that to the people God called he did not give them things but he gave them a call, a vision, an order and a blessing. God calls Noah, gives him a call to save humanity, gives him instructions to build an ark, but the Bible does not say if he sent him wood, nails or resources, even so, he built the ark as ordered and saved The humanity. God calls Abraham and the first thing he tells him is to leave everything, he promises him a blessing, but he does not receive anything material at that moment and is called the father of faith and the bible says that God prospered him enormously. God calls Joshua and tells him that there is a promised land, but tells him that it must be conquered, and after several battles the promise was fulfilled, Israel entered the promised land and God established them. The ministry is not easy, but if there is a call from God, there is also support from God, as I heard a pastor affirm many years ago "The God of vision is the God of provision"





THE POWER — OF VISION



The Bible says in Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” if I do not know what I hope for, I cannot develop faith, the basis of faith is hope, and if I do not expect anything, faith does not work. That same passage from Hebrews says that “without faith it is impossible to please God.”

The mission is the same (Matthew 28:19) but the vision has to do with the details of the church that God has placed in your heart. We never saw ourselves as a small mission, on the advice of our pastor we began our meetings affirming “Welcome to the church of the Nazarene of Etna” we are the church of the community. That helped us to have a vision of growth. And the vision is contagious. Always try to have a clear dream that you can transmit to the people who follows you.

All churches have a culture, all churches have a way in which they develop, even churches that say they do not have a defined culture, if they do, it is enough to be there on a Sunday and observe what everyone does to identify the culture of your church

It is important that, as a pastor, you define what the culture of your church will be like, we define our culture in 4 aspects:

1 A culture of simplicity. The simpler everything is, the better. This simplicity is reflected even in our structure, the churches want to have many things too fast, I think it is a mistake. The way of getting involved in the ministry, the order of worship, the processes, we have tried to keep them simple.

2 A culture of honor. Honor is the recognition of the value of something or someone, we teach the congregation to honor God, to honor their spiritual family, the church is our home, and as a home we take care of it, protect it, keep it together, honor it, we honor our leaders and our pastors.

3 A culture of generosity. Generosity is not only giving money, it is giving ourselves, it is serving others, it is loving others, it is loving God. A church that is generous is: generous with its time, that is why it serves; it is generous with its talents, that is why it puts them at the service of God, it is generous with its resources and this allows us to advance with God's vision.

THE CULTURE — OF THE CHURCH IS IMPORTANT



4 A culture of intentionality. We try to ensure that all activities have a why and a why, if something does not make sense, even if it sounds good, even if other churches do it, we will not do it, everything must have a reason and an intention clear.

5 Culture of Excellence. From the beginning we adopted a concept of excellence that has helped us to do things well "Excellence is Doing the best you can with the resources you have at the level you are at."

DEVELOP PASTORAL— PROPERLY



1 Coverage: We all need a mentor in our lives, let's not develop the ministry like a lone ranger, we need someone to help us, support us, pray for us, and to whom we can deliver accounts, there is a blessing to be under coverage.

2 Self-management: Honestly, in the development of pastoral care, we, the pastors, are the ones who manage our time, resources and talents. A healthy church thrives when its pastor manages his life and resources well.

3 Generosity: Let us be generous shepherds, willing to spend what we own, let us be generous with our resources, with our time, God rewards generosity. If we are generous, the church will be too. Paul's words should define the heart of a pastor.

"I will gladly wear myself out for you and spend all I have too, though it seems that the more I love you, the less you love me". 2 Corinthians 12:15

4 Productivity. Creo que es un error esperar que la gente nos ayude, o que alguien nos venga a dar para entonces hacer algo. Dios siempre proveerá, pero debemos aprender a ser gente que con la bendición de Dios produce todo lo que puede. Creo que ser pastor y además tener un trabajo, un negocio u otra actividad que genera recursos es algo bueno si sabemos balancearlo y desarrollarlo.

5 Faith: Believing God is not so easy, but if we are brave and take steps of faith, we see extraordinary things in the ministry.

These are some lessons learned in these years, there are many more things that we can talk about, but I hope that this can serve to inspire you, give you a light in the development of the ministry. I know that each situation is very particular, but if you take the principles they can be useful for your life and your ministry.



