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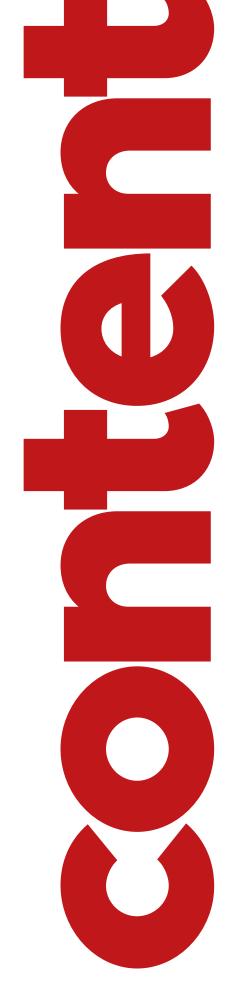
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# EMASUEL



Dr. Carlos Saenz Mesoamerica Regional Director

When I was a child, Christmas always represented a time for the family to be together, gifts, celebration, food, and other things that are done depending on the family you have.

It was a time where the family got together to celebrate, value was given to the aspect of what I can do for my neighbor, and how I can do something for the good of others.

But now Christmas has become very commercial, everything has to do with a certain brand, the price and sometimes the size of the gift that we are going to receive, and it has focused more on what makes me happy, instead of what can I do to make others happy.

Now God made a promise to his people, that a gift would come, this gift would have its characteristics as divinity, and it would also be very valuable.

This gift will dwell in us... I will send you my Spirit, and this gift would always be with us and inside us, even if you do not understand what is happening, you do not know where to go or you do not know what decision to make, remember he will always be with you and in you.

Son of God; the recognized mark as the owner of all things, Jehovah is the earth and the fullness of it.

A gift that would have an incomparable price, love, he would shed his own blood for his love of us... Because God loves the world in such a way.

A surprise gift, God himself was going to incarnate and dwell among us, ...Emanuel, which means God with us.

Now this gift also brought us an extra gift, what a beautiful Christmas! Because when his time was ending, he told us, I am leaving but I am not going to leave you alone, for I will send you a companion, it's a gift that meets the characteristics of the Son of God, but which also has its own characteristic. So do not fear, do not faint, God is with us, Emanuel.

Merry Christmas and a Beautiful and productive 2023.





For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.







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# **Profiles**Mactivation

Meet your leaders

I am currently a missionary serving as superintendent of the Central District of Panama. I also have the privilege of serving as Strategy Coordinator for the Mesocentral Field, which is made up of the following countries: Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Panama, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.

y name is Carlos De La Cruz, I was born on October 14 in the Dominican Republic, God gave me the blessing of marrying a beautiful woman, Amantina Martinez, with whom we have the joy of having three sons and a daughter. In addition to these, the Lord has blessed us by adding to the family three beautiful daughters-in-law who are like daughters, as well as two beautiful grandsons and two beautiful granddaughters. I have had the privilege of serving in The Church of the Nazarene for forty years. From an early age God called me to the pastoral ministry, but before accepting the pastoral call I served in different ministries in the local church such as youth president, evangelism, worship leader and Sunday school teacher, among others.





And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, by my name will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. - Matthew 19:29



If you are feeling that God is calling you, or if you are starting a ministry, as a planter or any other ministry that God has entrusted to you, let me share with you some biblical thoughts that you should know and are normal for someone that God wants to involve in the blessed task of working in his kingdom:



You will feel incapable.
Exodus 3:11

You will think that you are not holy to be called by God. Isaiah 6:5

You will probably say like Jeremiah that you are very young.
Jeremiah 1:6-7

You will have to deny yourself.
Matthew 16:24



I consider it a great privilege to be called to serve in the kingdom of God, although as a child and adolescent I dreamed of being a baseball player or a civil engineer, but today I affirm that I could not make a better decision than to respond to God's call and dedicate my life to serve in his kingdom.

Responding to the call costs, it is not something new, it was also very difficult to respond as the great men of the Bible such as Moses and Gideon, Jeremiah among other examples of how much they struggled to respond to the call, and of course, I was not an exception, I battled for a long time since I have been on this for a while, but I can tell everyone that it's worth hearing the voice of God.



You can make all kinds of excuses, but God will not accept them, He has a plan for your life and the best thing is that you respond. The good news is that He promised that He will be with you all the days of your life, that no one will be able to stand up to you and that everything you do will turn out well (Joshua 1:5, 8), and that there are great secrets in leaving everything to respond to God's call, because with God you never lose, with God you always win. God bless you.



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# The perfect gift

What makes a gift special to you? Surely, these four factors are involved:

- 1) Who made the gift?
- 2) Why did they do it?
- 3) What was the purpose?
- 4) How can we use it?

