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# Profiles

## Meet your leaders

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Paul said that he “was not disobedient to the heavenly vision” (Acts 26:19). These have been the words of thousands of brave men for centuries, and they may be ours too. When God calls, he provides. We are nothing, but with our obedience, he can transform the world. We must never lose our passion for souls.

**S**cott A. Armstrong. Born on August 18, is the Global Missions and GENESIS Coordinator. He has been serving in the Church of the Nazarene for 24 years. His wife is Emily, they have two children; Elijah & Sydney.

I have had the privilege of accompanying many children, youth, and adults in their missionary call, and seeing them respond in obedience and without reservations to that call. At the same time, what a joy I have had in witnessing great change in our region as we have learned to support and send our own missionaries. These two things have been some of the most impactful and significant things in my life. Without a doubt, God is sending missionaries from all places to go everywhere.



*We must never deviate from the heavenly vision of making disciples. We are not called to just attend services and be a little nobler than the world. We are called to be saints and to impact the nations. Let's get up, Church!*

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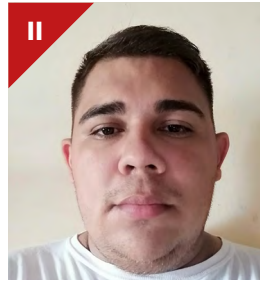
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# Profiles

## Meet your leaders

Ana Maria Crocker de Diaz. Born on September 19, 1955, is the NMI Regional Coordinator. She has been serving in the Church of the Nazarene for 50 years, from the local church to the regional level. I have been a widow for 12 years and I have 3 children, Presb. Ana Zoila Díaz de Marciaga and her husband Wilfredo, Ing. Oscar Arnaldo Díaz Crocker and his wife Sara, Dr. Juan Carlos Díaz Crocker and two grandchildren Emma Naomi and Pablo Andrés.

God has given me the privilege of serving him since I was 16 years old, at first in the Landívar Church of the Nazarene, my home church, as a Sunday school teacher in the class for children and adolescents and in the following years, already married, I served as director of the children's ministry, as steward and secretary of the Local Board. In Guatemala Central district, I served on the Properties Committee, Work and Witness coordinator of the district, NMI Council, Vice - president of NMI and then for 9 years, as district president of said ministry.



When we were part of the MAC Region, I served 6 years as NMI coordinator for the MAC Central Field, which included the countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras. In the same former MAC Region, I was appointed Regional Coordinator of NMI, a ministry that I continued to carry out to this day, in the current Mesoamerica Region, and which now adds up to 20 years of service.

Additionally, I was a member of the RAC in the former MAC Region, a member of the International Church Committee and a member of the General Board, serving on the World Mission Committee. Served for 2 terms of 4 years each, as Regional Representative to the Global NMI Council.



*Do not reject the call that God makes to their lives, it is the most edifying thing they can do, put themselves at his service. Let us not forget that we are called to continue BEING and MAKING DISCIPLES from children and youth to adults, regardless of whether or not we have an assigned ministry. The mission is for everyone, and it is our responsibility to fulfill it.*





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# Freedom, freedom, freedom! We are free!

September 15, 1821 is a special and historic day for the Central American and Mexican region, since it is celebrated the emancipation of the countries of Central America from the yoke of the Spanish for the reasons of mistreatment and abolition of unfair laws for the creoles. And on September 15, the famous cry is also celebrated in Mexico for the same reasons, the long-awaited independence, where each citizen and nation was free from slavery and the oppression of another. Today these countries celebrate 202 years of independence of freedom and sovereignty from the yoke of the Spanish. The act of independence of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica was signed.

Incredibly, 202 years ago they shouted with joy and had a big celebration, long live Mexico! and each one of the countries of Central America won the fight and celebrated by signing that long-awaited freedom. Many men offered their lives for the cause and today we can live free and continue fighting for justice and freedom, even though this will only come to mankind when they know the truth.

Have you thought about the day of your emancipation? Of your freedom? When you were freed from sin and evil. This passage in the Bible leads me to think that I have been freed thanks to the knowledge of the truth who is Jesus Christ in my life.

In this passage, Jesus continues to teach the religious and Jews who believed in Him, how to become His disciples, but were so foolish and full of themselves that they did not understand His words. If you remain in my word you will be my disciples, He tells them, if you believe in me, follow my path and have my spirit and my mind, then you are my disciples.

We must understand that staying in His word goes beyond just going to church, it is living a life free from sin and evil, that is, the life that He has modeled for us in all His character; to do everything He has taught us and to be like Him. That is the truth (gnosis), knowing Him will change your life and set you free.

In this fragment of the passage the original Greek is used as the adjective *eleutheros* vv.33-36 and as the verb to be released *eleutheroo* vv.32-36. This freedom refers to be redeemed, saved to be free, freed from sin and the bondage of death. That is, the person with this freedom can go wherever he wants, therefore, each person who receives Jesus and becomes His son and disciple is a free person, freed to live a life of holiness and love towards others who surround him, trained to serve God and his neighbor, also fights for the justice and freedom of others.

