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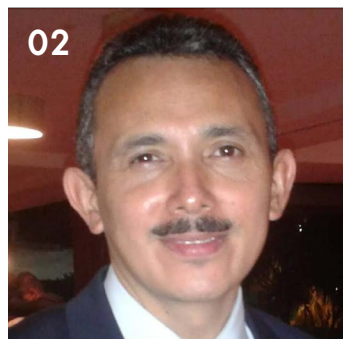
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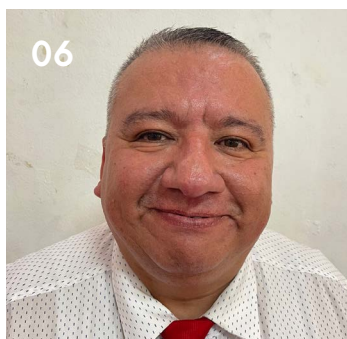
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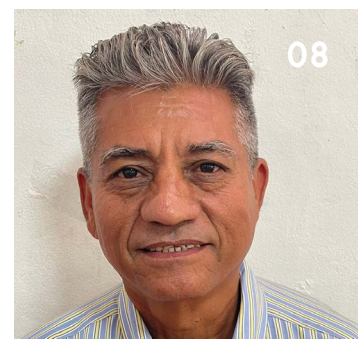
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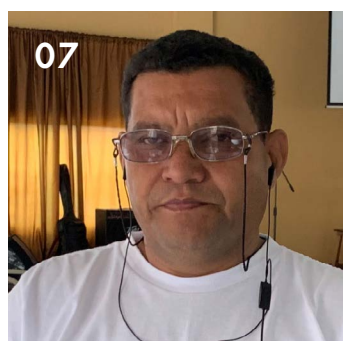
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BE STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS.
BE CAREFUL TO OBEY ALL THE LAW
MY SERVANT MOSES GAVE YOU; DO NOT
TURN FROM IT TO THE RIGHT OR TO THE
LEFT, THAT YOU MAY BE SUCCESSFUL
WHEREVER YOU GO. JOSHUA 1:7



This is the first magazine of 2023, we leave behind many memories, goals and dreams that some were fulfilled and others were just that, dreams. We thank God for the goals that this year allowed us to achieve, and we are sure that you also thank God for all the blessings and goals achieved during 2022; But, what about those goals that we set ourselves at the beginning of last year and that we did not reach? What about the dreams that we get excited about that remained only in our minds? Could it have been just our dreams, just our personal goals, or could they have been God's dreams and desires to be fulfilled in us? God has plans for this world, for your country, for your city or town, for your neighborhood and most especially, for the place where you are, God has plans and wants to work through you.

I invite you to renew his trust in the Lord and ask him to put back those dreams, those goals and those purposes that are for you, to fulfill in you and for you. God's words to Joshua give us encouragement again, perhaps Joshua 1:9 comes to mind, but this time I leave you verse 7.

Let's start 2023 with dreams and goals but affirmed in God's desires and dreams that we know them because they are in their Word, taking small steps to see God's vision fulfilled in our neighborhood.

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DR. RODWELL

ALPHONSO PORTER

Date of birth: September 28, 1967

Family: I married my wife Teil Allison on December 12, 1992 and this union produced 3 children: Rawle, Mariella and Shannon.

I am Rodwell Alphonso Porter, growing up my school name was Rodwell, but Alphonso was my home name and Church name since me and my eight other siblings attended the Church of the Nazarene.

I started giving my life to Christ ever since I was about seven years ago whenever an invitation was given at VBS, Sunday School or Sunday night Service but at age 14 I decided that I will not turn back from the decision to follow Jesus.

So I give my spiritual birthday as September 17, 1982.

God called me to pastoral ministry a year after I began walking with Him and I struggled with that call for several months until I finally surrendered at a District Youth Camp in Guyana. I enrolled at the then Caribbean Nazarene Theological College in Trinidad in 1985 and graduated at the top of the class in 1988.

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I received my first Minister's License in 1987 and then was ordained in 1992. I count my years of ministry from 1987 to present- so I'm currently in my 36th year of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. I began as a Youth Pastor in Trinidad and then became a Senior Pastor when I graduated and returned to Guyana. I have pastored Churches at Queenstown, Sisters, La Grange and currently MeadowBrook on the Guyana:Demerara-Essequibo District.

I served as a District Superintendent from 2003-2022 and a Field Strategy Coordinator from 2011 to present.

The significant aspect of ministry was that many were called to the pastoral ministry during the time that I served as their pastor including Christopher Weekes, Tony Autar, Augustus Andrews and many others. I continue to preach God's call upon the lives of people.

The message that I preach alongside of God's call is that God is able to use anyone who is willing and He will use the life of that person to be a blessing to many others and the Church.



