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# Profiles

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One of the most significant things about serving God's kingdom from the beginning to the present day is that I have been blessed and privileged to serve in local, district, national, regional, and now global ministries. It has let me enjoy the blessing of participating and seeing our church seek out the lost, disciple them, prepare them and send them out.



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*I congratulate the young people of our region; you are a leading part of our church. Take advantage of this time of your lives and be passionate about Jesus, sharing the gospel with the joy, strength, and creativity that you possess. We trust in your abilities, “We count on you.”*

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# *Just like Jesus*

*As the  
Father has  
sent me,  
I am  
sending  
you.  
John 20:21*

**J**esus had finished his mission on earth, and now he was ready to return to the father. He also knew that he had already finished the preparation of the disciples who would give continuity to the redemptive work, but they still needed one more encounter. For that reason he appeared where they were and greeted them with Peace. He transferred his passion to them saying, “Just as the father sent me, so I send you and give you the Holy Spirit as your comforter” (Jn. 20:21). Their mentor would help them fulfill the mission. The question here is how was Jesus sent?

**Milton Gay**  
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## With a burning passion to redeem the world.

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That is what makes you join the cause of Christ to reach humanity with the message of his forgiveness and his sacrifice that changes everything that has already reached you. It is that passion for which you are willing to leave everything: work, goods, dreams and personal interests to join the redemptive mission.

It is that passion that moves you to worship God, to obey him and pay the cost you must pay for being faithful to your God.

## With an evangelizing vocation for others.

That is our call - the church is still on earth not to perfect itself to sing or worship, nor to build majestic temples, but to fulfill the great commission through evangelization and to share the message of hope of love and transformation. We must do it with the same passion that he did because we are his disciples.

That is the difference of the disciples, not the denomination to which they belonged or the theology they studied, but the passion with which they evangelized this world. We Nazarenes must be recognized and identified by that irrepressible passion to preach Christ.



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## With an irrepressible faith to save those who had been lost.



The kingdom that Jesus preached was not made by a human but a heavenly worldview, where the most important thing was to find and save those who were lost in sin, in ignorance and wickedness, but with sufficient faith that would allow finding all those who they wanted to have peace and joy in their hearts, as well as to please God. (John 19:10)

## With a joy of teaching, evangelizing, preaching, and healing in the villages.


The mission is not alien to the physical needs of people. He had compassion on them when he saw them alone, hungry, or sick and told his disciples that they should feed them, that they should meet their needs. (Mt.9:35-38)

When we are willing to do this, God provides us with everything to be a blessing to others: a clinic, a soup kitchen, or a place to live. God has everything, he only waits for you to ask him and in this way to be a blessing to others.



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## Mentoring and empowering others.



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I will not leave you alone, I will send you the holy spirit. God was giving his company to the disciples to remind them of all that he had taught them. (John 14:17-18)

Today, the Holy Spirit is present, and can be in you and me. You can also be a mentor with His help for the new generations of evangelists who receive the call to plant new churches, and thus accompany them by supporting their ministry. That allows more of us to multiply the kingdom of God.

## With the power of the Holy Spirit.

Have you thought about what a great privilege God has given you as a disciple/leader? You have the same mission, the power, the authority to preach and save humanity granted by Jesus. Glory to God for his grace!

Jesus has given us the power to proclaim and be witnesses of his grace. That is why he tells you: Do not be afraid, I am going with you, open your mouth and I will fill it. He tells you to open the church in this community and he will support you. You will pray for the sick and I will answer you and give you the power to heal and be a blessing to others. (Acts 1:8)



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## Giving glory to God in everything he did.

Jesus is God, but he always gave his Father honor and glory in everything he allowed him to do. Each of us should give glory to God for the people we win through evangelism, organizing churches, transformed families, etc. Just as He used that colt to carry Jesus, so God uses us to fulfill his will.

Everything, everything you do in deed or words, let's do it for the honor of God. (Col. 3:17)

The evangelization of our region, countries and cities is our passion to such an extent that it is our engine for the next 8 years in the decade of evangelism in Mesoamerica.

A million disciples is the goal and we are halfway there. We have a challenge to which we must respond with passion and obedience, the sooner the better!

A change of culture is urgent and necessary, where we move from me to us, and where we joyfully fulfill the great commission as a natural and consistent way of being saved in Jesus through faith.

Join the team with the same passion that was burning in Jesus which was clear and uncontainable to such a degree that it led him to give his life for the mission.

Let's do the same for the kingdom!

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# How can you generate passion for evangelism?