Reflecting on these factors can help us increase the gratitude we feel for salvation, the perfect gift God has given us.



John 3:14-21

At that time Jesus said to Nicodemus. "As Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up on high, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. God so loved the world that He gave his only Son that whoever believes in him may not be lost. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it through him. Whoever who believes in him will not be condemned, but those who dont believe have already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. The reason for this condemnation is that the light came into the world, but men preferred darkness to light because their behavior was evil. Everyone who does evil detests the light and runs away from it to avoid their lives being exposed. But he who acts according to the truth comes to the light, so that it may be seen that all his conduct is inspired by God."

First, the Bible says that "God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might have life through him." 1 John 4.9

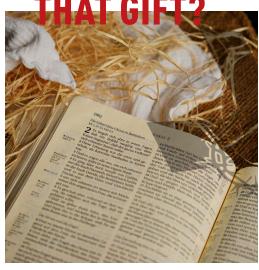
That fact makes it a very valuable gift, for there is no one with greater authority than God.

The Bible says he has Jesus, he has everything, you can imagine! God gave you with him everything you can imagine starting with his forgiveness, salvation and eternal life. It was God who looked at you with compassion and sent you the perfect gift for you and your beloved ones, that's extraordinary. We could not receive a gift from anyone more important and perfect than Jesus, Hosanna in the highest!

WHO GAVE YOU THE GIFT?



# WHY DID HE GIVE YOU



For love; for in such a way I love God the world...

For God is good, and loveth us as a Father.

Why do we say that? Because he gave us life. Besides, he takes care of us and cares about us, like a good father does with his children.

Today, God feels the same way about humanity because He is our almighty creator, and He also wants to be our loving Father and Friend. Therefore, any gift of yours is especially valuable.

Because this gift from God is a sign of his grace, of that undeserved love.

The Bible says that: but God shows his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. romans 5:8.

Moved by his great love, God acted on behalf of the weak and sinful humanity, which was helpless. We did not deserve that love and we will never be able to pay for it. His gift is the greatest show of love in history. For the perfect gift redeemed us.

God "gave his only begotten Son" what he loved most. He couldn't have given us anyone he wanted more. During the billions of years in which God created the universe, Jesus worked at his side and became the one "with whom he was with Jesus is his beloved Son, "the image of the invisible God"

There have never been two more people united.

And yet God was willing to give up his own Son. Romans 8:32 For he gave us the best that he had. No other gift has cost him that much.



**THE PURPOSE?** 

To give us forgiveness of sins and eternal life to heal us physically, spiritually and emotionally, to give us hope and life in abundance, to dignify and sanctify the human being and to save him from sin and evil. Some gifts are special because they cover a real need, perhaps an urgent one. Imagine, for example, that you need life-saving medical treatment, but you can't afford it and someone offers to pay for it. I'd certainly be extremely grateful, wouldn't !?

("For just as in Adam all are dying, so also in the Christ all will be made alive.") 1 Corinthians 15:22.

The descendants of Adam are "dying," for we cannot be free from sickness and death; nor can we be reconciled to God and be blameless before Him. And being simple humans, we cannot "quicken" any person. We need help urgently, because we cannot pay the ransom price. We wouldn't accomplish anything on our own.

Have you ever received an unwanted gift? You may wonder what that gift is?, It is the one that when you uncover it excited to find something that is very important and valuable you find something that makes you wonder: where should I put it? However, the gift that God is giving us this Christmas is the only and best gift of your life that you can use to bless others and rescue them from damnation and darkness, so that they live to come to the light of Christ and his truth.





This Christmas, receive all the love and hope from the great Evangelism Family in Christ Jesus, and may God bless you in 2023



God gives us the gift of his Son, but it is in each one of us to share it or not and to people to accept it or not.

I believe that no one in my community despises a gift, especially when it come from the heart. This Christmas you can begin to prepare that gift by praying for that person who needs Jesus, preparing a party in your church, a campaign, a special service, or the celebration of Christmas, and giving a message of hope where people can hear Christ's love for their lives and their families. Then, train them in discipleship to the new believers and include them so that they are part of your faith community and can replicate their experiences.





May this special date cleanse and free our hearts from sorrows and doubts, may the birth of the Son of God bring only joy and the union of our families.





# EXACELISTAS 2023

# COMING SOON

- Mexico
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# THINGS MONEY CANNOT BUY



**Milton Gerardo Gay** National Coordinator of Evangelism Guatemala

Throughout life, I realize the incredible ability that this world has to deceive us and make us believe things that are not true. I could name many, but on this occasion and taking advantage of the time, I want to focus on one in particular: money and all that it entails (positive and negative).