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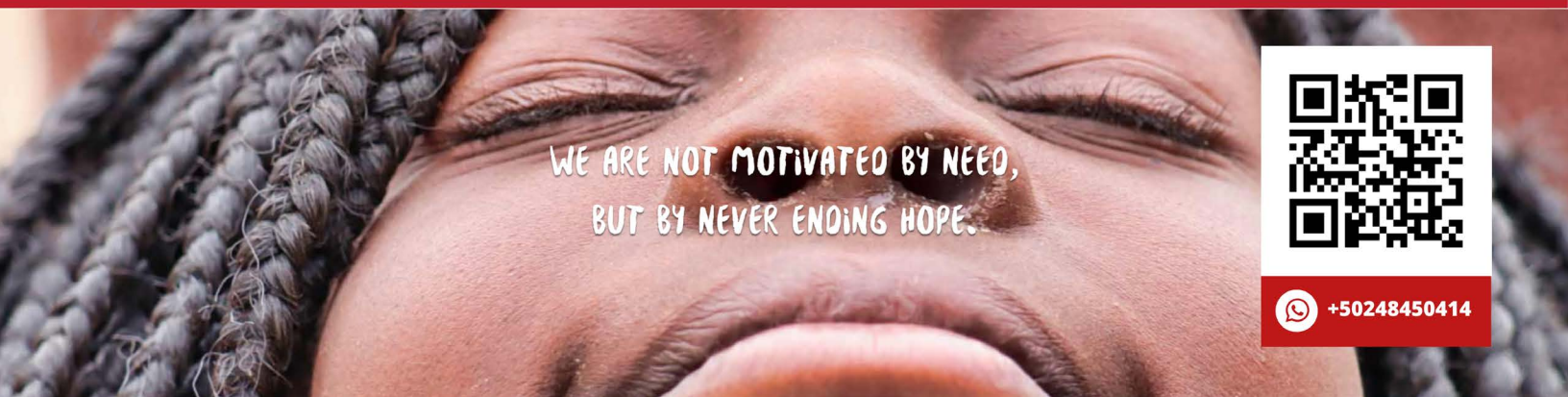
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PART- NERS TO FULFILL GOD'S MISSION



PRBO. ULISES SOLÍS

At the start of a new year 2023, many legal or natural entities begin to string together work plans with their respective Mission and vision, which includes objectives, goals, budget activities schedule and an action plan. A suitable team will also participate to achieve the planned results.

In the Holy Scriptures we find in the book of Numbers chapter 10, it speaks of a great leader named Moses who was divinely entrusted with a mission: Lead the people of Israel to the promised land. What were the steps?

Recover a Vision

1 God granted him on Mount Sinai a global and future panorama of the good he wanted to do to his people by giving them a land to inhabit, which was named at that time "Promised Land", Exodus 19 :3

Convene

2 He had to make two trumpets of hammered silver to fulfill the mission, they were to summon and march the camp Numbers 10: 1-2. Who would touch them? The sons of Aaron, vr.8

Discipline

3

He ordered the 12 tribes with their respective flag of identity, beginning the march with the tribe of Judah, vr.14 and ending with the tribe of Naphtali vr.27

Partners

4

He Searched for partners to fulfill God's Mission. The chosen one was Hobab. An ideal scouting party leader, specialist in finding resting places in the desert.

The presence of God

5

The leader must ensure that he has the presence and support of God to receive guidance and rest after workdays (vv. 33-34).

Prayer

6

The leader must be a person who is disciplined in prayer: Early in the morning he invited Jehovah "rise, O Lord, and let your enemies be scattered...(vr.35). At the end of the day's workday he must pray: "Return, O Lord, to the thousands and thousands of Israel, (vr.36).

Inventory of qualities

7

God uses every influential leader to fulfill the mission and must have the following qualities (Num.10:1-36):

- A. Ability to listen and obey God's instructions, vr.13
- B. Character in the face of Hobab's refusal, who was a talented leader, but liked to be begged, but apparently Moses' word prevailed (vr. 31) and he did not let himself be overcome by the former's negativity.
- C. Connection, he used the ability to speak the language of the Midianite desert context where Moses was trained before leading, (vr. 32).
- D. Motivator, he told Hobab that God had promised Israel to do them good, which they would do with him if he became their partner for the mission, (vr.32).



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SEEK PARTNERS TO FULFILL GOD'S MISSION? BECAUSE ALONE WE CAN DO LITTLE, BUT AS A TEAM WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO A LOT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WE MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN THE PLANS OR PROJECTS FOCUSED ON FULFILLING THE ENTRUSTED MISSION, THEN HAVING A GOOD, SUITABLE TEAM AND HAVING THE QUALITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE. THEY WILL HELP US MAKE WHAT IS SEEN AS A PROMISE, COME TRUE IN GOD.