This small text has the purpose of answering the question that is placed as the title. I consider it extremely important to begin by defining two key words: passion and evangelism. So, what is passion? We can define passion as a feeling so deep that it overflows the borders of physical or psychological pain. In other words, we can say that being passionate about something or someone is looking for them or making an effort to please them regardless of the pain that it may cause us, because there is a motivation, either for love or other reasons.

It is interesting, sometimes we hear titles like “The Passion of Christ.” The word passion derives from the Latin “passio” which means “suffer”, which in fact is from the family linked to the verb “suffering” and has an etymological root in common with “patience.” After knowing the real meaning of the word, we can see that it has nothing to do with pleasure or a simple passing emotion. Being passionate about something is a decision and an extreme commitment. Now we can change the title a little and write, “How to suffer?” or “Suffer for the gospel?” What do you think? Are you still interested in answering the question, “How can you become passionate about evangelism?”

Let’s continue with the next word that I want to define: Evangelism. I will give the simplest definition and I am sure that you have heard it before. Evangelism can be defined as the action of sharing the message of salvation with people. I know, it is a very simple definition to learn, and of course it can be expanded much more with the help of theological studies, but it is not the point of this text. Let’s stay with the simple definition of sharing the message of salvation to people.

I want to address a problem that we fall into it without realizing, when we think of evangelizing most of the time we only think of talking about Jesus and of course this has been the most used form throughout history.

With that said, we must understand something, the gospel and Jesus go hand in hand, and we must study how the Master did this work, the passion for the gospel does not lie only in talking about Jesus, many times when doing this, we fall into self-centeredness of thinking “people convert because of how well I preach or evangelize” and worse still, many times we don’t even talk about Jesus but about ourselves.

**John 3:16**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**if we really want to be passionate about evangelism we must go where Christ was led by his passion, that is to the people.**

God loved the world in this way, showing his love to people! So, to be truly passionate about the gospel, we must begin to look at people. What do they need? How can the church bring about social and spiritual transformation? What is the vision that God has given me to love them? And as we continue to talk about Jesus and BEING like Jesus, we will understand why there are people who are willing to suffer and be patient for the gospel.

Everything will change when we begin to go out and see how people around us are suffering and that they have a great need for love, forgiveness, love and forgiveness; a love that God and each of us can give them. Thus we will begin to be passionate about people and share about Jesus and his gospel.

To be like Jesus is to deny yourself and begin to see how the Master saw people. Matthew 9:36 says that “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Unfortunately as a church we often accommodate ourselves to the four walls. Coming to the Temple every Sunday will not necessarily make you passionate about the gospel. It is possible that a sermon will motivate you to do so, as this article is doing , but true passion is earned in practice, seeing how your help

and the message of salvation impact lives transformed by God. Miracles are another source of passion, but you will only see them when you cry out to Christ and have a relationship in grace and deep trust with the Father.

In conclusion, if we want to be passionate about the gospel we must start looking for people and above all help them. This is how we will really be like Jesus. Let us pray that God gives us a compassionate, empathic spirit that seeks the lost and preaches the message of salvation. In this way we can be salt and light in the midst of so much evil, that constantly cleaning ourselves of everything that hinders us. We share the best gift in the world, the gospel. Amen!



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# EVANGELISM IN COMPANY

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**T**he world opens before your eyes and there is a multitude of people. Many of them are so similar to you, others are very different, but they all have something in common. They need Jesus as their Savior just like you and me.

If you start to observe that panorama, do you see it as a place where you are going to enter easily? How far do you think you can interfere to share the good news of salvation that your Savior and Master entrusted to you? Perhaps you have already begun to see your limitations to fulfill the task.

That reminds me of the scene in which the resurrected Jesus and his disciples were preparing the last details for his departure and giving the Great Commission to his disciples. Time flew by before the eyes of that group of followers. The teacher is leaving!! My time with him is over!

When Jesus was saying goodbye to his disciples, knowing that the time had come, he left the task to hesitant men. They had joy and surprise to see him alive again, but also, as time passed, he saw worry on their faces. “What’s next? You defeated death but you’re leaving now. What are we going to do now?” They knew the answers as Jesus had already warned them what was going to happen and what the plan was, but before that moment of no return, where everything would change, the answers that the disciples had were insufficient. They surely began to feel alone, and some perhaps remembered the words of their Master “I will not leave you as orphans” John 14:18. Apparently they would remain helpless, without the protection of the one that could do it all. Perhaps the words of their Master came to them again, “You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.” Matthew 10:22. What would you do if you were one of those disciples? I would ask Jesus not to go away and leave me there alone, because without his company, it is very likely that I would not fulfill his mandate and would lose direction. It is then that he emphasized to them something that he had already told them.