**John 8:36**

*So if the Son sets you free,  
you will be free indeed.*



**Dr. Milton Enrique Gay Valencia**  
Evangelism Coordinator  
Mesoamerica Region

**But the question is: The truth will set you free from what?**

**1 From sin and evil:** Missing the target or sinning makes us slaves of something or someone and does not allow us to be free and have a communion with God and with others since this produces guilt, shame, deception, and death, but Jesus came to seek and to save what had been lost. Luke 19:10 Since Eden we are governed by our lower instincts and the only thing that interests us is to satisfy our sinful nature, we are unable to please God.

**2 From ignorance:** Human beings have evolved throughout history and are wise, intelligent in their own opinion and God has given him the ability to create and discover, however, he remains ignorant for not giving his heart to God. God calls them in such a simple way “come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”, but they do not understand the truth of the gospel. Matthew 11:28.

**3 From eternal death:** Jesus gave us the truth to have the knowledge of good and evil, to have the ability to make your own decisions and be free, and have a new life. He himself separates the slaves from the children in verse 35 where only the children are the ones who inherit eternal life if they receive Him as John 1:12 says.

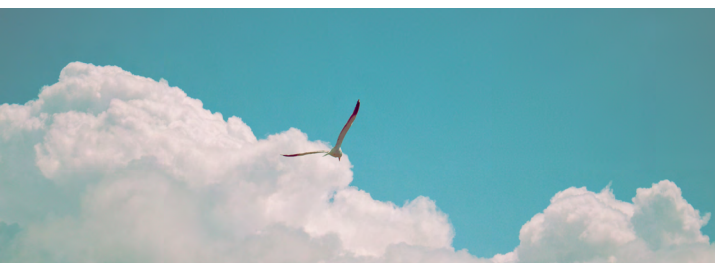


## CONCLUSION

The apostle Paul affirms in Romans chapter 8:1-2 something additional to freedom, that there is no condemnation for those of us who are in Christ Jesus because we have been freed from sin and death. Praise God for that truth!

Let's thank God that we are free in Him and for Him, to serve Him and proclaim the freedom that He offers through His death on the cross; let's remain in it so that we bear fruit and it remains.

Knowing this now, are you free? Celebrate your freedom and share it with others by telling them what Christ has done in your life and in the lives of others!



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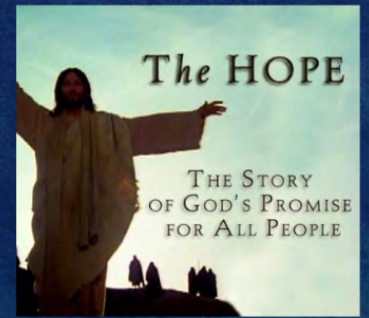
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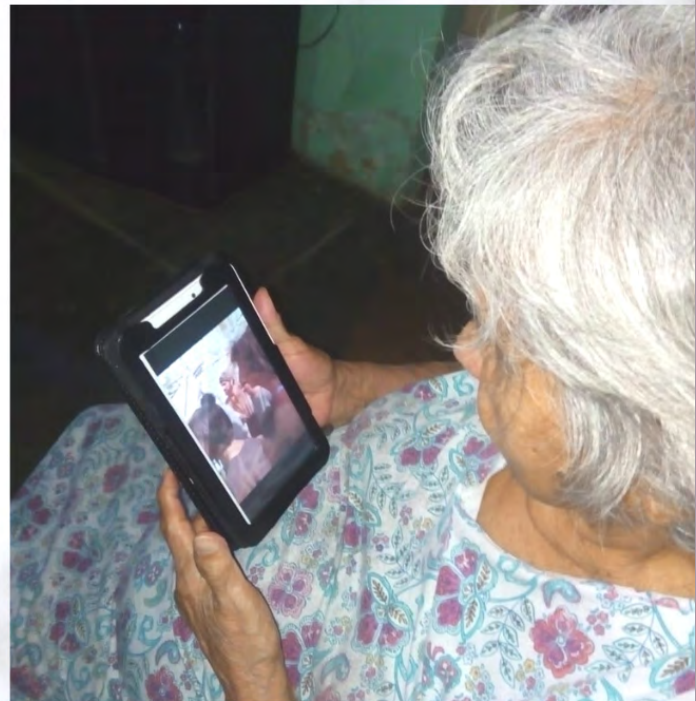
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# A VISION THAT TRANSCENDED A MAN, A TRIBUTE TO PAUL BECKER



Hello DCPI family!  
It is with joy and sadness that we announce that the Founder of DCPI, Paul Becker, has passed away at his home in Vista, California, USA and is now with our heavenly father



# WHAT IS DCPI?

Those were the first lines of an open letter from Scott Evans of the DCPI Board of Directors where he reported the death of our brother Paul Becker from lung cancer.