GOALS

contrary to this world



BY MILTON GERARDO GAY



► Before the end of 2022 I was talking with my cousin, a relative who has practically been my brother, since we were little we attended the Church of the Nazarene, my parents always took me and his parents took him every time it was possible, the years have passed and he stopped attending church a long time ago, consequently, his relationship with Christ also ended and with it his worldview has changed a lot.

However, before the end of last year we were able to talk about God, about Jesus, he told me that he still believed that there is a "God" somewhere, but he was

not sure who or what he really is, he also told me something very interesting, he told me that he was sure of something: "that God does not think as we humans think on earth", to which I answered with a resounding "Exactly!"

So, I asked him: how does humanity think about a King? We all know the answer, but the King that God sent was born in a manger, served everyone around, forgave those who did not deserve it, and the most interesting thing of all is that having all the glory, he abandoned it and completely gave his life for the salvation of others. What king would do that? NONE, Jesus did

the opposite of what this world expects and dictates.

Where I want to go with this little anecdote is that as my cousin said, God does not think like people think, even Jesus in his time of ministry on earth affirmed that we were not like this world, therefore, the goals that we should draw this 2023 would not have to go according to those of this world. We all know what are the main goals that are set at the beginning of every year: lose weight, save money, buy a car, a house, technological devices, start a business, graduate, learn a new language or for some brave people the goal is to get married.

None of these goals is bad in itself, they all have good intentions, they can become selfish, but it is almost certain that there are good intentions in many of them, however, the goals and intentions of our God are not like those of this world.

Can you imagine this 2023 setting yourself goals like the following?: Being a slave to everyone, loving my enemies, forgiving those who have harmed me, leaving my comfort zone to serve those most in need, giving of my money to bless others and, above all, all put God first in my life (abandoning all my desires and wishes).

Let's observe what a good metaphor 1 Corinthians 9:24-26 gives us: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air."

If you allow me, I will share my interpretation of this portion of the word of God: We have decided to start the race of the gospel, which is very long, has many obstacles and also many falls, so why follow such a race? Because we know that our prize is worth that and more, even enduring all the suffering, this prize is the gift of the culmination of salvation that Christ gave us for his incomparable love, it is not earned on our own merits, but effort is required to persevere until the end (2 Tim 2:1).

Later, we can see that Paul mentions athletes and that they train with a lot of discipline, and that they do it for

an earthly award and title which will remain in this world when God calls them into his presence, how much more! we must strive for the eternal prize that Christ has for us!, that crown of justice that, as Paul says to Timothy, "the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Tim.4:8

Also, I want to emphasize that starting a race in Christ is to finish it, at the beginning I mentioned the case of my cousin who abandoned his race at a very young age, my mission now is to motivate him to return once again, if you also have that goal, think how many people are running in this world on the wrong path, that the only thing they will get is death and eternal condemnation, not because God wants it that way, but because unfortunately they were deceived by this world and the enemy, and they decided to believe him.

To conclude, I want to share with you that my main goal this year is to put Christ first in my life and above all, to really understand what this means. I am clear that it does not mean just going to church every Sunday and fulfilling a religious role, I am called to suffer for Jesus and his gospel, so my main goal this year is to suffer for the gospel.

How can this be possible? Going places to share the gospel, where it is not certain that there is a place to sleep, something to eat or someone who accepts the message of salvation, keeping awake while meditating on the word and waiting for an answer that is often a frightening silence, denying myself my humanity every day and enduring the temptation to commit something that will only give me momentary pleasure but keeps me from my goal.

THE GOALS AND INTENTIONS OF OUR GOD ARE NOT LIKE THOSE OF THIS WORLD.



A new year is coming, if you have already set goals for this 2023, I invite you to pass the truth scanner and note if these goals that you have set for yourself are of this world or not. You still have time to set goals focused on Christ and suffer for the right cause, this is only advice, free will gives you the opportunity to choose what you want, but I want to end by giving you these words and let you decide if you take them or you leave them: strive today and enjoy for eternity, may God bless you and grant you victory in this spiritual warfare.



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TO SEEK AND TO SAVE
THE LOST.

-LUKE 19:10-



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I PRESS ON TOWARDS THE GOAL



By Dr. Milton Gay Valencia

We end 2022 with mixed feelings of joy and sadness for having achieved or not the goals and purposes that we set for ourselves in a post-pandemic world.

Last December at the soccer world cup in Qatar we witnessed how a man achieved a dream and a goal that he had set himself since he began his career as a soccer player, we all saw Messi raise the cup and say “I am the world champion”, However, in order for him to achieve it, he lived a time of failures, frustrations, losses and it was not easy, but he took it . This was achieved thanks to his perseverance, discipline and because he believed in his dream that he pursued with solid actions.