*“Do not move away from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father... in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... when it comes upon you, you will receive power and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:6 and 8*

Luke tells us that the disciples followed the command of Jesus, and not only the eleven, but it says in the Bible that many more were gathered. There they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak the wonders of God, even in different languages according to what it was necessary because there were people from many parts of the world!

Jesus fulfilled his word and did not leave them alone. The Holy Spirit gave them the power to share the message of salvation. That task could not be done alone. They needed divine company and it came.

Let's see our horizon again. It could present situations with people who will not treat us well for sharing Jesus or moments that can overwhelm us with the feeling of helplessness. But before going frantically to share the gospel, we should pray carefully asking that the Holy Spirit may be in our lives and make us be those witnesses filled with power. Surely there will be changes in our lives, opportunities to share will arise, but above all, we will not go alone. We will go with the One who does what is impossible for us, the Holy Spirit, who gives us power and convinces people.



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# passion

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When we talk about passion, we can have different concepts depending on the context in which we are relating it. I am not going to lie that it becomes very evident when someone questions us about our faith, what we believe and why we believe it. They instantly turn on our button, especially when we feel attacked by that belief, and boy do we show passion for what we speak! But there is a very big difference between speaking with passion and being passionate about the work that we are sure God has entrusted to us.

Passion is associated with a feeling so deep that it goes beyond the border of physical or psychological pain. It is also commonly used

to refer to extreme liking or preference for something or someone. It is something that completely invades our being, overflows strong emotions, and moves us beyond what we would naturally do, just to comply with what provokes us. So, from that perspective, it sounds provocative to refer to evangelism as something that we should be passionate about, or rather, something we should do passionately.

The first letter of Peter, in chapter three, sets very interesting guidelines for us to consider doing evangelism with passion. It invites us not only to have the attitude, but also to feel challenged to offer a real and consistent gospel.

*Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.*

What a wonderful way to start thinking about sharing the gospel with passion! It leads us to empathy with others, to have compassion and to bless others. When it comes to engaging in a debate or a conversation where there are different points of view, we do not always remember this part of being friendly. We are being the image of the one we present. The words that Peter reminds us of when he says that our love towards others should be like brothers and that are very important.

If we remember, in John 13:35, Jesus establishes love as the measure to identify ourselves as his disciples. We need to always keep in mind that, to the extent that we love others, even those who still do not believe in whom we believe, we will be demonstrating whether or not we are disciples of Jesus.

And a very important part comes in Peter 13 verses 15 to 16, when he tells us:

*But in your hearts  
revere Christ as Lord.  
Always be prepared  
to give an answer to  
everyone who asks  
you to give the reason  
for the hope that you  
have. But do this  
with gentleness and  
respect, keeping a  
clear conscience, so  
that those who speak  
maliciously against  
your good behavior in  
Christ may be ashamed  
of their slander.*

**1 Peter 3:15-16**

The simple meaning is that at the center of life there must be one Lord, and that is Christ. When we are sure that He is the center of our lives, there will naturally be a reflection in everything we do and say. When the word of God invites us to present a defense with meekness and reverence (gentleness and respect), it tells us that, first of all, there must be knowledge of what we are going to share. We cannot present or defend a gospel that we do not know, and we cannot be passionate about something that is not part of our life. When we are going to present an exam or an exhibition, we will only be prepared to face questions if we have studied the subject; The famous Leonardo Da Vinci said, "Who really knows what he is talking about, finds no reason to raise his voice", so the passion for talking about what we know will not necessarily be reflected in our effusiveness when exposing it, but in our perseverance and creativity so that other people have the same confidence that we have.

Finally, he recommends us that we need to have a good conscience and conduct. These are really important points to keep in mind when we pretend to be the bearers of the word of God. In a few words, he tells us, behave yourself, don't give others anything to talk about, and don't do good things that seem bad. And it is that, as much as we like it or not, the reality is that everything we share about the gospel will be supported by our conduct with believers and non-believers.

How about these points to keep in mind? Without a doubt, we have been called to share the gospel, that is, the good news among those who need to hear it. What better way than to do it with passion and dedication, as what we do for God should be, but always taking into account that we are not only the bearers of his word, but the reflection of the love that he can give to others.