CUL TU RAL EVANGELISM

*Is the gospel
for all people
in all cultures
today?*

Talking about the cultural challenges we face in sharing the good news of salvation is so vast that it takes more than a few pages to cover different aspects. So in this article there will only be the opportunity to address two aspects that will be presented in the form of questions:

In what ways does the gospel of Jesus Christ affect cultures? How to distinguish the ways that the gospel of Jesus Christ affects?

The answers will not be exhaustive, and surely you can cooperate with more questions and answers that, with the help of God, will allow us to share the

good news with the people of today, so I would like to read it to you, please do not hesitate to write to Acts Magazine or to my email for your comments.

Now yes, for the first question, in what ways does the gospel of Jesus Christ affect cultures? it is necessary to answer that God's love for the world is action, and he places a special interest in humans to whom he wants to give eternal life and salvation, for this reason (thus) humanity is loved by God and for this reason it affects them integrally, so the cultures of all humanity have been and will be affected by his love which is best revealed in the good news of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ.

01 Reinforcing cultural traits.

The ways in which a community lives how their principles, world view, traditions and relationship with God or what they consider divinity. We see that Jesus was asked about rules and commandments that governed the lives of the Jews two thousand years ago, and he identified commandments known to his audience that were valuable and needed to be practiced, so he reinforced the well-known Great Commandment based on love (Mark 12:30).

We know that God's favor is what helps us to love, and the small flash of his image in humanity as well as his redemptive plan has impregnated cultures and different civilizations to a greater or lesser degree despite rebellion, ignorance or deception, for that reason we can see those features of this love of God and love of neighbor with different nuances, however unfortunately it is not enough and that is why the son of God came, and thus, full of grace and truth (John 1:14), showed greatest act of love for mankind by bearing their sin. Something no one else could do.

02 Confronting cultural traits.

The traditions or ways of living can be contrary to the love of God and neighbor, therefore, Jesus not only reinforced cultural traits, but also criticized those who care for little relevant aspects of good visible ritual behavior, but the fundamental as mercy, justice and faith passed them by (Mt. 23:23 and 24). Just as the grace of God helps different cultures to experience love and help, they also experience pain, injustice, abuse, lies, hatred, etc. Because of their rebellion and estrangement from God, the source is the human heart itself, which plots evil (Mt. 15:19); Jesus Christ who gives his love and help without deserving it, shows us the truth, we are sinners, and he does it for our own good, so that we seek salvation, forgiveness and help in him. So the gospel is a mirror to see our hearts and as a result of it the cultural traits that keep us from loving God and our fellow men.

03 Transform cultures.

By having the beautiful opportunity to reinforce aspects of any culture with the help of Jesus, and confront traits contrary to his saving plan, as was said at the beginning, paying special attention to his creation that needs to be saved, it is then that every human who believes in him, gives him the opportunity, the experience and the possibility of being transformed and constantly renewed by the powerful intervention of his Holy Spirit, who does what is impossible for us humans, gives new life and help us to live following Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior (John 1:13).

For the second question, how to distinguish the ways that the gospel of Jesus Christ affects? There are examples at different times in history, such as the care of newborn children who were rejected by father and mother and thrown in the garbage in the time of Imperial Rome, there the love of neighbor of Christians included the rescue and care of these defenseless little ones without a voice and the ability to defend themselves, thus Christianity confronted culture, it also changed it since Christians, despite being persecuted, cared for children without parents, rejected sick people, foreigners, to such an extent that the Roman Empire began to worry about the acceptance and sympathy that Christians began to generate; confrontation is accompanied by loving cultural transformation.

Some time ago I was asked what position I should take in relation to certain religious practices of a community? Before giving an opinion, it is necessary to remember how Jesus acted, full of grace and truth, in such a way that he extends mercy to him for his estrangement from God but shares what is true with them and helps them to approach the gospel. What cultural challenge do you see in your context? Sometimes we think that there is no answer in the life and teachings of Jesus for the dilemmas of a society almost two thousand

years ago, but you will be surprised to know that there are more answers in the life of Jesus than you expected, the entire Bible.

Although, on occasions, it will also be necessary to study various theological and evangelistic contributions, these must refer to Jesus as the foundation.