In the scripture we find men of God like Moses who had a clear goal and that was to guide the people to the promised land, and although the road was not easy because it was full of thorns and problems, he never thought of going back, on the contrary he always moved by faith towards the goal as if he saw the invisible God, (Hebrews 11:27).

Paul in the letter to the Philippians also encourages us and challenges us with these words from his own experience. Not that he has already reached it, nor that he is already perfect; but I continue, to see if I can grasp what for which I was also grasped by Christ Jesus (vv. 14). Paul opens his heart to the church in Philippians and shows them his humanity by telling them: I have not yet come to know my Lord, but every day I get closer to the goal of my calling. He was aware that there was a great distance between perfection and present reality, but that distance had been shortened when Christ came into his heart on the road to Damascus, a distance that when he looks back he can tell how far he has run, but by looking towards the front you can tell how far you have left to run.

How is your Race going? How are you growing towards perfection in your heart? Did you advance in this 2022? Did you manage to achieve your objectives in this 2022? The apostle Paul gives us 5 tips today on how we can continue towards the goal and achieve our goals every day.

I. Continuing requires effort: “but I continue, to see if I can grasp what for which I was also grasped by Christ Jesus.” (v.14) Everything of excellence costs and deserves effort, living each day in holiness to be more like Jesus requires that we make an effort to leave sin and evil and renounce everything that separates us from the perfect love of Christ, and let the Holy Spirit fill us with his grace and power to obey him. Asir means: grab, get; take and that’s why Paul tells us I continue to see if I can grab and this is just as he was grabbed by Jesus Christ. So, it is necessary to appropriate him as he appropriated me. Effort is giving a little more of the natural force; that is to say, intentionally put all my energies into that supreme goal of looking more like Jesus. Do you want to reflect Jesus in your life? That requires effort.

II. Continuing to the goal requires focus and concentration: Paul, after 30 years of being seized by Christ in his conversion, when he writes to the brothers of Philippi, looked at the Christian life as an athlete, for that reason, he used a lot of metaphors of the race because He had been in Greece and knew that a second could determine whether you win or lose a race, so he advises us to stay focused and focused so as not to get distracted by anything on the road. The athletes have their eyes on the goal, on the finish line and must concentrate to get there. If you long to achieve your goals, focus and give all your strength, energy and resources to them. Don’t get distracted or waste time.

III. Continuing to the goal has the highest vision: It has been reflected on the highest honor that a person can have, Paul was clear about it, eternal life with our Savior. He expected to see him face to face (1 Cor. 13:12) what at that time he only saw in part. We see lives like this apostle’s and it seems out of this world. Imagine what God put in his heart to affirm that they are only shadows! The supreme calling to be children of God and to live forever with Him is the highest vision we can have as a goal.

IV. Continuing to the goal demands putting all our trust in Jesus: “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” We must be prepared so as not to get entangled in the business of this fleeting life, (2 Tim. 2:4), that is why our mind, soul, heart and strength must be focused on Christ, inspired by his example, we can face adversity with hope, because the final result will be great, and the present sufferings will be put in their correct dimension. Planting our spiritual feet on the rock keeps us firm to reach the goal. Psalm 125:1-2 gives us a nice promise that those who trust in Jehovah are like Mount Zion that does not move, but remains forever. To achieve the goals, we must put all our trust in God.



We are in a new year, we start 2023 and I invite you so that you can pray, write your goals and objectives for this year, present them to God so that he can bless all your desires and give you life and health to be able to achieve them.

Go step by step taking the advice in this article that you consider appropriate for you, and continue to the goal of the supreme calling.