*May our passion be the engine  
to prepare us in knowledge,  
conduct and love for everyone  
who listens, so that we show  
with words and actions a real,  
living, and effective gospel!*

# EVANGELISM WITH PASSION FOR THE GLORY OF GOD



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When I think of the magazine's main theme "Evangelism with Passion," I imagine someone motivated enough to evangelize with great motivation. His motivation is to give glory and honor to Jesus Christ and for others to discover the abundant life that there is in Jesus, in obedience to his command and authority.

## GOSPEL AND KINGDOM

Our word evangelism is derived from the term gospel. And the word gospel never appears alone in the Gospel narratives. This word appears intimately related to the message of the kingdom of God. It all begins with the kingdom of God. Jesus began his ministry by saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel." (Mark 1:15; Mt. 4:23; Mc. 1:14; Lc. 4:43; Jn. 3:3) There is a sense of urgency in the statement and a great passion that runs through the entire ministry of Jesus.

## GOSPEL AND PASSION

The second word that shapes the expression is the term passion. The term passion originates from the Greek term, pathos. This word can have different meanings. We can define it as a state of mind, passion, emotion, or suffering. In short, as a vehement affect of the mind. The popular use is rather related to situations such as when we say, "I am passionate about this or that," which means, "I like it." When evangelism and passion are combined, as we have already

said, the first thing that comes to our mind is someone with great enthusiasm or vehemence of spirit. I clarify that, although the term passion includes it, its biblical meaning deepens it. The motivation behind an authentic passion will be to give glory to God and to want others to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

But above all the gospel and passion are connected with the passion of God in the death of his Son Jesus Christ for us. The gospel proclaims the death of the Son of God for the reconciliation of the world. Those who believe will be saved. Therefore, when we use the expression, "passionate evangelism," the expression is enriched by the passion of Jesus Christ in his death. It reminds us that the Son of God gave himself to die out of love for us, glorifying God and wishing that all humankind would be saved. This is the meaning of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Therefore, a true passion for evangelism will spring from the desire to give glory to God as well as from generosity, which means sharing something precious that has transformed our lives and we want those who truly matter to us to know it. We are like "...a beggar telling another beggar where he can find bread. It is the act of sharing, of not keeping something so wonderful for yourself."

## THE EARLY CHRISTIANS: A GREAT EXAMPLE OF PASSIONATE EVANGELISM

A constant in the history of the church is that each generation of believers has been willing to give their lives for Jesus Christ, imitating him in his passion and death. However, the strange thing about this time is that we have never experienced such a prolonged period of calmness, which has given us a false sense of security, and perhaps has led us to think that Christians should not suffer.

History testifies that the early Christians shed their blood until death to be an example of Jesus. The Christian martyrs are a faithful testimony of an evangelism with passion, willing to die for their faith in Christ. An early Christian said of those Christians, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the gospel" (Rev. 2:10) The idea of a rapture was foreign to these early Christians who were driven by the spirit of missions.

The book of Acts tells us about the beginnings of the testimony of the first Christians as disciples of Jesus. We cannot fail to notice the passion that characterized them. The power of the Holy Spirit propelled them beyond the borders of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. (Acts 1:8)

It is no coincidence that the book Acts of the Apostles uses the Greek term, mártures, or witness, from which our word martyr comes, when Jesus says, "...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8b) It is the same impulse of the Spirit that we need to renew our passion for evangelism.

*Evangelization is the key to the future of Christianity and our churches. It is necessary to do it for the glory and honor of God, with the passion of the impulse of the Spirit, even to death if necessary and with the hope of the transformation of God's creation.*



# EVANGELISM OF THE \_ HEART



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Revitalization  
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specialist

In recent years, an evangelism movement has been awakened and the Church of the Nazarene has become part of it, with a higher percentage of Christians getting involved from local platforms every day. The foregoing allows us to ask a question: What is happening in the hearts of people? It is possible to believe that God is the one who is carrying out this awakening through his Holy Spirit. This turns the movement into something with much more force than a cutting-edge initiative or strategy. This is a return to the great commission as a priority in the church, but what does passionate evangelism imply?



To answer the question, it is necessary to first define the concept of what passion is, which is generally associated with a deep feeling that goes beyond the border of physical or psychological pain. The word passion derives from the Latin passio which means “to suffer,” which in turn is from the family linked to the verb “suffering” and from the etymological root in common with “patience”.



Secondly, the passion focused on evangelism has the following

## SCOPE:

**1 Prayer for evangelism.** This means that one seeks through prayer to manifest love for those who do not know Christ in order to help them find him.