The joy for us as Christians is because he celebrates that someone else has finished the race and only the time of celebration with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ awaits him, but the sadness of separation and the reality of no longer seeing someone appreciated is unavoidable.

The Church of the Nazarene joins in this same feeling, we thank God for Paul Becker the founder of DCPI, who starting with a vision of planting a thousand churches, saw that vision come true, a thousand, a hundred thousand and a million successively, he had already embraced with all his conviction the vision of five million planted churches and conducting DCPI trainings in all the countries of the world. As a tribute to our brother, as well as a thank you to our God, Acts magazine wants to share a general approach to what DCPI is, to continue the legacy of our brother Paul Becker.



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# ACRO- NYMS

For many of our readers, the acronym DCPI is already very familiar in their vocabulary, but perhaps for others, it is the first time they have seen these four capital letters arranged in this way.

What is DCPI? It is the name of the interdenominational ministry DCPI, Dynamic Church Planting International for its acronym in English, which is dedicated to training leaders, accompanying the planting of churches and establishing alliances in order to bring Jesus to all nations.

DCPI's vision reads like this: "Equipping men and women of God to plant FIVE MILLION CHURCHES. In obedience to God, the DCPI team believed and is also committed to bring these trainings to every country in the world."

The Church of the Nazarene has decided to strengthen its alliance with DCPI by joining the vision of planting five million new churches throughout the world, for which different initiatives have been deployed, which in our Mesoamerica Region aim at planting churches, and the training of Planters and church planting teams.

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# VISION



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After having a little more information, how would you like to get involved in this church of the Nazarene alliance with DCPI? How can we extend the legacy that God entrusted to our brother Paul Becker to us? You can take the courses and start the planting of a new church, train yourself to be part of the facilitators who are sharing these courses in person and online at the regional level, donate resources so that this movement can continue and pray to the Lord that he will continue to send different types of servers, the decision is yours, the opportunities are just an email away.

May our God be with you so that you respond in the best way to His invitation and we can join this legacy that transcended a man dedicated to his called by grace and mercy of God.

**Gabriel Yip**  
DCPI Mexico  
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# WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM



**Marco Velasco**

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The verse reminds me of my youth when in our youth meetings the passage was quoted to sincerely express that we could do as we pleased in our worship gatherings. This implied introducing the contemporary music of the time, consequently, fashionable instruments such as drums, bass, a young singer dressed like a “rock style “. And of course, sing songs with a pop rock style.

Those times have passed, and our congregations have assimilated much of these innovations in worship. But what interests me in this brief article is the question: Where is the Spirit of the Lord? Based on the passage from 2 Corinthians 3.17b: “...and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (RVR). Note that I am asking a question about the affirmation of the passage from the letter to the Corinthians. And the second question I want to ask the readers of the magazine is, Is there freedom?

Let’s explore together the verse I’m alluding to: “For the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (“2 Cor. 3:17 KJV). I hope that our doubts about what the passage implies for the Christian life are cleared up.

The verse is part of a larger section within letter 3:7-18. The backdrop is Exodus 32-34. Where we read that only Moses could

approach the presence of God. Could God dwell in the midst of a disobedient people? God’s covenant with Israel has been restored, but its context has been significantly altered. Thus, when Moses descends from God’s presence on Mount Sinai, his face beaming with divine glory, Aaron and the people fear his arrival (Ex. 34:29-30). Moses veils his face, not to hide the fading glory (there is no evidence for such an assumption in the text), but to protect Israel from being destroyed (34:32-33).

The word glory is repeated eight times in the letter. Paul argues for his apostleship and the sufficiency of his ministry among the Corinthians, because his “ministry is of the Spirit.” Unlike the ministry of Moses that was based on the “letter” that kills, not having the Spirit. The children of Israel could not fix their eyes on the face of Moses, it was impossible since otherwise they would have died (Ex. 33:3,5).

In short, Paul is telling the Corinthians that the presence of the Spirit is what makes all the difference between the two ministries, Moses’ ministry and his “...as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the spirit” (3:6c). Without the Spirit the law with Moses or the preaching of Paul bring death!

Now, under the new covenant in Christ, the condition of those who trust in the old covenant has become dull in their understanding, as Paul says: “But their understanding was dull; because to this day, when they read the old covenant, the same veil remains undiscovered...” (2:14RVR). The verse concludes by saying: “...which [the veil] by Christ is removed.” Only in Christ can the Spirit remove the heart of stone (3:2-3, 8-9), especially when reading the Scriptures in your spiritual state.

It is not Moses who wears a veil but Israel when he reads in his hardened state. “..., the problem is that he won’t accept it as true for him. Israelite “stubbornness” continues to cover its response to the Sinai covenant with a “veil”. This also applies today to everyone who reads with a dull heart.