We live and exist with a human condition, which makes it more difficult to stop being slaves to sin, it is, it asks us at all costs to find some way to survive, it is here, where money takes this role, which allows us to buy our food, water, clothing, home and everything that keeps us alive, physically speaking, that is why money itself is necessary to survive, the problem is when we see what other things money can buy, such as; houses, cars, momentary pleasures, drugs, sex, desires and an endless number of material things that do not really fill our spirit and are often harmful.

We are in the Christmas season, parties, family gatherings and gifts (many expenses), which is why I invite you to imagine the following scene in your head: if you could choose a Christmas gift and you were sure that what you asked for would be given to you, what would you ask for? This question made me think a lot, because we have to think about something good but also real, I would like to say: well, I want 80 more years of life with my parents, full of health and life, but we know that nowadays those are wishes that exceed this existential plane, so

the most common thing to do is to ask for material stuff, such as a house, a car, or a lot of money, without forgetting that there are things that money cannot buy.

I can name you more of these things too; For example, years of life, health, love, salvation, grace, respect, loyalty, forgiveness, happiness, joy, self-control, true friendships, and inner peace, all these things cannot be bought with money. For this reason; the message that I want to give you in this article is for you to think about all those things that you cannot buy with money and that everyone wants; God gives them to you completely FREE, not because we are good, much less because we deserve them, but because of his grace, which by the way, is something that cannot be bought or deserved, in fact, it is a gift from God to us.

Therefore, I point out again the premise that I mentioned at the beginning; this world has the incredible ability to deceive us, we believe that if we have money, we have happiness, respect and friendships, and it seems that everything is fine, that's why we don't seek God, but when difficult times come, where health leaves us, when The false happiness we had abandons us, and friendships in the end turn out to be false, the first thing we do is seek and beg God to help us, it fills me with sadness that as humans we function like this, that we are so easily deceived.



Today, I want to invite you to pay attention to the things that really have value and not a price, I invite you not to be deceived anymore by the pleasures that money can buy. Since from birth you have been given many gifts from God; a body with which you can perform many activities, a soul that can be free, a brain that allows you to think, plan and create, but that can also be easily manipulated by all the falsehoods that this world tells us; we have come to think, "my body, my rules", "nobody rules me", "I don't need anything and nobody in my life", "money gives happiness", you have been given the opportunity to know the light and above all to choose the best gift of all: Jesus, the only one who loves us and don't abandon us. Who despite all the terrible things we have done, has loved us with a love that surpasses all understanding.



Finally, I want us to look at a portion of the scriptures that emphasizes what I have discussed so far, and it is found in Colossians 2:8-10. " See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority."

Let's not allow the world to continue deceiving us, let's give value to what really deserves it, our family, true friends, our health and above all our God and savior Jesus Christ, who wants to give us all his love today, tomorrow and always, do not be afraid to come closer to God, by doing so, He will also draw near to you, God bless you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# THE BEAUTIFUL -



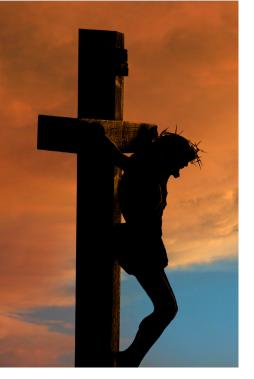


In the Christmas season, many gifts are given and received; You probably already have prepared or thought about what kind of gifts you will give. But there is one gift that surpasses all, a gift that meets the deepest needs of the receiver, a gift that is the best above all. It is the gift of God. It is the gift of which the prophet Isaiah said: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given," (Isaiah 9:6).

First of all, we must note the type of gift; God did not give us an object, a religion, a rite. God gave us a person, Christmas is the time of the year where we find more opportunities to announce the gospel, the opportunity to tell our friends and family about Jesus. But what makes God's gift perfect? I offer you a few reasons.

**Luis Flores** Revitalization of Churches specialist







# It is a gift of love and a demonstration of God's grace to humanity

After the fall of the first human, God executed his plan to restore the human race, his desire was to show the immense love he has for people. And everything is by grace, it is "free, and without deserving it", by sending Jesus he gives us a full demonstration of how much love God has for man.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

# It is a gift of unbeatable value and price

It all started with the birth of a child in a manger in Bethlehem, God humanized himself in order to redeem humanity. Sending Jesus, his only son, the most precious and valuable for the Father and for the whole universe and beyond, was sent to voluntarily offer the greatest gift, life. From that delivery, it is that the grace of God becomes expensive, Bonhoffer writes "it is expensive because it gives life to man, because it has cost God dearly, the life of his son, giving him up for us" (Dietrich Bonhoffer, p. 16-17, 1968). It is a gift for which the human being must only accept salvation, and it is the most expensive in history, and above all, it is free.