So we can review our life in our specific context and culture, bring our customs, beliefs, ways of living with others and our hearts to Jesus, to check if they are compatible with him and his teachings, he will reinforce them if they are according to his will. But if they are contrary, there will be a beautiful opportunity to be confronted by him, to review our desires, impulses and convictions so that he corrects us. But that will only happen with the powerful help through the Holy Spirit, who does what we cannot do, because walking like Jesus is not a task for humans independent of him, but for those who affirm a total need for help, advice and restoration, that's where there will be miraculous transformations!

Do you want to live reinforcements, corrections, and transformation? I invite you to come and read the Gospels as a good start; there you will find Jesus doing this and more with people like us. And if you want to cooperate so that Jesus strengthens, confronts and transforms communities and their

Evangelism *AND JESUS* are for every *culture* that *exists*

cultures, it is time to share the Gospel of Jesus, the good news that no human being will be left the same, whatever the context or culture they may have; and if he puts his trust in Jesus, he will reflect God more clearly in a walk in the footsteps of our savior who will help him because he is full of grace and truth.

Therefore, it can be affirmed that the gospel and the person of Jesus is for everyone in all the cultures and communities that exist today, therefore it is possible to declare, I want to respond to this cultural challenge!

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You can teach what you know, but you
can only multiply what you are.

Tim and Annete Gulick, Influencer 2019, chap. 01, pag. 14



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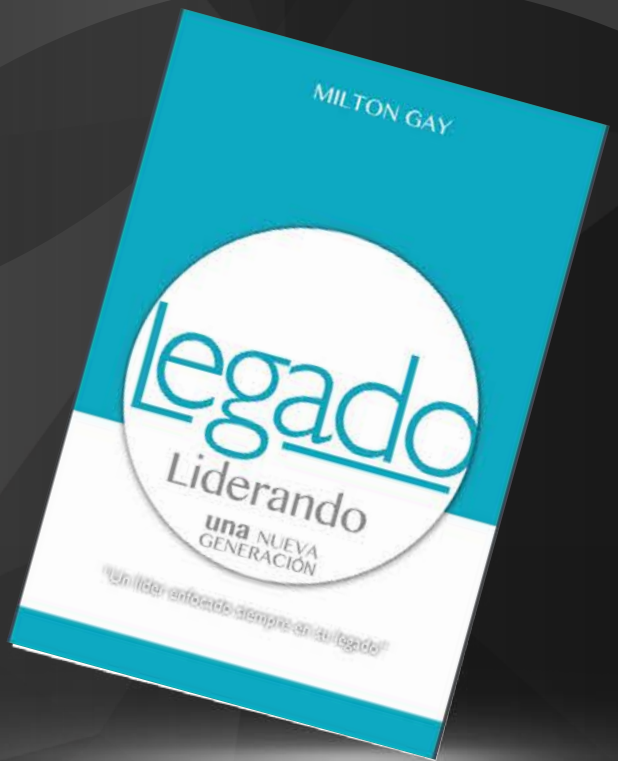
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I have no doubt that the apostle Paul was called to bring the gospel to the gentile people, that is, to the non-Jews, and in this mandate he was busy on his second missionary journey, with the certainty that it was the risen Jesus Christ himself who entrusted this mission to him. When an unexpected situation occurs, the Holy Spirit did not allow him to announce the gospel in Asia Minor, which was a Roman province with Jewish and Gentile citizens. Honestly, the Bible does not explicitly state the reasons for such a decision and conjectures can arise such as, could it be that God was not interested in the inhabitants of Asia Minor being saved? Definitely yes, but on this second missionary journey, it was not God's Kairos time for Asia.

Sometimes we use the phrase IT IS NOT GOD'S TIME, so as not to accept God's call to the ministry of evangelization, or as an excuse for not taking the message to certain communities in our countries where we still do not have a presence, however, in this biblical passage we observe the opposite, the apostle Paul had every good intention of preaching the gospel in Asia Minor, but in obedience to the Holy Spirit he did not do it without asking the reasons, that indicates an intimate relationship and total subordination to the will of the Holy Spirit, the same thing that we must do at this time.

Continuing with his journey, he arrived at Troas, an important seaport that connects Asia with Europe, and

it was there that he received the revelation of the Macedonian man who invited him to go over to Macedonia to help them. Something important to note is that the Bible indicates that the vision was at night, it does not say the exact time, but it does confirm that immediately the evangelistic team formed by the apostle Paul, Silas, Timothy and Dr. Luke set out to continue their journey by ship to the region of Macedonia in obedience to the Holy Spirit, where they founded the churches of Philippi, Thessalonica and Berea which were constituted in unconditional support to the missionary ministry of the apostle Paul, both in leadership and financial support.