Understanding this, we can say that the freedom spoken of in verse 17: “ For the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” First, it implies the liberation of the veil, which is the hardness and dullness of the heart that prevents entering the presence of the Lord (3:7,9, 13-14). Second, in its positive form, it means that, where the Holy Spirit is of the Lord, that is, where Christ dwells in the hearts of men and women, freedom from the power and contamination of sin is experienced (Rom 6:12-23; 8:1-3).

The freedom from the veil obtained by Christ for every believer who has believed in Him brings power and a life transformed into the image of God by His Spirit (cf. 3:18).



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### IN SUMMARY

Let us use our freedom in Christ to become more like God than the world. All of us who have believed in Jesus Christ can reflect the presence of God in a fallen and divided world.

The result of our freedom in Christ is to be transformed “with more and more glory.” This is the freedom Paul is talking about, beyond the use of certain instruments in worship or what we sing or not, etc. “WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM”

Therefore, we are free because we are being transformed into the likeness of God in Christ, until glorification in the final consummation. And in that freedom we live every day, in the power and freedom that the Spirit of the Lord gives. Let’s sing then...“Where the Spirit of God is, there is freedom...”

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# Keeping freedom in Christ

*For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings.*  
1 Corinthians 7:22-23

**T**he passage of the Bible that opens this article strikes me and makes me reflect a lot about the freedom that Jesus gives us, the first thing I manage to rescue is that only in Him we can have true freedom, free from spiritual death and eternal condemnation, both consequences of sin, of which we are slaves until we accept the gift of salvation that Christ gives us at the price of his own blood and sacrifice; It also makes me understand that by coming to Jesus we become his slaves, and I think it is necessary to clarify that slavery is not synonymous with mistreatment as human history has sadly taught us, slavery to God is synonymous with service and obedience to Him.

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When we really know Jesus we do not want to continue being slaves to sin, evil and our flesh desires, we aspire to be better people, to be free, but this does not happen by outside magic our will, although in some cases it may seem like this, due to the radical changes in people who automatically abandon their bad practices, however in most cases it is a process in which little by little we deny ourselves, this can be called: "maintaining freedom", because the facility to be tempted and fall again is latent.

That is why we need the necessary tools to maintain this freedom in Christ, if we want to destroy a house that needs remodeling, we cannot do it with our hands alone, we need equipment, tools and machinery; in the same way we need the tools that the Lord gives us, that is what I want to share with you in this short article.

As long as we are in this world, the spiritual battle and the threats to our freedom will be very strong, but we can use the following tips to maintain our freedom:

## Believe and learn from the word of God every day

The Bible is full of facts and stories from which incredible life lessons can be obtained, both for ourselves and for other people, it shows us the mistakes of many men and women of God, but not only that, it also shows us their redemption and their growth in the freedom of the Spirit of God.

Also, the scriptures contain the teachings of Jesus; Studying and memorizing the Bible makes us understand that everything we are and have is a gift from God. We also understand that sin, despite making us feel "good" for a few moments, finally ends up leading us to death and consequences that no human wants to face, when reasoning I prefer to be a slave of Christ and not of the evil that is in me.



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## Resist the temptation of this world

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. - James 4:7-8

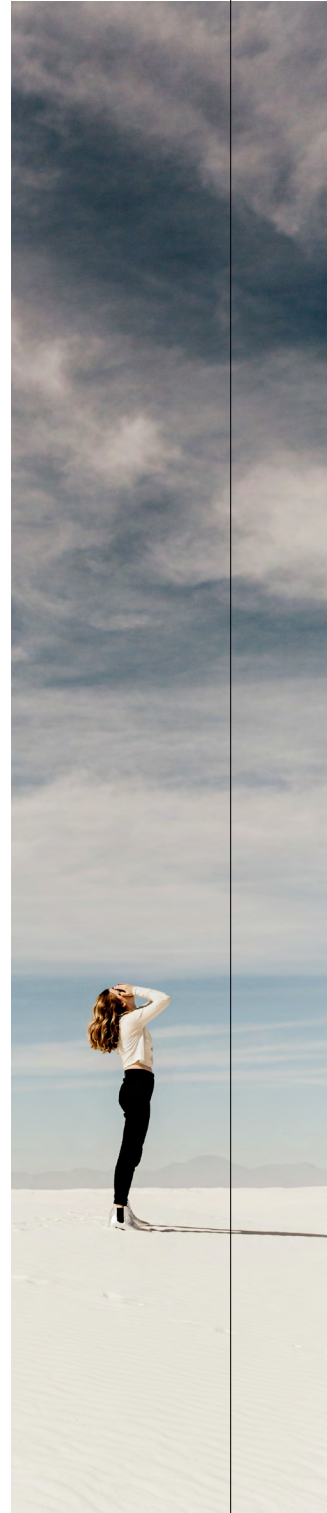
In this biblical passage, we find a strong call for attention that tells us “resist, stand firm against everything, do not let yourselves be defeated, and above all let us submit our being to God”, again the human arrogance can tell us why do I have to submit if I am free?, that is another trap that the world puts in our minds and hearts, as it is popularly said “my body, my rules”, but remember what was mentioned above, our body is a gift from God, for that we enjoy life here on earth, but in the end that body that we say so much is ours, will return to dust and our spirit that left God will return to Him until we are resurrected in an incorruptible body, therefore, let us not deceive ourselves by everything the world tells us and above all our own carnality.