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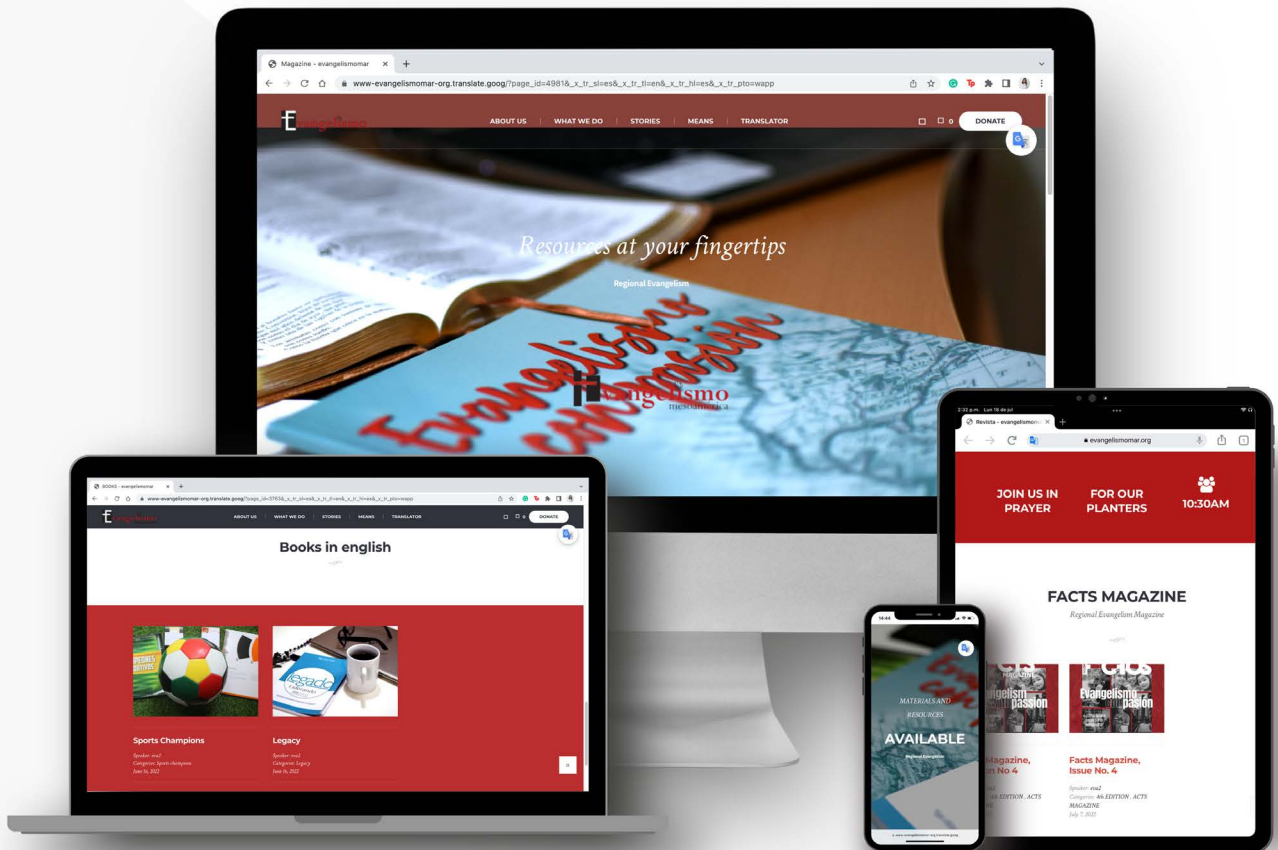
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TO THE ETERNAL GOAL



BY GABRIEL YIP



Beginning of the year, as it happens with various topics, there are different opinions, and celebrating another year provokes many comments, some are of gratitude to God for having concluded a year, others affirm that calendar time is a human invention that does not deserve much attention, triggering other comments as a cascade, depending on the focus, they seek to answer these questions, what should we do with the start of the new year? And how important is it to be aware of time?

Going a little further than these comments, some with wisdom and others lacking in it, there are tips that comfort our interior in an unparalleled way. That is the case of the Bible, which answers those questions posed from a very particular approach, since it puts everything in the right dimension, for example, in the ninetieth Psalm we can find that clarity revealed to the human heart.

Poets and philosophers, women and men of different eras, have pointed out human finiteness, some point it out as something disturbing; but in the case of the biblical writer of Psalm ninety, he contrasts it with the reality of God's eternity, something difficult to understand in its entirety, the psalmist presents it like this: "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the

whole world from everlasting to everlasting you are God" (Psalms 90:2).

In the passage we find a double teaching, one is the eternity of God who is before the creation of everything, and the other teaching is the finiteness of human beings (Psalms 90:3). If we only stayed with this part to answer the first question, a sense of urgency could overwhelm us, since we would see life as very short; we might also experience an overwhelming admiration for our Creator who is beyond time. But God reveals to us in his saving plan presented in the Scriptures that he is not only interested in showing us that great difference between himself and his creatures, especially with the human being; our creator and savior, who is our refuge (vv.1), invites us to remember that He gives a peculiar meaning to his special creation, called humanity.

The psalmist illustrates for us in various ways this relational reality of the Creator with his creation shown in his provision, company, judgment and instruction as some examples of this. The inevitable reality of human finiteness that the psalmist points out motivates him to ask the Creator for help, "Teach us to count our days well, so that our hearts may acquire wisdom." (vv.12).



Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:1-2

Knowing how to live life is something that requires detailed observation, as well as learning from others, however, the biblical writer is not satisfied with these supports for the daunting task of living, he even recognizes that this need for wisdom is for all humanity.

That is why his request is expressed in the plural "teach us", thus, he asks for help so that this company has a good result for everyone. Count our days well, the translation "Word of God for all" translates it this way: "Make us understand that life is short, so that we can live it wisely" (vv.12). The petition lets us see that without God's help it is not possible to live this short life wisely, as people walk through life we need to know and live with our Creator, but what if many of these people are not aware of this need? This unconsciousness is a reason to urgently share the good news of salvation.

