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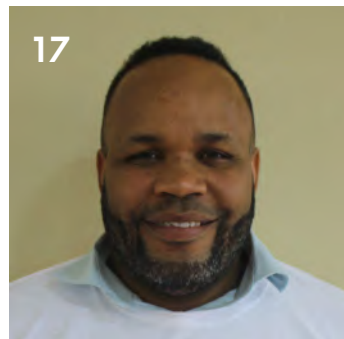
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REV. ANTOINE JACQUES

Nazarene FSC of the Haiti Field and Pastor of the First Nazarene Church in Saint-Marc Haiti

Rev. Pierre Antoine Jacques is the Field Strategy Coordinator for the Church of the Nazarene in the Haiti Field and serves as the Pastor of the First Nazarene Church in Saint-Marc, Haiti. He was born on October 9, 1957, in Gonaïves, Artibonite, Haiti, and attended primary school at Centre d'Étude Hector Guerrier and secondary school at Lycée Fabre Geffrard in Gonaïves.

In 1979, he attended Nazarene Theological Seminary of Haiti and acquired his license in the seminary in 1983. He was later ordained in 1987. Rev. Jacques married his wife, Emmanise Tanus Jacques, in 1984, and they have nine children together (Rodanim Jacques, Pierre Ebed Jacques, Pierre Junior Jacques, Pierre Ernst Jacques, Rodberry Jacques, Mishma Jacques, Rudemanie Jacques, Rouve Marchelie Jacques, Marc-Richely Jacques).

Rev. Jacques continued his studies at Nazarene Theological Seminary, studying communication from 1992 to 1995. During this time, he also became proficient in French, English, and Spanish, studying these languages from 1995 to 2000. He also attended law and notary school for two years, though he did not complete his studies in this field. Throughout his ministry, Rev. Jacques has held a number of pastoral and educational roles.

He became Senior Pastor of the First Nazarene Church of L'Éstere, Artibonite Haiti, in 1983-1989, and was transferred to be the senior pastor of the First Nazarene Church in Saint-Marc, Artibonite, Haiti from 1989 to the present day. He was elected District Superintendent for Artibonite's Haiti from 1988 to 2001 and from 2007 to 2014. He was also a Theology professor at Touch Ministries from 1991 to 1997 and the principal of École Mixte

du Nazaréen de Saint-Marc (a primary and secondary school) from 1994 to 2016. Additionally, he was a professor in a Bible school in Saint-Marc called Étude de Formation pour les Ouvriers Chrétiens (EFOC) from 2007 to 2014.

Rev. Jacques was appointed as the Nazarene Field Strategy Coordinator for Haiti in 2013, a position he still holds today. His dedication to serving others and his commitment to his faith have been an inspiration to many. He and his family continue to minister as Field Strategy Coordinator for Haiti.

GLOBAL EVANGELISM MONTH

WEEK 1

PRAY AND

PREPARE

01 TO 06 MAY 2023

Let us pray for unity in the church in evangelizing more and more people, especially during May, the month of Global Evangelism

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ANNOUNCING THE PEACE of Christ



BY VANESSA MALDONADO

► Since the beginning of humanity, men and women have had to face situations that keep them from living the peace that God had established before they fell into temptation and disobedience. In fact, disobedience was the first factor that brought struggle and instability to the world in all shapes and forms. This prevents people from feeling calm, secure, and stable. When Adam and Eve were disobedient to God, they immediately felt embarrassed and began feeling anxiety and seeking for the sense of security they had previously felt. They felt naked and needed something to cover themselves. Fear within them began, and they hid from God. It was then that they began to

experience what none of us desire, but all of us at some point suffer, mental, spiritual, and as time goes by, physical warfare due to different circumstances and people.

We could say that war has become our daily bread. Even currently, there are nations that are mainly facing each other over material resources or political purposes but have unleashed a series of consequences that have taken away the stability of its citizens and other allied countries. Is one of the consequences of war and is economic instability, and it affects other countries, also bringing along the family concern of having the daily bread. Most people do this by

working overtime, but others have determined that it is easier to take away what others have obtained, which takes us to the insecurity on the streets like theft, assaults, and murder. This adds another layer of insecurity and consequences to the family and relatives of victims. This takes us to emotional struggles, resentment, depression, vengeance, etc., which affects our spirit and, in most cases, creates a void that we alone cannot fill. If we analyze it, everything is tied to something else. In this chain, we have described mental, emotional, and physical instability, that surge as the result of an initial factor. A detonator or trigger. But that wraps us all at some point in life.