Paul and his companions traveled all through the area of Phrygia and Galatia. The Holy Spirit had kept them from preaching the word in Asia Minor. They came to the border of Mysia. From there they tried to enter Bithynia. But the Spirit of Jesus would not let them. So they passed by Mysia. Then they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision. He saw a man from Macedonia standing and begging him. "Come over to Macedonia!" the man said. "Help us!" After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia.

Acts 16:6-10

It is here that they found Lydia of Thyatira, a seller of purple, she was baptized with all of her house and offered her home as a hotel so that the evangelistic team could rest there, also the case of the jailer of Philippi, who asked that precious question: What should I do to be saved? And the answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you and your whole household will be saved."

How precious it is to be guided by the Holy Spirit in the challenge of planting new preaching points, how important it is that our agenda is in line with the Holy Spirit.

Something that we must be sure of is that the Holy Spirit goes before us in the evangelization plan and He is preparing the hearts of the people even before we arrive with the message.

But how privileged we are to be instruments of blessing in the hands of a living God who does not want anyone to be lost, but rather that everyone proceed to repentance. Finally, the third missionary journey of the apostle Paul was the Kairos time for the region of Asia Minor.

But this is where the need for workers willing to fulfill the great commission becomes evident, because whoever calls on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved. Now, how will they call on the one in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear if there is no one to preach to them? The Holy Spirit today continues to give direction to the church in the preaching of the gospel, the question to ponder is: am I being led by the Holy Spirit? We ask God, you are led by his holy spirit and let us not waste God's Kairos time to go where the Spirit tells us.

May the love of the Father, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of his Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

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**IMPACT MENTORSHIP
EQUIPPING SESSION**



YOU FEED THEM



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“But Jesus said, “You feed them... Luke 9:13 NLT

These trilling words of Jesus to his disciples, have cause me to dig deeper to try to understand how does this command really apply to us today, ‘You feed them.’ What does it really mean? For me everything that Jesus said is important, has meaning, is inspired and relevant for anytime. Today, just like the disciples such words of instruction to many people would be difficult to accept much less believed to be possible. How would we get enough food? Where would the money come from? In the context of “evangelism with compassion” I believe it holds immense relevance, is applicable and in practicality Yes, it is possible to achieve. Why? Jesus was the one giving the command. “You feed them”.

As we seek to do “evangelism with compassion” let it be understood that one cannot truly evangelise without a heart of compassion or being compassionate in action. Evangelism and compassion cannot be separated. With this in mind it is even more important in these times of uncertainties, poverty and increasing unemployment when many don’t know what to do, that we the Church the Body of Christ has the answer. We can feed them both physically and spiritual. The disciples looked at the crowds and saw a crisis, instead of looking at Christ and seeing the answer. Their response was to send them away to fend for themselves. Today many Christians and Churches operated with the same mindsets. When we face seemingly impossible situations, we fear we don’t have anything to offer that can really make a difference. We just do what comes naturally and take the easy way out “Sent them Away.” We feel contented and justified to say we don’t have the finances or the resources. There seems to be no faith to believe the impossible can become possible. Many churches are stuck in the rut of believing they are ok, being comfortable with who they are, no need to change, convincing themselves they are doing the best they can. So anything challenging can upset the norm. Better just tell them “we will pray for you.” Could this be another way of saying “Send Them Away?”





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We must remember Christ said feed them, and more specifically, “You feed them.” Note the emphasis is on “YOU” the Church. The world we are presently living in with this new norm imposed on us by the Covid-19 pandemic says these are tough and hard times. Life and living have been adversely affected by the scourge of the pandemic. People all over are discouraged, dismayed, disillusion not sure how they will make it. Trying desperately to overcome disappointments, trying to adapt to the new normal. And amidst all this I hear Jesus saying, “You feed them.”

Let’s understand that in Christ we have received the real new normal which is new life in Christ where old things have given way to new things. We have Christ in us in the midst of Covid. And with Christ, as His Church, we can feed them, we can take care of them, we can make a difference.