Chapter 90 ends by asking God to confirm the work of our hands, that is, to prosper the undertaken work, the simple resignation of living a few or many years is not the correct way to face human finiteness, our works can still remain when we are not. But this perspective is expanded with the saving work of our Lord Jesus, because by trusting in Him, some of our works extend to eternity, sharing the gospel is one of them. We are cooperating so that people have eternal life by knowing God the Father and Jesus Christ who was sent to save us from sin and death (John 17:3).



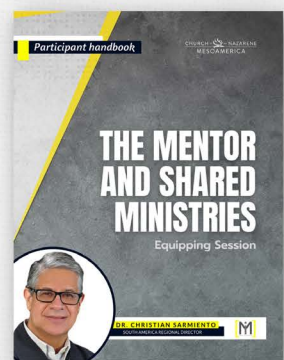
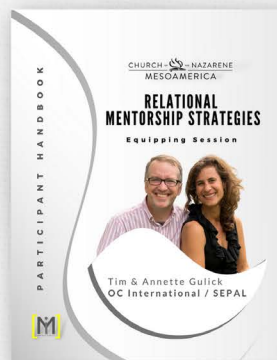
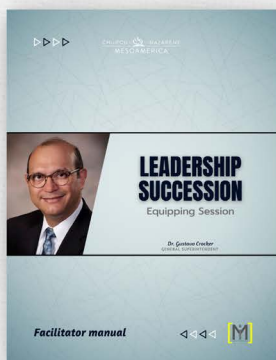
Starting a year reminds us of our finitude on this earth, time passes whether we like it or not, it is our heavenly Father who teaches us to live that period of time with wisdom, and he opened an eternity with Him through his Son Jesus Christ, by knowing him and trusting him as our Lord and Savior this brief time becomes a hopeful wait, it also becomes a life on mission because we have the task of sharing with others that promising life that begins here and transcends into eternity. So, every time we celebrate a new year, it will be an opportunity to say, how good it is to live this life with Jesus!, and share the gospel with the hope of eternity with him as our goal. Happy New Year with a vision of eternity!



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BY YANE MALDONADO

Have you ever played “guess who”? Let’s play to guess the generation this article is about. It is the generation that saw their parents collect vinyl records and perhaps some of them still had to listen to them on those huge turntables that are now museum pieces, they had to change the cassette side to continue listening to their favorite songs, pay attention to the program from the radio to click the record button and thus permanently have the song they were waiting for so much, even though the announcer’s voice always ruined the ending; Later they saw the famous CDs (Compact disc) arrive and they felt modern carrying this little round device to reproduce them and a folder in the style of a photo album but with all the discs they had and that they protected as their lives, limiting themselves to 12 songs in an album and they knew the number of the one that made them vibrate. They used floppy disks, vibrant colors in their makeup, they saw the fall of the Berlin wall, they went from the analogue to the digital era and they saw the rise of the use of the internet, you know what generation it is? That’s right, the Millennial generation!

It is a group of people that has seen many changes in all cultural aspects, and although they are used to change and grow with it, there is a particular category to which they have not been able to fully adapt, but rather they have put it aside and it is the search for God.

Not the spirituality of the new religions, but the deep relationship with God that leads to gathering to adore him and preparing to serve him according to the purpose of each one. Although it is true that they are not the only generation that has this problem, the reality is that if we analyze the attendance at churches of people between the ages of 25 and 40 to date, and beyond that, if we see the involvement in the ministries as part of the leadership, and not to mention the pastorate, we fall into a very low statistic when comparing them with the generation that preceded them or with that of children who currently participate, for some reason this generation dedicated itself mostly to the professional field, family, etc., but they left aside the most important thing, responding to God’s call.

We have been seeing the consequences of this little by little, moral decadence, infiltration of erroneous ideologies in the churches, repercussions on the generations that came later, and the concern that the existence of the church could be in danger, that is, of the groups of people who come together to worship God. There is a theory that says that, if we continue as we are, as the generation of parents of millennials disappears, the Church of God will enter into crisis until a short time after it disappears. Does it seem unreal? Yes, however, statistically it is more likely than what we imagine.