## Maintain a good relationship with the Lord

When we say goodbye and cleanse from all our sins, God is good to hear our confessions and forgives us, so we can have a good relationship with our Father, with our Creator.

Leading a holy life (separated) is not easy, but it is the best decision we can make, this does not mean that we will no longer talk to others, on the contrary, it is our time to also share our freedom in Jesus and pray that other people can also experience it.

Finally, I just want to emphasize the freedom that Jesus has given us, and I exhort you not to continue being a slave to evil, if we are tempted, that we choose to overcome temptation in the name of Jesus, only then can we maintain our freedom.





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*Dr. Milton Gay, Metanoia 2021, Chap. 04, Page 123*

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# INDEPENDENCE DAY





# WE ARE FREE



**Luis Flores**  
Revitalization  
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Talking about human freedom is an extensive topic that can go in different directions, therefore, we will take the 2nd Corinthians 3:17 as a starting point., “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

The word freedom used in this passage in its original language is Eleudsería (without brakes, not slave, free), this gives us the idea that for Christians freedom consists in the fact of not having limits to serve and please the Lord, we are no longer slaves to sin and now we are free to enjoy a Spirit-filled life, where God is with us and our friend. We all want freedom, but true freedom is only found in God.



In the Bible freedom is related to self-control, but not to deny us life, but so that we can have a better life. The reason is because we have a great respect for the future in God that calls us to act with self-control now. The Christian lives in a different way to the non-Christian, first of all because one believes in Jesus as their Lord and lives in that freedom. Being spiritual is being self-controlled and following Jesus.

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Based on the above,  
let's see the following  
question: What benefits  
are obtained from  
freedom in Christ?

## BENEFITS:

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**1 Security. Isaiah 43:2.** The key to being safe in life is to depend on the care of our eternal God, not temporary things. When we have the Lord and his promises that he will always be with us, no matter the circumstances. God always comes at the right time.

**2 Meaning and purpose. Ecclesiastes 12:13.** One of the biggest questions that assail the human being is, What is the purpose of my life? Why am I here? We only find the meaning and purpose of our existence when we focus our lives on fulfilling the mission and objectives that God has planned for us, that is the whole of every man and woman on earth.



**3 Peace and rest. Romans 8:28.** God takes care of his children regardless of what happens in the world, the Lord will take care of us, that's why we can go free of stress and anxiety, knowing that our life was completely arranged by Jesus from beginning to end. He arranges everything to make us happy in the long run.

**4 Transformation to the image of him. Galatians 5:22-25.** We are called to live in victory, just like Jesus, and as we are liberated more and more, we are more and more transformed into the image of Christ. As we become more Christlike, our ability to bless and serve others increases.

There are many other benefits to reflect on, but I can conclude by inviting you to pause in your life to reflect on whether you are seeing the freedom that Jesus Christ has provided for you. He clearly sees how we should live our lives. He has prepared the perfect life before us, and if we are relying on him and helping him, we will be able to obey whatever he puts in our hearts, then this life will lead us to freedom and a joy that is unmatched.

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Definitely, if the church does not develop its evangelizing ministry, it has a tendency to die. However, since the Lord's church is alive because it has a head, there will always be a remnant that does the "work of the ministry."

*Leonel de León, Evangelism with Passion, Chap. 02, Page 20*

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# in the Caribbean

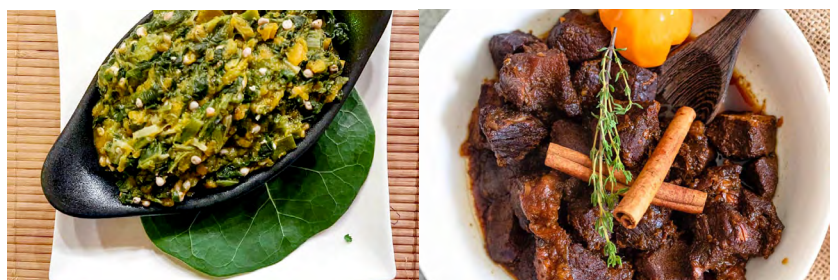


**Rev. Christopher Weekes**  
Evangelism coordinator  
for the Caribbean field

The Church of the Nazarene in the Caribbean can be considered a “Pepperpot” of nations. Pepperpot in one place is a savory dish of various meats, seasonings and peppers all boiled and cooked together like a soup. And in other places this dish is a combination of vegetables, spinach and ocras with pieces of pork or chicken. These mixtures or combination of foods is extremely delightful to the taste and enjoyed by all who eats them.