# It is a gift to be accepted with gratitude and joy

There is no one in the world who rejects or receives a gift with anger, there is always a smile and gratitude towards the person who gave it. Jesus is the greatest gift that was wrapped in swaddling clothes (Luke 2:7), and must be accepted with immense joy and gratitude, since no one deserved such a great gift. The ways in which we can be grateful and happy is through our obedience, consecration, service, and worship.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalms 107:1).



## It is a divine gift, which supplies the great need for salvation

Jesus as a gift from God is perfect and sufficient, he meets all the requirements that are demanded to be able to save, Jesus presents himself as the almighty God who can provide for our needs in an integral way. It is Jesus who gives rest to the soul through salvation. The gift is for everyone, and although the invitation is open, the reality is that not everyone wants it and accepts it.

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16.



# Jesus is the BEAUTIFUL perfect

# free sal vation

The points described become a way to answer the question, what makes God's gift perfect? Therefore, we conclude that Jesus is the beautiful, perfect gift. That is what I call the good news of the Gospel, Jesus paid the price that we could never pay. God gave us a gift, which is free, and that is salvation, it is a gift that everyone should receive. May the perfect gift reign and shine in our hearts, Merry Christmas!





All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel", which means "God with us".

Mathew 1:22-23

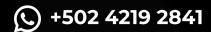






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# LET THE GIFTS

# begins!

### Vanessa Maldonado Coordinator of Evangelism in Mexico



Christmas time is approaching, the favorite time of the year for many of us, perhaps it is because of the colors, the lights, spending more time with the family and even seeing people that we haven't seen for a long time, the traditional foods, the climate in which it becomes colder in many places, and why not say it? Gifts! Who does not like to get something as a gift? We love it more if it is useful or it is something that we were waiting for or needing; The truth is that it is very nice to receive a gift knowing that someone took the time to choose it especially for us.

However, many times the gift takes on a special value depending on the person who gave it to us, there are events to which we go, in which they give us a welcome kit, or in a restaurant where the promotion of the food of the day brings a gift such as some crepes with ice cream, and they are things that we like, we

use them, but most likely in a couple of months we won't even remember it. because it was not transcendental; but when that gift comes from someone we appreciate and is important to us, acquiring a different value, then we are able to keep the candy wrapper that a special person gave us, or it is simply something that we are not going to get rid of in a long time, even if it stays in a drawer for decades. And that is because the person who gave it to us means a lot to our life.

When we think of sharing the best gift in the world, salvation through Jesus Christ, although it is not our merit, we are the ones who can knock on the door to share that gift, many times we imagine ourselves knocking on the doors of strangers and talking to them about the love of God, and it is wonderful to be able to do it, they are people who need it, and there are those who have this special call, however, we

have all been called to share that message as a priority with the people close to us, with those with whom we interact on a daily basis, that is, with those who are important and special in our lives.

I dare to think that in the vast majority of families there is always someone who needs to hear God's message for the first time to accept it, or to reconcile with God, and sometimes we take those words from "no one is a prophet in his own land" to excuse ourselves from the responsibility and let someone else do the work, however, just as a gift given by someone we care about becomes transcendental, receiving the plan of salvation through a person who has an emotional bond, it becomes something that is treasured, because it is not only the moment of conversion, but the closeness makes it an accompaniment that will be given for

The words found in Acts 1:8 (NIV) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth", have been interpreted as the sectors or areas where we act sharing the gospel, beginning with our house or family, our city, our country and to the ends of the earth, and in reality if we analyze it, it is not an invitation, the word of God does not recommend it, but rather an instruction on what we have to do, once the Holy Spirit is upon us, then we have to be his witnesses, that is, speak about him, although it is true that until the end of the Earth, interestingly the text begins with the closest part to us, again, we refer to our loved ones, our family or closest friends. It is important to remember that to the extent that we have love for another person, it will be to the extent that we are interested in that person being saved. Who does not want to be sure that their loved ones will live in eternity with God once they face death? And what better security, than to invest our time in those who do not know or who have distanced themselves, and thus have a personal encounter and settle accounts with our Lord. Nothing will compare to the privilege of being bearers of the good news of salvation for our loved ones and knowing that after death we will meet again.







But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Family dinners are about to begin, the songs of joy for the birth of our Savior, and the exchange of gifts, why don't we take advantage of this time to give someone you love and who needs it, that wonderful gift of forgiveness and salvation of Jesus Christ? Take that loved one out for a coffee, a chocolate, a fruit punch, a slice of cake, sit by the light of the Christmas tree, stay at the table after dinner just for a little longer, and speak from the heart of what God can do in your life, and why not? Give them a detail that allows them to always re-

member, that the day you gave them that scarf, card, candy, socks, or the detail you choose, it is the same night that you let them know or reminded them that there is someone who was born, lived, died and rose again, to give them life, and life in abundance, to help them in difficult moments and rejoice with him. Although that day they may not make a decision, always remember that they exist with a purpose and that God is looking for them in a unique way, that this is the true meaning Christmas.