The church has not evolved as fast as the world in the 80's and 90's, many of the forms are still practiced by the grandparents of these generations, although the musical style, clothing and some others have changed things, the truth is that seeing a current

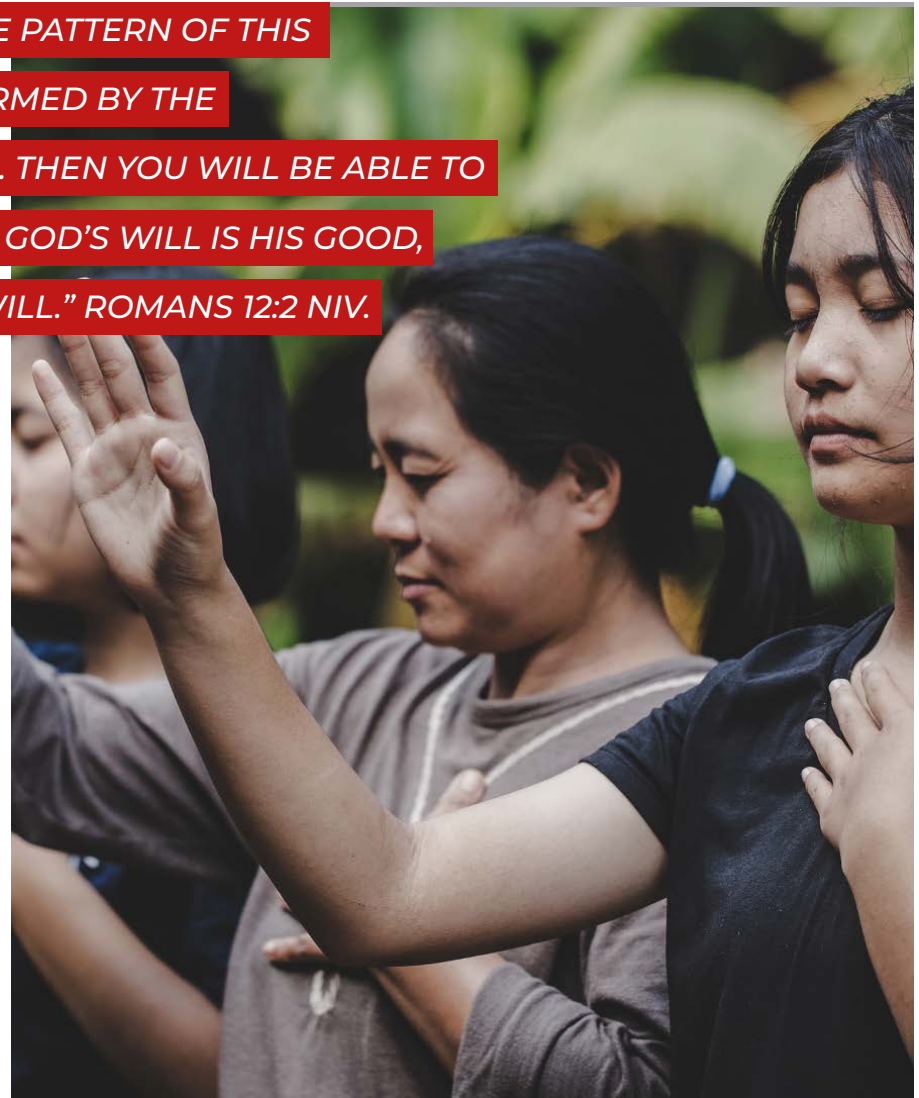
in a period of 2 years and consequently to the generations that come after, to establish a church that meets the needs of the environment in which it develops. We need to take the church to where it is needed, to hospitals, schools, parks, houses,

our ways, our mind, adapting what is necessary for this century and its needs without losing the essence and what is correct; It is not necessary to call the bad good and the good bad to be accepted by the new generations, but to show them that for love we go

“DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD’S WILL IS HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.” ROMANS 12:2 NIV.


Sunday service is like seeing one from 50 years ago but with some variations, we use our own jargon, we create a world that is often separated from today's society, and we have not always managed to combine work and professional with the spiritual life. We are not trying to say that it is wrong as it is done now, simply that it is not adapting to the needs of the current generations, who are the ones who will continue; therefore, the conclusion has been reached that a change of form is necessary, but not of essence. What can or should we do? Renew ourselves!

And that is precisely what RENEW intends. This is a program that aims at this transformation of the mind in terms of forms, seeking to find 250 young people from the millennial generation in each field who commit to reaching the same people of their generation



alleys, jails, etc., people who on their own feet would never enter a traditional church, who feel condemned and have decided never to participate, we need to bring the church and the words of hope to each one of them, and for that we need to renew

where they are. They are there and we show them God's love, support and accompaniment in the difficulties they are facing; but for that it is necessary to leave the four walls of a temple and create a church where the people who need it are.



It is quite a challenge that involves commitment, response to the call, prayer, perseverance, creativity, many gifts and talents that we undoubtedly have; It requires young people who are not ashamed to present the Gospel in dynamic ways, people who invest time and often resources to share with others, men and women willing to open the doors of their homes, to go out into the streets and understand that That will probably be your church, but above all, to listen to the voice of God to find out if this is the call he is making to you. Have you ever imagined a non-traditional church, have you heard the voice of God calling you to form it, have an interest but you are not quite sure how to achieve it? Probably RENEW is a project for you! Do not stop praying and asking God for direction, very soon you will have the opportunity to be part of this project and bring blessing to the places where it is needed.