**2 Get involved in evangelism.** This is sowing seeds or sharing the gospel, the task of sowing as often as possible.



**3 Fall in love with the gospel and with the Christ of the gospel and with the God of the gospel.** It is the perfect triangle of love which is the first commandment, “to love God, your neighbor (evangelizing), and yourself (filled with the love of God to share it).

**4 Living the gospel.** This is obeying and being led by it in all areas of life. It is a life given to the Lord where pleasing him is the best act of subjection and participation in the evangelizing ministry of the Holy Spirit.

One preacher stated, “Evangelism is effective when it comes from what Africans used to call a warm heart instead of a cold mind.” It is the passion for holiness and the passion for lost people that fires up the church and makes it powerful. When the church is concerned about your comfort, something wrong has taken over. The statement cited above glimpses that the heart of believers after being filled with Christ must be passionate about the gospel, without drifting to trivial issues. Where does that warm heart come from? For this we can see an example.

The apostle Paul was one of the many passionate people about evangelization in the first century, in (1 Co. 9: 16-23) his attention is focused on the term Gospel with the double meaning it has in Paul’s letters. On the one hand it means the message about Christ, his death and resurrection, as salvation for human beings, and on the other hand it designates the very activity of announcing this message. Paul goes as far as to say that he does everything for the sake of the Gospel and that the Gospel itself is the reward for his activity. The preaching of the Gospel is so pressing for Paul that he is lost if he does not dedicate himself to preaching the Gospel. He even states in one of his letters, “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!” 1 Cor. 9 :16

The answer to the question What does passionate evangelism imply? It shows us that it is necessary to be clothed in the passion and power of the Holy Spirit, to understand our role and responsibility as Christians in today’s societies.

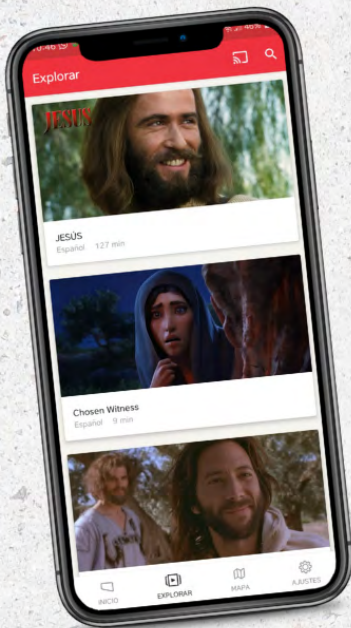


Evangelism is effective when it comes from a warm heart instead of a cold mind.

*The passion for evangelism is the result of having received the Gospel from our Savior that awakens us by filling us with his Holy Spirit and makes it a priority to share the Gospel to people who do not know him.*



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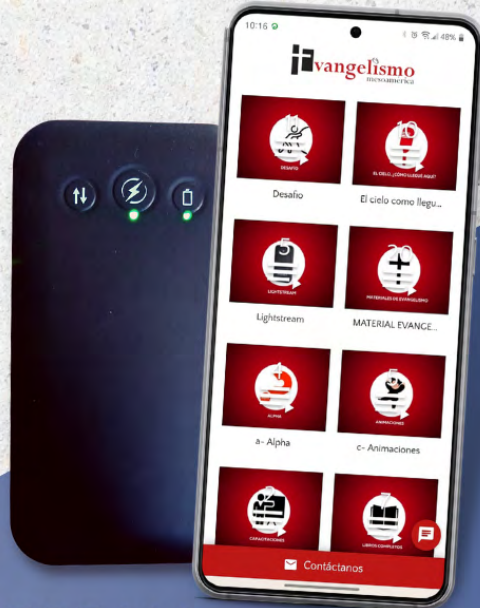


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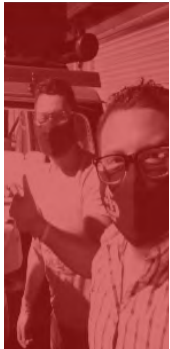
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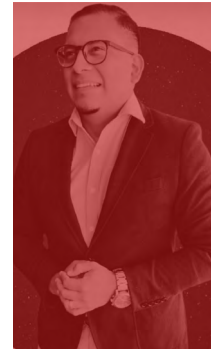
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Hello! I'm Christian Lopez, Church Planter in Cartago Costa Rica.

I am Nicaraguan but I have lived in Paraíso, Cartago Costa Rica, for 4 years, I live with my family-my wife, my 3 daughters and my mother-in-law.