Give something eternal, unforgettable and that, without a doubt, people need. Give away the good news of Jesus', give salvation!







MAY OUR SPIRIT

BE RENEWED THIS

CHRISTMAS AND

MAY JOY BE FELT

DURING ALL THIS

TIME OF LOVE,

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WE HAVE THE JOY

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**Gabriel Yip**DCPI Mexico Coordinator and Mentoring

still remember as if it were yesterday, December 26 of my childhood. The joy of the Christmas festivities was still everywhere and the counting of the results of these days was about to begin. All the children of the neighborhood went out with our toys in hand and other gifts received. Honestly, sometimes those moments became a time of competition and pride to see the most impressive, expensive or unbeatable gifts; I remember one of my friends from that time, took his bicycle out before dawn, it was obvious, you didn't have to ask him what they had given him for Christmas, but there were others that had to give a report because our gifts were not obvious.

On that occasion, I remember that they gave me a sports outfit of pants and a sweatshirt, it was of animated characters that I liked, so I dressed in my new outfit, it smelled new and felt quite warm, but I found that my hands did not come out of the sleeves easily, and the sleeves of the pants were clogged at the height of my ankles about 10 centimeters, it was not possible to go out and show off my Christmas present that was too big for me! My mother explained to me that they had bought it that way so that I could use it for a longer time, because I was going to grow and if they bought it for me in my current size, I could only use it for a few months, since I was at the age of constant growth.

With that explanation and with the desire to go out and show off my gifts I went to do my inventory with my friends, the truth is that it didn't look that big on me, and none of my friends said anything about it.

I used these pants for many years, more than I would have imagined, because they were chosen to last me for a long time, and thus enjoy the benefits of their protection.



The above lends itself to thinking about THE GIANT SIZE GIFT that is celebrated every December 25. When the Son of God became flesh and was born in Bethlehem, the angels, the shepherds, the wise men from the East, and the relatives of the newborn Jesus knew that a Savior had been born, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11), but This gift, unfortunately, was not valued as such at that time by many people, and even today, after more than two thousand years, it continues to be a gift that for many is inadequate.

How can there be a savior who can do everything necessary for all humanity to live in peace with God and each other? Who is capable of healing the deepest wounds of the heart or the diseases that still have no cure? Who has the right to seek our adoration and appreciation for who he is and what he does? But even more, is there someone who, by giving his own life, can pay for the evils of all humanity? The answer to these questions is one, JESUS, the son of God.

Through Him everything that exists today was made, by trusting that He paid for the sins of humanity, trusting that through him we have forgiveness, in Him there is healing and restoration to the brokenhearted, and it is He who deserves our adoration and worship.

This gift has eternal dimensions, it encompasses all of humanity and all of creation, this birth started a connection between God and his creation through a gift like no other, a GIANT SIZE GIFT, THE SON OF GOD, who came to save his creation that lived in darkness.

The greatness of that gift that we do not deserve, can sometimes make us uncomfortable because we feel that it does not go with us, perhaps we do not see the cosmic dimensions of him coming to this world, and it may be that those who consider that they do not need it ignore it, but Although all of humanity and its creation will at some point have to recognize the greatness of Jesus. For everyone who believes in this time, this gift is the most important historical event that will ever be equaled, and even after these times it will continue to be remembered as the day that God, out of love for his creation, sent his son as that giant gift to humanity, and thus be saved by him.





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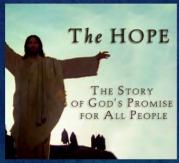


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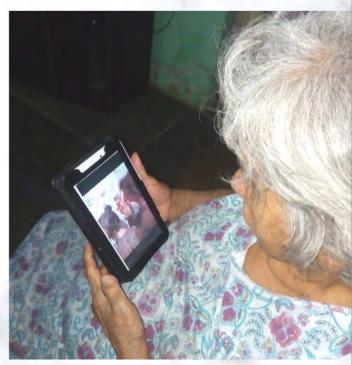
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Thank you, JESUS Film teams and leaders, for 25 years of going to cities and villages – near and far – to share the Good News of Christ! Through your faithful service, over 18 million people have made decisions for Christ!

















**Dr. Marco A. Velasco**SENDAS Academic Vice Chancellor

One of my favorite childhood gifts was a bicycle given to me for Christmas. I was waiting for it with great anticipation and excitement. That gift left a permanent mark in my childhood and for a lifetime.

Advent is the announcement of the best gift we can receive in our lives. Advent is about the announcement of the perfect gift that humanity can receive, which was never imagined. Advent is one of the Christian holidays whose main purpose is to prepare us for the arrival of Christmas.