I believe that Christ being present with His disciples meant anything was possible. Today with Christ in us and His Spirit’s power at work in and through us we can evangelise with compassion, we can feed them yes, we can make the difference.



It should be noted that love and the message of the gospel are shared every time an activity or event is held. With Christ we can feed them!

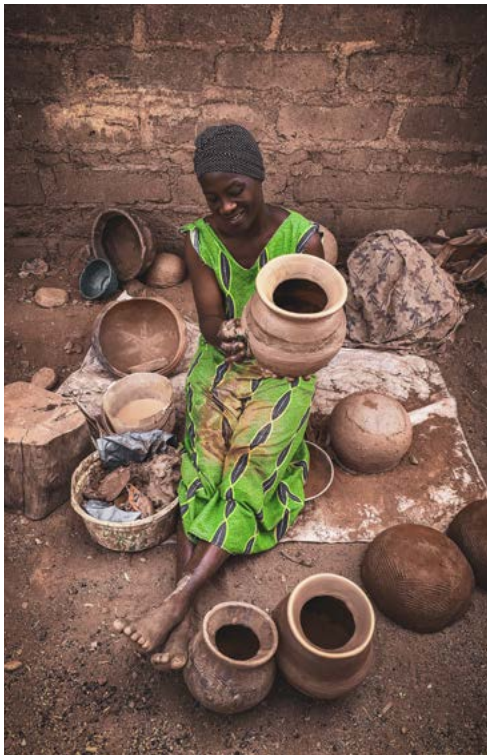


So how can we do this. How can the entire Church, the children, the youths and adults be involved. How can we feed them. First the Church needs to carry out a needs assessment of it members and community.

We must ask ourselves what is the major needs within our community? What available resources do we have? And what are the resources we will need the meet the needs? Evangelism with compassion must be needs based with love at the center of every we do. Because whatever we do must point to Christ.

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:37, 40 NIV.



Let me suggest some ways.

1

Churches can ask its membership to purchase extra non-perishable food items. These items can then be packaged as food hampers and given out to those in need within the Church and community.

2

Churches can encourage both its members and community to develop backyard gardens for healthy food supplies. The Church can supply the seeds and even give assistance by allowing their youths and children to assist in preparing and maintaining some of the gardens.

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Churches can develop a love box where each person that attends gives a minimum of \$1 (in respective currency) weekly and at the end of each month or every two months the funds collected can be given to someone in need whether in the Church or community.

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A free barbecue or soup day can be hosted by a church where barbecue or soup are given away free of cost to passersby in the community. They can also create a weekly feeding program for the elderly or even a soup kitchen.

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Clothing can also be collected and distributed to those in need.

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If allowable cottage meetings or small group meetings can be conducted in homes, play fields for times of Prayer and Bible studies. opportunities in such settings should be given for persons to share any needs they may have and then every effort should be made by the group to meet the needs.

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Join us and together we can reach the world!

For 10 years, we will celebrate the Decade of Global Evangelism, in May of each year we will celebrate the month, week and day of Global Evangelism, where together as a church we want to reach every person, place and corner of the world preaching and making Christ-like disciples .

I CHALLENGE YOU

let's see if
you dare

**Milton Gerardo Gay
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Audio videos and
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When I was a teenager and I was in school, I remember that the phrase “I dare you” was an everyday thing; I dare you to scream, I dare you to throw away this little plane, I dare you to drop out of class and I even dare you to propose to the girl you like, if you didn't complete these challenges you'd end up like a coward, he made me laugh at your friends and above all everything you did not have any opportunity to make a challenge to another partner or partner.

Now, a challenge or challenge can be defined as: a difficult or dangerous situation that someone faces. When I was a child, the challenges and challenges were from children, when I was a teenager the challenges

were from a teenager and now that I am a young adult I realize that the challenges have changed, or I have simply accepted challenges that I was unaware of before, you may be wondering what challenges am I talking about or maybe not, even so, I will tell you.

In advance, I tell you that this little article will be full of challenges, which I invite you, as a reader, to carry out, as we saw in the definition, these challenges or challenges are difficult and even dangerous depending on the context in which you unwrap, but let's continue, let's see what challenges I'm referring to.