Knowing precisely this, God prepared a wonderful plan in advance that, for those who accept it, would bring with it a meaning that has been sought since the moment it was lost, and that is PEACE. In the word of God, we find countless texts that speak to us about peace, about seeking it and pursuing it, about being at peace with one another, but my favorite is found in Philippians 4:7 (CEB) "then peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus." This provides us with a key to being able to live in peace amidst all these wars that surround us, which is to "pray to God, ask for what we need and be thankful." God knows what we are facing and wants to accompany us through it all. In fact, He has been with us before we even realized it. But in His mercy, He has given us the freedom to decide to accept His help and change our situation. It is wonderful to know that by doing this, God will then give us His peace, and not just any peace, but the one that goes beyond what any of us can understand or reason. It is the peace that even works in the midst of the problems we may face, because we then have the assurance that no matter what happens, we are being protected and guided by that incomparable God, the only One who can restore the peace we need.

But there are many people who are unaware of God's plan to receive the peace that the circumstances of daily life have stolen from them. There are those who still live drowning in daily worries, even those who end their lives because they cannot find solutions. These are people without hope and with pain in their hearts, who cry out for the need to encounter the Peace-giver, but unfortunately do not know how to seek Him. Here is something amazing for us: God has given us the opportunity to be part of His plan to help Him, and more than giving us the opportunity, it is also part of our

responsibilities as people who have decided to give our lives to Christ, to speak to others and introduce them to the One who gave us tranquility and helped us change our lives, so that they can experience the same transformation that saves lives and souls.

Christ is the answer to all our problems. When He conquered death, He determined the solution to humanity's separation from the Father due to sin and established that bond that allows us to approach Him with confidence, to be embraced, and healed from our wounds. How many people need a hug that

can allow them to feel the love they may have never experienced! And that love and embrace can be transmitted by us, through what we do for others, through the way we reflect God with our actions and with our lives. That's why it's important that we bring Christ's peace to others, not only with words but with actions. We are the means by which they will know the goodness, love, and care that God has for all His children.

We want to invite you to join with all of those who have been transformed by God and do evangelism on May 27th, to bring peace to those who need it - emotional, spiritual, and physical peace that God can give through His Son Jesus Christ. Go out into the

streets, visit your neighbors and family, give them a hug and tell them how God changed your life and gave you the peace you needed. Perhaps if you don't do it, no one else will. Start preparing from the beginning of the month so that this day will be memorable all around the world, not because a large group of people mobilized, but because there was rejoicing in heaven over all the prodigal children who returned. Let's be part of the change!

God prepared a wonderful plan in advance that, for those who accepted it, would bring with it a meaning that has been sought since the moment it was lost, and that is PEACE.

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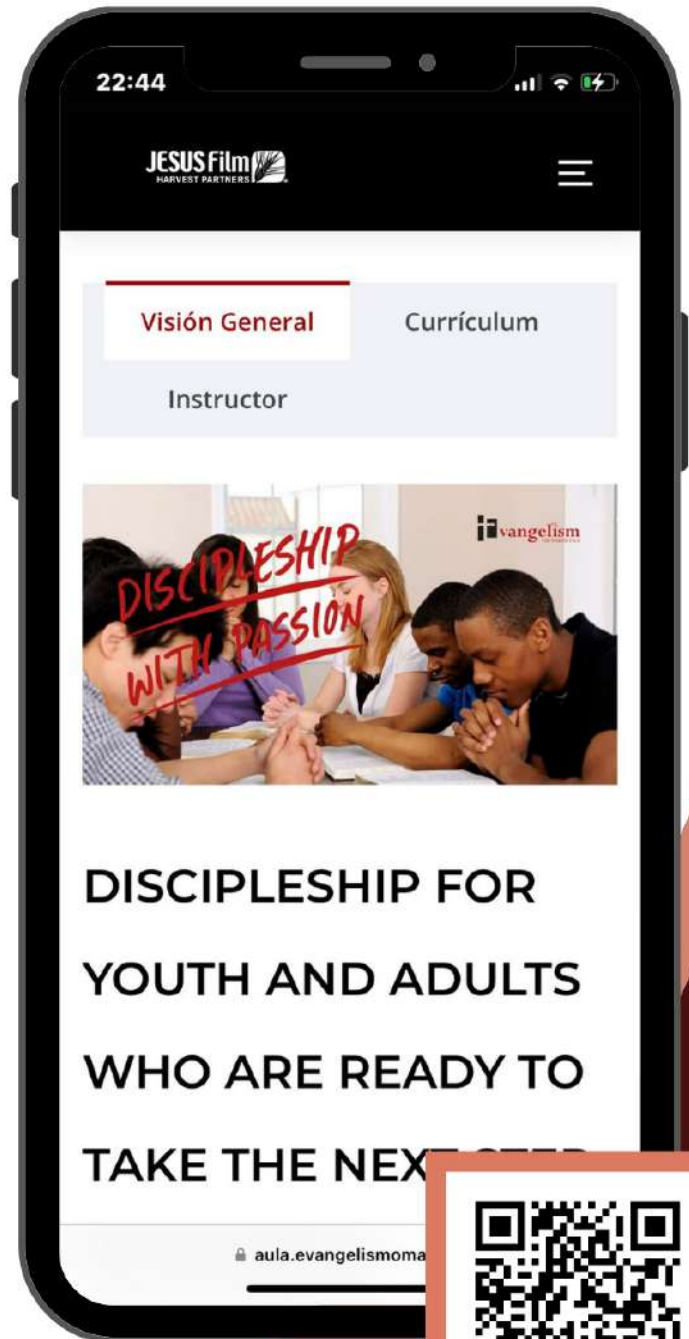
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NATURAL EVANGELISM