At the end of 2020, our process began. On December 31, 2020, God gave me a word during the end of the year dinner. The word was based on Nahum 1:7 and he said to me:

*“Our God is kind and takes care of those who trust in him. In times of distress, he gives us protection.”*

It was very nice what I felt at that moment. In that verse God told me that He would be with me and my family at all times. It was a word of reinforcement and love. What I did not know was that God was putting that in my heart as a confirmation of what was going to happen.

On January 8, 2021 I tested positive for COVID, and I was sent to isolation at home. On January 18, I got drastically worse, and my wife had to call 911 because I was literally dying at home.

When I got to the hospital I was immediately intubated and a few weeks later I had

a tracheostomy. Throughout this process I was in an induced coma. In addition to Covid, I was also fighting 4 bacterias and the doctors told my wife, Norma, to prepare my daughters for my death.

Today, months later, I understand how God was always in control of my life and family. My wife developed through the Holy Spirit an unshakable faith.

As I left the hospital, I had the opportunity to pray for the nurse and the driver of the ambulance that was taking me home. Those were incredible moments that I spent in the hospital. It was really a challenging time for me.

Currently I am still in the recovery process, with a lot of discipline, exercises, medications, but always with the accompaniment of God in my life and the life of my family.



Woke up from coma and was able to breath by himself



Recovery process



# TESTIMONIES



As a family we are grateful that the Lord fulfilled his Word in Nahum 1:7 and how we saw that in times of distress He was always watching over us. We wanted to thank God, as a family we began to feel the need to share the gospel through compassion; We share food with homeless people who live on the streets, always taking the opportunity to share the Word of God with them. We also visited the surroundings of the train, the outskirts of some hospitals, and we blessed the street vendors around Cartago.

Thus, we became planters in the mission of Cartago, Costa Rica. It is one of the most important provinces of Costa Rica where there is still no presence of the Church of the Nazarene.



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# Chiapas Preaching Point, Mexico



Planter Margeli Mendoza has taken up the challenge and thanks to the support of the Jesus Film she continues to work enthusiastically. Two new preaching points have been opened in Nueva Libertad and Cintalapa, Chiapas, Mexico. In each one of them the word of God is being preached, and those who are saved have been added to the group. There are two different houses in the same area where they are working, with the vision of strengthening and raising a Mission type church. Thanks to God there are 6-8 people who are meeting at each preaching point, and we are sure that, with that enthusiasm, we will soon see more people being reached to give their lives to Christ.

**Event date:** March 17 and April 20

**Mother Church:** Hope of the Poor, in Cintalapa, Chiapas

**Collaborators:** Elid Morales Fernández, Francisco Vázquez Pérez, Margeli Mendoza Jiménez.

**Writer:** Vanessa Maldonado was the writer, information provided by Margeli Mendoza.

# South Pacific District Preaching Point



The South Pacific district of Mexico, together with our planter Sofía Pereyra, carried out the screening of the Jesus Film, accompanied by other services that they offered such as haircuts, appliance repairs, clothing delivery, and the presentation of the gospel to people. 13 people responded that night and gave their lives to Christ.

We want to thank God because his work continues!




**Event date:** March 11, 2022

**Collaborators:** Lourdes Ramos Trujillo, support with the Global Mission team.

**Mother Church:** Cristo la Roca, in support of the MTC “Las pedritas.”

**Writer:** Vanesa Maldonado



What we learn from mentors is that great leaders take prayer very seriously and realize that without the leadership of God in their lives they can do nothing.

*Dr. Carla Sunberg, Impact Mentorship 2022, Equipping Session 2: Biblical Mentoring*



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# Regional Evangelism Team Meeting



The regional Evangelism office team joined “Challenge” Costa Rica and Panama, where they shared with the planters and spent pleasant and learning moments with them.



We also took the opportunity to receive a word from our regional director, Dr. Carlos Saenz, who motivated us to continue with the work. Different alliances came together to inform us of how different ministries are developing and joining the same mission of the Church of the Nazarene. They shared with us Cru, Global Evangelism and we had the presence of our global coordinator of Jesus Film, Daniel Herrera, who shared new projects for evangelism and how regional evangelism can join them.



It was a moment where the team was enriched and also felt challenged to continue our great commission.



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## Mesoamérica 2022



Good news for the Mesocentral field. In the months of May and June of this current year, the “Challenge” Congress was held in 4 of the 6 countries that make up this field (Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic).