Like pepperpot, our Field is a combination of 21 or more nations/countries forming 14 Districts from Bahamas up North, to Guyana down South, Belize down West and Leewards/Virgin Islands on the East side and all the other in between. This melting pot of color and diversity with each country having its own uniqueness in culture have seen the efforts of evangelism spreading amongst the nations/countries through Crusades, Open Airs, personal evangelism, sports outreach and other events.

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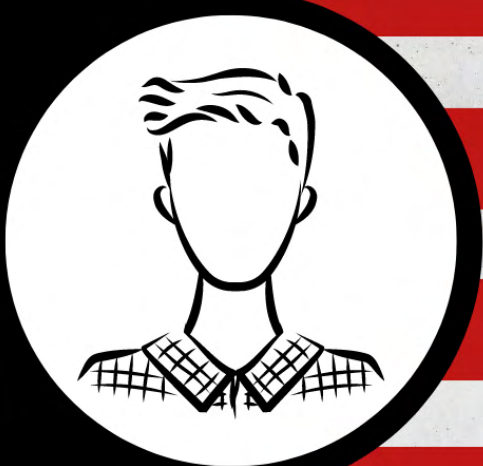
Every District are committed to the vision and mission of the global church to make Christlike Disciples of all Nations. Over the years our leaders have stuck to this task of disciple making despite the immense challenges of high cost of living, high cost for travel between countries, crimes, drugs, hurricanes, volcanoes and floods just to name a few. Every effort has been made for us to be the hands and voice of Christ extended in love and compassion to every community and village that has a Church of the Nazarene. The result over the years have seen new churches or church plants developing.

As the world changes now with the advent of the pandemic and post pandemic, with these situations having a serious bearing on the economic viability of our nations. The Church of the Nazarene in the Caribbean remains resolute, relevant and committed to the mandate of Matthew 28:18-20 and is determined to tell all the good news of the Gospel. We know that real life and living is found only in Jesus the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

The Church in the Caribbean is prepared to do all that is necessary to connect to people in ways that they would see and experience the love of God through the people called Nazarenes. Despite our differences of nationality, cultures and even context, we are committed to being Christlike to a world without Christ, so that they can come to Christ. We see evangelism as a lifestyle and not a ministry. It is who we are which is more than what we do. It is not a ministry for a chosen few, but rather a call to live, love and be like Christ to all who need Him. The Caribbean still need Jesus, and we are prepared to keep “going” until all have heard and received the good news of the Gospel and are recipients of changed and transformed lives that only Jesus can bring.



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## Rev. Maria Antonia Ponce

*Superintendent of the Central District of Nicaragua*

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When I received the invitation for the CHALLENGE program of evangelism of the Mesoamerica Region, I had no idea what it would be about, I thought it would be one more program of so many that have been carried out in the Church of the Nazarene.



Today the church in general is plunged into a lethargy that the pandemic has left behind, the sadness at the loss of loved ones, the necessary health controls coupled with the slow reopening of the temples that remained closed for a long time are some of the Causes.

Challenge, it sounds like a dare, but speaking in the area of evangelism is not only a provocation, but a necessity. For this, it is necessary to have the resources to awaken the church and resume the evangelistic work that for years has been the center of the work of the evangelical Christian church.

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Once the training began, we realized that we were facing a dynamic, systematic, enthusiastic, eye-catching, accessible program, with great expectations to generate awareness and responsibility among all of us who are committed to sharing the gospel.

The state-of-the-art equipment on which we were trained, as well as creative evangelism techniques, were resources that we now have on hand to use in local and district training. In this training we are encouraged to train and mentor new leaders in the area of evangelism.

Our expectations were exceeded. We went out of the training, motivated

to win people to Christ Jesus, leading people to the knowledge of the true God. Now, we are about to become part of a generation that is convinced of having God's support, and the necessary tools to reach the ends of the earth.

That is why we are grateful to God, to Evangelism Region Mesoamerica and the donors who cooperated to make this happen. Our gratitude will be concretized when all of us, as a single team, make use of the tools and knowledge acquired in CHALLENGE.