I grew up in the Church of the Nazarene, I have practically spent 24 years

of my life listening to praises, preaching, Sunday schools, bible studies, reading the bible, praying, offering, participating in camps, sports activities, we have even evangelized house to house in several countries and communities, but it was not until recently that I have accepted the challenge to reach “the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13).

Without a doubt, I can tell you that this is the supreme challenge, because this challenge consists of fighting against our human nature, fighting with our internal rebelliousness of saying “nobody rules in my life” “my body, my decisions” or the typical “I do what I want.”

This challenge consists of giving your life completely to God, because you know that He has the best plans, because you know that He created you and the body that you say now is yours one day was dust and that is where it will return when you are dead, this I write it thinking that you already believe that God is your creator, if not, I challenge you to look for him and check if that is the case, or you will be left alone with your pride and resentment, which only blinds you and makes you believe that you are unique and essential for this reality in which we live.

For this reason, the challenge of those of us who call ourselves Christians cannot be conveyed as: "I challenge you to go to church every Sunday", the real challenge is to have a close relationship with Jesus, seek him day and night, read And above all, meditate on his word. Is it easy? Of course not, the question is do you accept the challenge? are you afraid? Or do you just not have the guts?

What stops you from accepting this challenge? Some hidden sin, some addictions that have adhered to your life over time, friends who repudiate the Creator for not being what their selfish spirits desire or it may be something similar to my case, every day I struggle with the indiscipline of not take the Bible and read it, take 5 or 10 minutes to communicate with my Creator, there will always be excuses for not accepting the challenge.

To give you another example, I have shared about Jesus on several occasions and an answer that they use a lot is: "When I stop doing bad things I will go to church", at first I just accepted this answer and prayed for people, but over time I I have realized that it is a TOTAL contradiction, so that you understand it better, in other words, it would be: when I am cured of the cancer that I have I will go to the hospital, now that you read it like that it sounds very illogical, right? It is exactly the same, humans by our nature to evil and comfort do not want to accept the challenge of reaching the measure of Christ, because it is very difficult, because people are very toxic and thousands of excuses that I can give you.

Today, I want to challenge you not to be a coward, not to be selfish and seek your Creator wholeheartedly and in a disciplined way, possibly in your head you say I have been attending church for years and I have never felt a real encounter with God, I can tell you with certainty that it is a process and if you are reading this it is because you still have a chance, but it will depend on you and how much you want to complete this challenge.

Because the Bible is very clear, as we can see in Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to his disciples:

—If someone wants to be my disciple, he has to deny himself, take his cross and follow me. Because whoever wants to save his life, he will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my sake, he will find it.

Matthew 16:24-25

To conclude, I want to make a summary of the challenges that I have launched and I hope you accept them in your life, first of all I challenge you to know the Father, whoever has seen the Son (Christ) has seen the Father, secondly I challenge you to fight with your own nature to do evil, maybe you have never killed anyone, never stolen thousands of dollars, but maybe you have lied or lie, maybe you mistreat people or yourself, I don't know, my intention is not to look for your flaws, but that you can fight against them and all for love of the Father, if you still do not know him, it is not too late to do so.

Finally, I leave you with the challenge of sharing what you are going to experience as you reach these challenges, Jesus did not promise that life would be beautiful, but he did promise that in the end we would have victory, if you already lead a life close to God, I challenge you to share it with as many people as you can, and to do it in a creative and innovative way, that impacts the new generations, through social networks, projects that help people in need or the planet earth itself that is suffering a lot.

I challenge you to be different and to be a leader like Jesus was, I challenge you to make a difference in a world so corrupted by sin, I challenge you, to be light... do you dare?



WHAT IS THE MULTIPLICATION NETWORK?

The decade of evangelism is allowing great things to happen, first to meet institutions that are passionate about the great commission, second to make alliances with them, third to share resources and fourth to develop strategies together to bring the gospel to all people. The four points are quite a challenge, therefore a few months ago the multiplication network became the new regional evangelism partner.

The Multiplication Network is an interdenominational ministry of consulting, advice and donation of digital resources, which serves the denomination and local church, through training for the planting and growth of healthy churches through the training of pastors and leaders, to be a healthy church representing the Kingdom of God in each community. Providing resources to be a guide and thus develop their own process of revitalization and planting of new churches.