The word advent also means event or arrival. Imagine that tonight you will receive a great character in your home. You would prepare to receive it in the best way. And you would be expectant for his arrival.

However, the importance of Advent is overshadowed by the commercialization of the season dominated by consumerism. In the midst of the current era, consumerism has taken over everything we do. The Advent message is the hope that a better future is yet to come.

#### HISTORICAL, BIBLICAL, AND THEOLOGICAL MEANING OF ADVENT

Since Advent is held based on the celebration of Christmas, I want to clarify some historical data on this Christian holiday. It arose during the IV and V century AD. C. In the fourth century Hilario de Poitiers promoted it three weeks before Christmas. He even made a social emphasis on helping the poor as a practice of love for your neighbor.





From a biblical theological point of view, the Advent season announces an eschatological event that looks to the future, to the hope of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christians have been inspired to a great extent by the prophet Isaiah to celebrate the coming and birth of Jesus: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Mk 1:3 KJV).



Regarding time, Advent reminds us that God is interested in the way we use time. We can use our time to praise God, or to selfishly invest it in ourselves. Israel took the time to celebrate God's mighty acts in history. One of them was the celebration of the liberation from slavery in Egypt (Ex. 14). Since then, Israel remembered his deliverance and his constant care at a special time within the year. Advent in the same way celebrates the prophetic announcement of the coming of the Messiah and the deliverance effected by our Lord Jesus Christ, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." (Luke 4:18-19).





In Advent, all our efforts and our thoughts hope to celebrate that crucial moment in history in which God sent his only Son and took human form. Like the wise men from the East or the shepherds, we want to adore him and receive him as King and Lord.

I want to be like that child who waited with great emotion for a childhood gift, now expecting the perfect gift that God has given to humanity. Like the wise men from the East with an expectant search, let us ask: "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." (Mt 2:2 KJV).

## EMMANUEL • THE PROMISED MESSIAH



**Rev. Ulises Solís**Rector of the Theological
Seminary of Guatemala

At Christmas time is when consumerism promotes talking about gifts, sharing, and living in peace with the family. Time to make decorative arrangements with lights, to buy new clothes, among other ways to spend. But what human beings do the least is reflect seriously on the sovereign attitude of the Eternal who gave all of humanity the best gift of himself to dwell with us. Therefore, it is convenient for each person to value this supreme gift that brought redemption and salvation through his vicarious sacrifice, as it is written, But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.", Romans 5: 8.

## Let us reflect on its Literary Context:



According to the components of the word, Emanuel means "God with us", but considering that the verbal form "is" is mentally included in its structure, the literal meaning of Emanuel becomes "God is with us" Isaiah 7: 14 and 8:8.

Where do I find this context? In the prophet Isaiah in the section of the book known as Emmanuel, and it is named after the child who was to be born and who is mentioned in the chapters of Isaiah, 7:1 to 11:10.

What is the message that we find in this section? It contains prophecies about the birth and government of the promised Messiah to give hope to the Hebrew people who were going through a time of political and social crisis.

Now, the question arises: Who was the person who would bear the name Emmanuel? If it is considered that this child was going to be born in Jerusalem, it had to be a prominent person, of royal or princely lineage and by the light that we now have, he descended from King David, as the Luke the Doctor says, when narrating the appearance of the angel Gabriel sent by God to give the good news to a virgin betrothed to Joseph of the House of David, called Mary, Lc. 1:26-27. The prophecy indicates that the birth of this son would be of a virgin mother, which makes you think that his birth would be supernatural and Matthew 1:23 declares "you shall call his name EMANUEL".



Understanding this, makes each reader aware of the privilege and blessing of worshiping him with reverent fear, since the promised messiah is with us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we should try our best, instead of breaking diets with drinks or extravagant foods at Christmas, it is better to focus on what the sacred writer says: "Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.", 2 Corinthians 7:1

#### **Aplication**

The same mighty God, the promised Messiah who offered protection and hope to the people of Israel, is with us to guide us and free us from the dark fears of life, to sanctify us and to save the penitent and return to eternal communion with God.

#### Conclusion

Emmanuel, the promised messiah is now with us to free us from the enslaving empire of sin that oppresses the human being in these times. God is with us to sanctify and purify our hearts by faith. God is with us to deliver us from the world's hellish attacks, from fears of war, pandemic, and monetary crisis. How important it is to value his presence in every life and take time amid the mercantile stress of Christmas to adore our promised Prince Messiah in spirit and truth, should be the priority of this holiday season.