Superintendents, Pastors, Church Planters, evangelism coordinators and members of evangelism boards from all the mentioned countries were present. The mission was to achieve a paradigm shift, a change of direction and thinking, so that all the Churches of the Nazarene can understand that evangelization is everyone’s job and not just a few or unfortunately sometimes nobody’s job.

For this reason, the congress was given the task of fanning the flame of evangelism in all leaders and not only that, but they were also equipped with different strategies and tools to carry out

this task, which involves all the believers who have decided to accept the name of Jesus in their lives.

These leaders were trained with the innovative 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 the entire field to evangelize through technology).

The last 2 days were strategic planning: VPT - Vision, Plan, Time. All participants designed their plan to train their pastors and local district evangelism boards, so look forward to replicating Challenge in your different districts!

We discussed the importance of the District Superintendent and

the Evangelism Coordinator in the Evangelistic actions of the local church, there was a forum where we talked openly about the planting of churches through the new generations and how young people should become the new promoters of the gospel in a generation where many people don’t want to follow Christ. We also had the participation of Rev. Carlos de la Cruz, Coordinator from the Mesocentral Field, who motivated the leaders to give their maximum effort in their areas of work.

Challenge has been a regional strategy to achieve the growth of our church and therefore the Kingdom of Heaven. Our purpose is to continue spreading the Gospel in all places, times, and all people. We have faith that God will do extraordinary things through all the people who accept this challenge. Do you accept the challenge?

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# Global Evangelism Day



On May 28, Global Evangelism Day was celebrated, an initiative created by Global Evangelism that is part of the Regional Evangelism alliances. Our Church of the Nazarene is part of this movement and many countries participated in evangelistic activities, impacting their community, being a blessing to families and carrying the message of salvation in creative ways. Thousands of Nazarenes did not stay home and went out to the streets to preach the gospel which is our mission.

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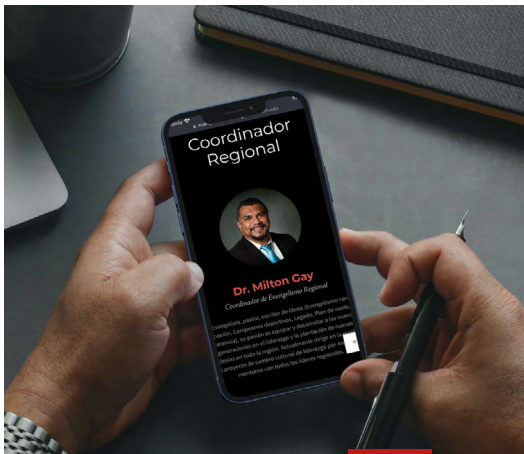


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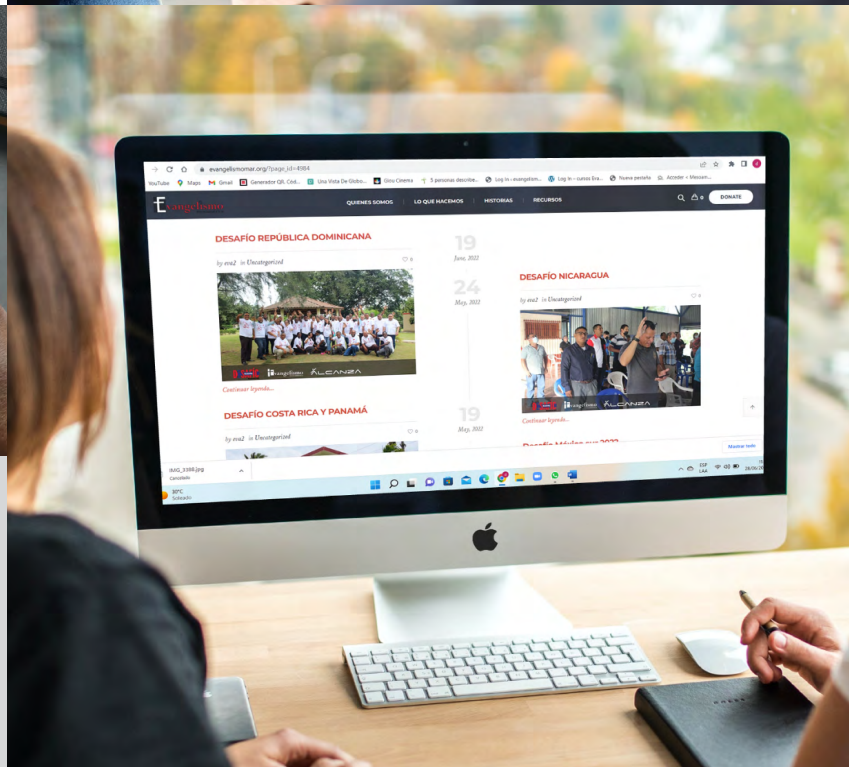
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# Our new Website

On July 1, our Regional Evangelism web page was officially launched. It contains a variety of resources and information for the entire Mesoamerican region. The website is a strategy to reach the local church, to report events that are happening beyond their countries, totally free literature resources, a way to meet our coordinators from different countries, news and more. The official page of Regional Evangelism is for everyone. I encourage you to see it, inform yourself, learn a little more about what Regional Evangelism is doing in your country.