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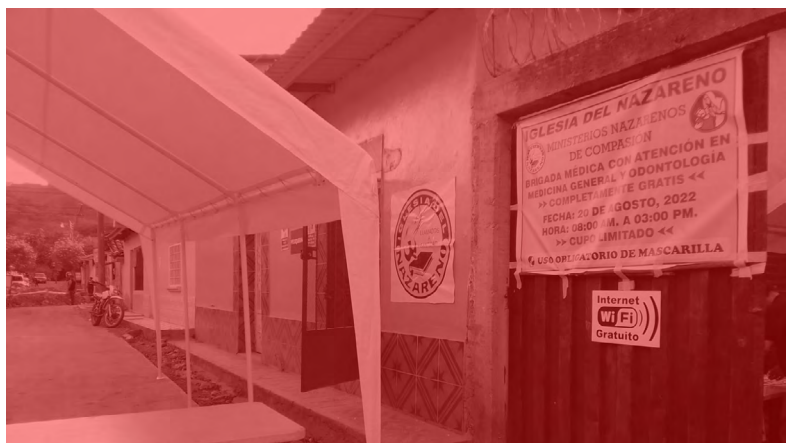
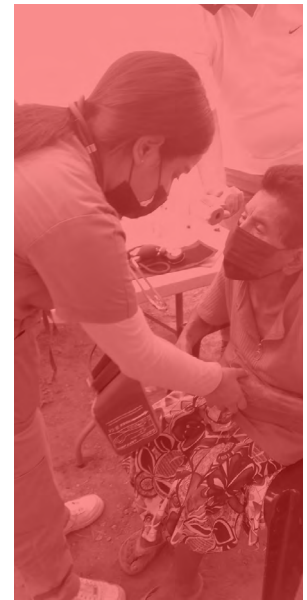
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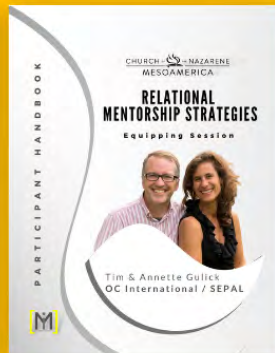



On Saturday, August 21, 2022, this strategy was carried out with the MNC medical brigades from the Central South East district of Honduras and in alliance with District Evangelism to bring medical and dental care to a new mission with the purpose of planting a new Church of the Nazarene, said place was in Ajuterique municipality of Comayagua Honduras and 171 people from the place were served; This activity was the right one for the use of Lightstream that was given to us thanks to the Challenges that have been developed in the district and the evangelistic cube, having successful results where 45 people accepted Christ in their hearts and 18 were reconciled with Christ, for a total of 63 new converts, this means that we had , 50% effectiveness of the activity.



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# CHALLENGE Replicas



At the beginning of March, the evangelism emphases were launched at the regional level, with the purpose of informing and giving resources to district leaders so that they can pass the information to pastors and local leaders, so that all the churches of the Region Be part of Evangelism.

Likewise, resources such as lightstream , mobile applications, posters and more were delivered; to be able to use them in the practice of evangelism in their communities.

It fills us with great joy that more than 70% of the Challenges in Mexico, North Central and Central Meso have already made their replicas in their districts, reaching the local church with the blessings of resources and other materials.

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# DCPI

On August 27th, the DCPI course was held to certify new instructors. 13 leaders decided to accept the challenge of being certified to be able to teach all the church planting courses that DCPI offers, starting from 1:00 pm in the afternoon until 7:00 pm at night; It was a very blessed moment where the participants made a work plan that we know will be a blessing for our entire region.



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## STEP 1: START A CONVERSATION

If you want to reach people with the Gospel, first you have to get their attention, then listen carefully and find a point of contact. You can use a springboard in your conversation to figure out where the person stands.

- Start your conversation with something out of everyday life.
- Ask a good question, like „have you ever heard that God loves you?“
- “May I tell you about the best thing that ever happened to me?“

Asking questions that get people to give their opinion about religion topics is a good way to segue into key questions about our life.

### YOUR STORY

You can share your personal story in three main points.

- What did your life look like without Jesus?
- How did you get to know Jesus?
- What has changed in your life since then?

You could also share how you found a purpose and meaning, how you received peace, or how God healed you. After beginning a conversa-

tion with the intention to share the Gospel, you need determine where the person is spiritually. Asking key questions and hearing their answers will help you be the best witness you can be.

Do you know for sure you will go to Heaven one day, or is that something you would say you are still working on?

If God asked you, „Why should I let you into My Heaven?“ what would you say?

## STEP 2: SHARE THE GOSPEL

### ♥ GOD LOVES ME

It was God’s plan from the beginning to be friends with mankind, everything in the world was created perfect. Mankind lived in peace and harmony with God.

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. – Genesis 1:31*

## ⊖ I AM SEPERATED FROM GOD

Since mankind decided to go its own way and turned away from God, we can see the results of this decision. Instead peace and harmony, we experience hate, jealousy, sickness, and war.

Even worse, we could be separated from God forever and out of our own efforts, we cannot reconnect with Him. Religions are a desperate attempt to get rid of our guilt, but we stay separated from God.