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Equip leaders with the necessary tools and resources to strengthen and multiply healthy churches

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To be a healthy church representing the Kingdom of God in every community .

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MORE CHURCHES

A strategy for planting healthy churches. Its content is biblical, theological, missional, practical and contextualized.

A process to strengthen the local church.

Regional Evangelism has the challenge of training district and local church leaders in: diagnosing the health of the churches, revitalizing them with strategic resources and subsequently developing strategic planning, which has as its goal the planting of new healthy churches. The multiplication network joins the Nazarene regional evangelistic effort, to revitalize a good percentage of the local churches of the different districts of our region.



BETTER CHURCHES



multiplication network



The challenge that lies ahead is great and therefore it is necessary to start now, the multiplication network and regional evangelism are ready, so the leadership is invited to join the effort to revitalize the churches to heal the churches, to get involved in evangelism ministries, to have a passion for evangelism, and plant new healthy churches. Today you have a great opportunity to preach the gospel to the whole world (Matthew 24:14).

The church will try various ways to deepen its apostolic role by being obedient to God in regard to his Great Commission when he says: "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), and when he commands us "to be witnesses to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Comprehensive healthy growth is the concern of every Christian and in particular of church leaders. (John Wagenveld Church Integral Growth. 2013. Pages 9-10)

The Church of the Nazarene through regional evangelism is ready to be part of the decade of global evangelism, the question is are the leaders, superintendents and local churches ready? Here is another challenge, but with the help of the Lord, a network of multiplication, healthy churches and leadership, We will take the gospel to the end of the earth, and that's our great challenge.

Dr. Luis Flores
Revitalization
of Churches



Mexico CHALLENGE



Good news for the entire Mesoamerican region; From March 4th till 7th of the present year 2022, the “MEXICO CHALLENGE” Congress was held at the Training Center of the north Area, in Mezcala, Jalisco. Superintendents, Pastors, Church Planters, evangelism coordinators, members of evangelism boards, Global Missions coordinators and members of the RENEW project from all over the country were present, with the vision of achieving a paradigm shift, a change of direction and of thought, so that the entire Church of the Nazarene understands that evangelization is everyone’s job and not just a few or unfortunately sometimes no one’s job. For this reason, this congress was given the task of initiating the flame of evangelism in all leaders and not only that, they were also equipped with different strategies and tools to carry out this task, which involves all believers who have decided to accept the name of Jesus in their lives. These national leaders were trained

with the new programs and tools of Ready Set Go (evangelism through sports), church revitalization (assessment and diagnosis of how their churches are doing and if they are healthy enough to reproduce correctly) and Lightstream (a completely new evangelistic tool, which will help all of Mexico to evangelize through technology). The last 2 days were strategic planning: VPT - Vision, Plan, Time. All the participants designed their plan to train their pastors and local district evangelism boards, so look forward to replicating Challenge in their different districts. It was discussed the importance of the District Superintendent and the Coordinator of Evangelism in the Evangelistic actions of the local church, there was a forum where it was possible to speak openly about church planting through the new generations and how young people should become the new promoters of the gospel in these generations where many do not want to follow Christ.



Without a doubt, it was a wonderful time, where the presence of God was sought and shared with Nazarene brothers from all over the country, our vision is to continue spreading the Gospel in all places, times and to all people.

Expect this congress in your field very soon and get ready to have a paradigm shift and fan the flame in you. We have faith that God will do extraordinary things through all the people who accept this challenge. So, do you accept the challenge?

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Global evangelism Guatemala

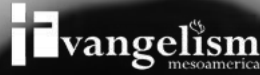


The Church of the Nazarene Guatemala was present at the launch of the decade of Evangelism of Global Evangelism, which was held on February 12 in Guatemala City; being one of the denominations with more presence at the event. Ministries such as Alpha, GSR and HopeForOne were present, who provided us with resources for the Global Evangelism Month, which will be held in May.

Our Global Evangelism Brothers visited us from Berlin, Costa Rica and Florida to give us words of encouragement and motivate us to be part of Global Evangelism Month. There were about 116 people representing their churches such as; Verbo, Asamblea de Dios, Presbiteriana, Vida Real among others.

Our Regional Evangelism Coordinator, Dr. Milton Gay, was also sharing with us the Alpha workshop and the use of the lightstream.

We invite you to join us and participate in the month of Evangelism.



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