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Puerto Lempira, Honduras



In 2022 in Guatemala, Dr. Milton Gay and planter Juan Echeverria had the initiative to go and preach the gospel to Puerto Lempira, a place where there was no presence of the Church of the Nazarene. You can only get there in 2 ways: Plane or Boat; since it is surrounded by rivers, lakes and jungle.

Planting a Nazarene church was the mission given to Planter Juan Echeverria, who was serving in Guatemala. In challenge 2022, held in Tegucigalpa, brother Juan meets the superintendent Begardo Bardales, who also joins the dream of planting a Nazarene church in Puerto Lempira.

Praise God for our planters! Let us unite in prayer and continue offering so that our planters go to the ends of the earth.

October 2022, with the backing of God together with the support of Regional Evangelism and the South Central District of Honduras, our planter Juan Echeverria begins with planting the church.

Currently it is already a Mission type church with a total of 25 members, including children who attend to the tent while the temple is being built on the land that will soon be owned by the Church of the Nazarene.



Early Church

The western district of El Salvador, together with the planter pastor Douglas Menéndez, joined to go and preach the gospel to the Águeda neighborhood located in Sonsonate. His word penetrated in the lives of the locals and they began to meet to worship God.

Currently there is a MTC with 35 adults and more than 45 children who attend, learn and worship God; the neighborhood also witnessed the baptism of 3 members of the community.



*This Wednesday,
January 25,
the MTC will
become an
Organized Church.
Praise God!*

Nelson Valencia
Superintendent of
Western El Salvador



Pastoral Update

On January 13 and 14, a pastoral update was held at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Guatemala, where pastors and leaders participated, thus reaching 90 people who were blessed, but also challenged for this new year.

We thank God for what he does with our pastors and leaders in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.



Dr. Milton Gay and Dr. Luis Flores, were part of the speakers crew, representing Regional Evangelism, in which they shared new methods of evangelization, Mentorship and church revitalization.



Organized Churches, Honduras

On Tuesday, December 6, 2022, the new church was organized: "Growing Seas of Healed Waters" (CRESIMAS).

It is located in the hill of the Poteca neighborhood in the city of Trojes. The pastor is Santos Natividad Ordoñez Pérez.

Also on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, a second new church was organized:

"Church of the Nazarene Fountain of Love". It is located in the Miraflores village. The pastor is Juana Villaneth Herrera Calix.

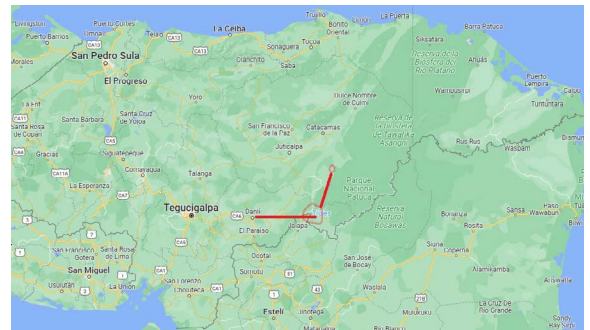
TESTIMONY

Upon joining the Regional Evangelism team as a church planter, the pastor and planter Santos Abelino Carranza requested the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the place where they should go to serve. The field coordinator had to supervise a Nazarene church that is located in El Zapotal, Trojes. On one of those trips he met a leader who showed the desire to unite to open a work in the community of Trojes, with God's support the work began. The same leader who supported the planter in Trojes told him that he was a native of the Miraflores village, which is 2 hours away of Trojes, and that he wanted a Church of the Nazarene to be opened in his community as well.



After three months, the first missionary trip was made, but on the way there was an accident due to the irregularity of the road, both brothers falling of the motorcycle with the Jesus film equipment , (the area is very mountainous and rainy) by the mercy of God there was nothing to regret since apart from the shock and the fall there were no injuries and the team did not suffer any damage. The Miraflores village was reached, and the work began there as well.

The community of Trojes is a border area with Nicaragua and its access becomes difficult in some parts of the year, the same or worse way is the journey to the village of Miraflores, but this has not been an impediment of any kind for the work to stop. Throughout this course before the two churches were organized, the planter has received all the support both from regional evangelism and from its superintendent Begardo Bardales and his district, health and compassion activities have been carried out in those areas, since as a Church of the Nazarene, apart from seeking spiritual well-being, we also seek personal and social well-being.



We thank God and pray for the lives of all those involved in organizing these two churches and that they continue to be spiritual communities, that they open their arms to receive and restore all who seek to hear the message of salvation and holiness.



Gerson Josué Martínez
Honduras Evangelism Coordinator



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