*There's nobody living right, not even one. ...*  
– Romans 3:10

## ⊕ JESUS DIED FOR ME

God is just and cannot simply ignore our guilt. But because He loves us so much, He had the perfect plan to redeem everyone, giving us the opportunity to restore the relationship with Him.

God showed this love by sending his only Son, Jesus Christ, into our world. He died on the cross for everyone, taking the punishment for our guilt upon himself. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead, now He is alive today, and through him, the way to God has been reopened.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*  
– John 3:16



## ? MY DECISION

Our good deeds will never be enough to get into heaven. There is only one way: accepting Jesus as Lord and savior and repentance.

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*  
– Romans 10:9

## STEP 3: LEAD A PERSON TO CHRIST

The decision to follow Jesus is the most important decision in life. Ask that person if he would like to make Jesus their Lord and Savior. Pray this simple prayer together with him:

### PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. I believe that you died for my sins. Please forgive me of my sins and come into my life. I believe that you rose again from the dead and are alive today. I receive you as my Lord and Savior. I will follow you for the rest of my life. Amen."

### NEXT STEPS

To help with these steps, explain the four most important aspects of the Christian life, which is to pray to God and to read the bible daily and to join a bible based church. Invite him to a church service or your small group.

# ALLIANCES THAT JOIN OUR MISSION



News

# Mission trip to ST. Lucia (Caribbean)



Global Mission in Alliance with Sports Evangelism equipped 10 missionaries from 4 Caribbean countries (Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana) to join the Castries Church of the Nazarene for 11 days to serve the community.

The main reason was to connect with the four churches of Santa Lucia (New Hope, Gros Islet , Grande Riviere ) in order to awaken the passion to evangelize; cheering them on after nearly two years of being hit by the covid-19 pandemic.

Activities were used to engage the community through Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Sports Evangelism. On the side of Sports Evangelism, there

was no lack of movement and the impact of God in the lives of young people. Mainly men; From 12 to 20 years old who came together for a week of Sports Camp. This camp had a total participation of 60 young people; Football, Basketball and Cricket were used as the three sports vehicles for; share and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as build character and teach life principles to challenged youth in the community.

It was a successful time of service in the mission field. They managed to connect with a total of 110 children and young people from the community during that time and 25 new souls coming to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.


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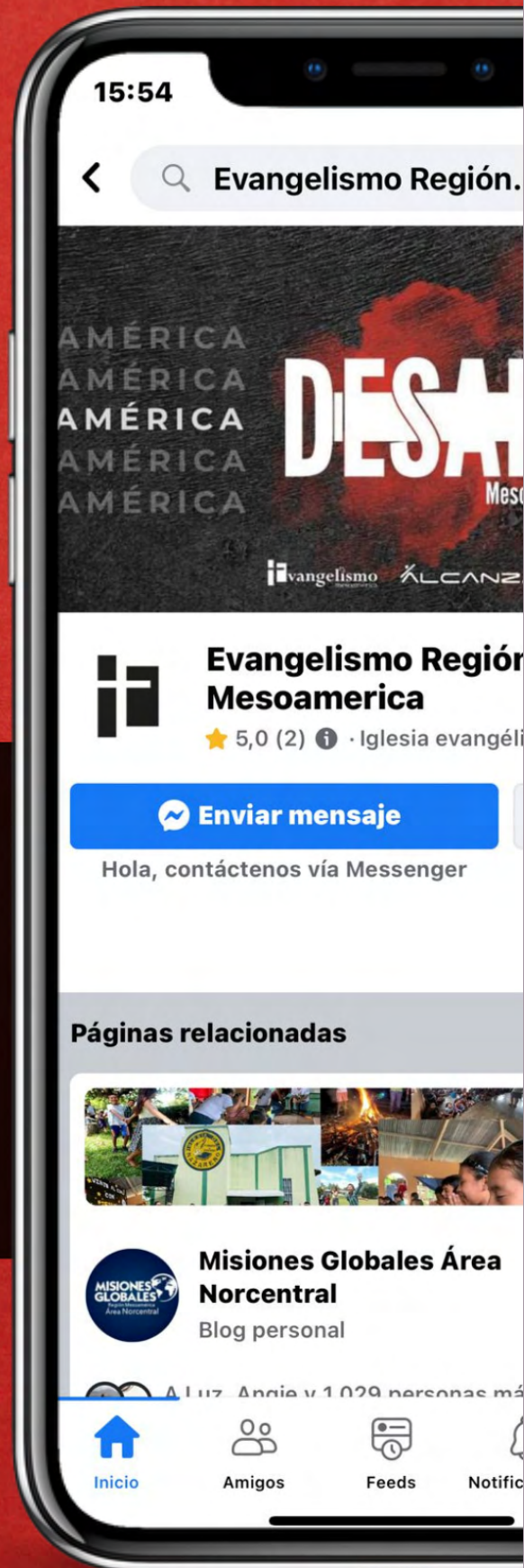
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