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*Rev. Milton Gay, Flight Plan 2013, Unit I, pg. 48*




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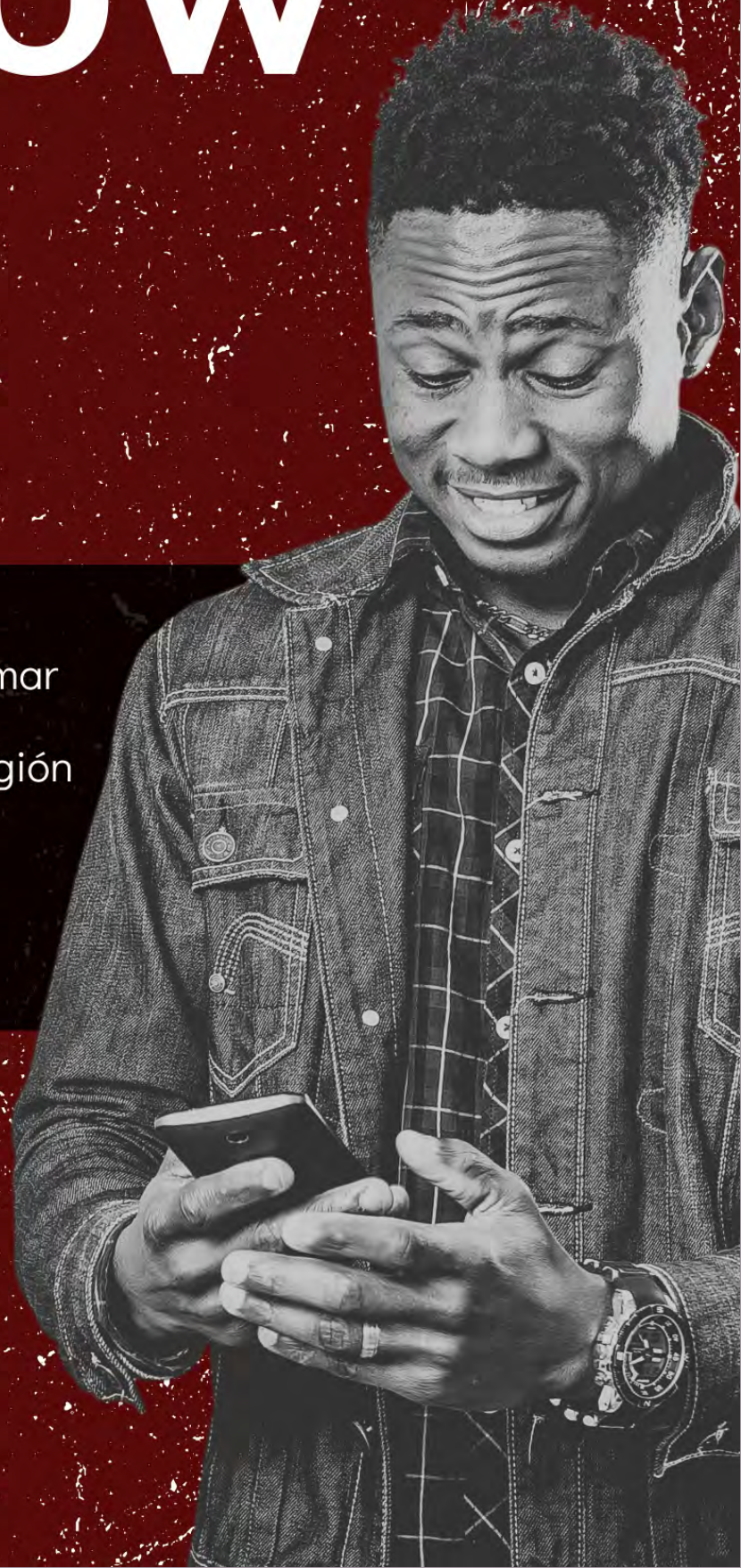
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