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Also, one of our objectives was that, from these events, we promoted the various ministries of the local Church, DNI, Children's Church, Caravans, NYI, Men's and Women's Ministries, Evangelism,

etc. The pastor is involved in the community 3-4 times a week with one of the local soccer clubs. He is the chaplain of the senior team which is made up of youth, young adults, and adults. He also serves as a coach for kids ages 6-12, and we are currently working on developing a girls' team.

We have seen weekly he connects with more people on the soccer field, which is an opportunity for evangelization and to start a service on Wednesday nights. That is why we are motivated to bring the Church to the Community And as we go, we

connect, pray, play games, and testify of Jesus.

The responses have been positive, and we expect positive results in the coming days and weeks. This family outreach is the first of three for the rest of the year.

The big event took place at the end of October, and was preceded by members of the church, including children, youth, and adults, who visited different areas of the community, connected, prayed, testified, and played games.



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Some visited homes, others sat in corners where some people spend time together or gather to play dominoes and other social activities. Some were on the basketball court and the soccer field playing with the children/youth but taking the opportunity to speak to them about Christ.

This is where we make sure the Church is present/visible. We do this weekly before the big day of the event. No mention or invitation of the event is made until the last week. By then we are trusting God that a ground will have been established and good seeds will be sown. In the last week we printed the flyers and shared them out.

The next event we hope to include a health area for several free health checks from our nurses. In November we will have more activities and we will use Jesus Film, Ready Set Go, among others.







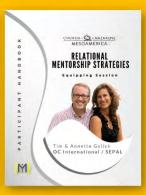




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#### News

## Baptisms!





On October 23 of this year, planter Yolanda López had the opportunity to baptize a brother and sister who successfully completed the first stage of discipleship. Thank God, they continue to grow in the mission, their goal is to become an Organized Church very soon, let us pray that God adds to this church those who are to be saved!

**PLACE:** Missions Type Chutch Ucí, municipality of Motul, Yucatán, Mexico

**PLANTER:** Yolanda López

**DATE:** October 23, 2022





## First Service

**PLACE:** Col. Juquila, Juchitán, Oaxaca, México

**PLANTER:** Pastor Víctor Santiago Santiago (New planter)

**TEAM MEMBERS:** Odilia Esteva Morgan, Luis Santiago Santiago,

**DATE:** October 20, 2022

Anarelys Palmas Ramírez.

For several days in October, a tour of the streets was carried out, inviting people to come to the first service of a new preaching point in Col, Juquila, which is being started by the pastor and planter Víctor Santiago together with their team, it is a great blessing to see how people are getting closer and are accepting to know about God and the plan for their lives. Let us pray for each one of them, and for this new team of planters who are responding to God's call.







## Women's Dinner



As the first people approaches to the town where a church will be built, the planter Julissa has invited women of all the surroundings to a special dinner to share Christ with them. 13 women and some men arrived who did not want to miss the opportunity to listen and share together, it was a time of great blessing. This new preaching point already has a rented place ready to start receiving people, God is working in incredible ways in this place and is moving to reach this community. Let us pray for them!

**PLACE:** Las Choapas, Veracruz, México

**PLANTER:** Julissa Contreras (New planter)

**TEAM MEMBERS:** Candy Contreras y Ramiro Contreras

DATE: October 7, 2022





### House Church Training on Tour



With the arrival of brother Ramón Mendoza, DCPI world zone leader for Latin America, to Guatemala City, we began a one-day training for planters from the mission zone of Honduras and Guatemala.

On Wednesday, November 9, together with Dr. Milton Gay and the Evangelism assistant, Jerson Chupina, brother Ramón gave the "Churches at Home" Course in the hot city of San Pedro Sula in Honduras. The attendance exceeded what was planned, more than 40 people were trained; pastors, planters and local evangelism leaders participated in this event. The journey in Honduras ended the following day, in the company of some pastors from Oregon, USA, who shared their testimony and prayed for the attendees and facilitators.

That same afternoon, the team of facilitators went to Izabal, where the two commercial ports of Guatemala are located, to train the pastors of the Atlantic district. Once again, the goals were exceeded. On Friday, November 11, it began with more than 50 participants, including pastors and local evangelism leaders, the venue was the first Church of the Nazarene in Puerto Barrios. During the first day of training, the team of facilitators joined a Work and Witness and Maximum Mission team that were working at La Bendición Church of the Nazarene. This church was started during the Eta and lota storms, the Mesoamerica Evangelism team installed a portable chapel in May of this year and upon their return, in November, the mission had already been organized and was receiving support for the construction of his temple.

At the end of the training, the district superintendent who was celebrating another year of life celebrated this day with the team. We send greetings to Pastor Mario Pineda, and we hope that God allows him many more years of life with his family and with a prosperous ministry.

On Sunday, the team moved to the beautiful city of Cobán, in the north of Guatemala, where, between the cold and the majestic mountains, the brothers received them with affection. The training began where most of the planters from all over Guatemala came together to be trained. Once again the facilitator, our brother Ramón Mendoza, started with strength and joviality as he did in the last two training sessions, he is a man whom God renews. We finished the training the next morning with the delivery of materials for the planters; which included the Impact Mentorship book, Passionate Discipleship material, and Bibles; all these important resources in planting, especially to start Churches at Home.

At the end of this intense day, the brothers Ramón, Milton and Jerson returned to Guatemala City commenting on the testimonies and celebrating the moving of God by training and sending people willing to be light in their communities, and with the firm conviction of that in every home of a Nazarene, there may be a church that wins their neighborhood for Christ. Do you join the vision?

#### News

## Church of the Nazarene in the community of

## Posoltega, Nicaragua



Thanks to the formation of the church, the support of our leaders from central Nicaragua; and with the help of The Jesus Film, this November 3 the 1st Church of the Nazarene was organized. Church of the Nazarene Emmanuel in Posoltega has a membership of 25 members in full communion and 14 associate members. We also have an attendance of 100 children who have a dining room where they receive their Sunday classes and breakfast is served to them.

Regularly on Sundays we have an attendance of 100 members, plus the children: and during the week an attendance of 45 to 50 members. We know that this is thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit, and we give Glory to God for the work done in the Posoltega community.

Let us unite in prayer for our pastor Aurora Antonia Zelaya Gómez, for our Reverend and superintendent María Antonia Ponce, and for our reverends who also supported us, Efraín Picado, Paulino Muñoz and Jorge Díaz Acosta. Let us also pray for an empty lot because that is where with the help of God they plan to build the Church later on.



We give Glory to God for His Work!



**Julio Dávila** Planter of Central Nicaragua

## CHURCH OF NAZARENE MESOAMERICA



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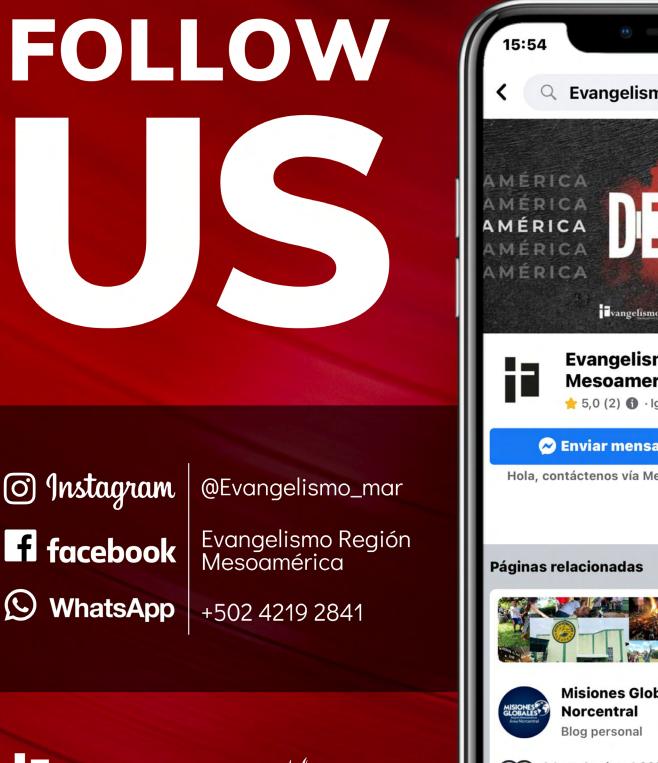


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## Thank You Beloved Jesus



We conclude 2022, grateful for the goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ, for his ineffable grace and presence every day of the year, today we thank you for:

Each of the people reached with the good news, for all the people who recognized Jesus as their Savior.

For every disciple, planter, pastor and leader who fulfilled the great commission and shared the gospel of holiness, managing to establish preaching points, organizing churches and providing resources to others.

Due to the activities carried out, such as the Challenge training sessions, which were helpful in creating plans and projects to be developed in the coming days, we believe that this comes from the heart of God and that many dreams will come true in our congregations.

For the first time we had a promotion of the Evangelists Diploma, where 53 leaders achieved the goal and who, together with teachers and seminaries from Mexico and North Central, dedicated time for their theological training.

For this resource of Acts Magazine, because through this we can provide our readers a global perspective on evangelism, show the needs and encourage them to be part of the regional team of Evangelism fulfilling their calling.

We also thank the interdenominational ministries that have accompanied us, taught us, and donated their resources to fulfill our goals, through alliances with DCPI, Alpha, Global Evangelism, Multiplication Network, and RSG, we have managed to reach unreached populations with the message of salvation.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you - John 15:16























Glory be to God for everything done, achieved and shared!