BY MILTON GERARDO GAY

What is the first thing that comes into mind when you hear “natural evangelism”? These words may have a bit of an ambiguous meaning. To avoid this, let me tell you the meaning that I wish to tell you in this text. When talking about natural evangelism, I mean an organic evangelism. The one that is given on its own and by the passion that is in the heart of the believer, without needing the church or pastor to say “evangelism evening! Come and share your faith in God!

The reality is that if leaders don't motivate people to do evangelism, evangelization by believers would be almost nonexistent. Don't believe me? I invite you to ask yourself when was the last time when you specifically went out to evangelize people without anyone asking you to do it. If the answer is "I did it recently or I always do it," let me congratulate you. If you've passed this question, I invite you to ask the same question to other people in the church where you attend. You will be surprised that most responses are like, "I'm afraid, lazy, or don't know how to do it." The Evangelism ministry offers many simple strategies that people can learn to share the good news, and you can consult them on the website www.evangelismomar.org

Something that we need to rescue is that if we have had a genuine encounter with Christ, evangelism should be something natural in us. When we like something, we talk about that topic endlessly. Why not do it about our Savior? I know people who can spend hours talking about soccer, video games, or cars, but few can spend hours not only talking but also creating spiritual conversations. Many times, these do not even happen among people in a church. What is the cause? I believe it is because we have not made it a natural part of our lives, and we fall into the fulfillment of purely religious acts.

Now, I want to leave you with the practical aspect of this text, so that it is not just a reflective act but an opportunity for us to improve our life in Christ. How can we make evangelism a natural part of our lives? First, we must be interested and open to talking about spiritual matters with people who do not know or do not have a relationship with Christ. It may be that you have already had conversations of this nature before, and you will not disagree with me that they are truly beautiful. People share their thoughts and concerns, and it is because you provided a safe space for them to do so.

Secondly, we must overcome the fear of initiating spiritual conversations with friends. This is essential for the gospel to be spread widely in the social circle in which you move. This, like other fears, can be overcome by facing it.

Thirdly, we must develop the two best evangelistic skills, which are asking good questions and listening well. It's not because I say so, but it's what Jesus did, and we can see the

impact of these actions to this day. However, our humanity has become so accustomed to the Bible that we don't really grasp all the richness within it. There are incredible questions that Jesus asked. Here are some that, if you reflect briefly, you will realize that Jesus knew how to ask good questions:


Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6:27)

Why does this generation ask for a sign? (Mark 8:12)

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? (Matthew 12:34)

It's time to step out of our Christian bubbles and share Christ with the world. Matthew 5:13 says, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.' We must be the salt. But think about it, what good is a mountain of salt on a plate? It will only ruin it. The same goes for the people of God. It's no use having a crowd gathered if it's not impacting their community, school, university, workplace, office, gym, and friends in general.

Let's look for strategic ways to meet new people and influence them. Step out of your comfort zone. Meet people by playing sports, reading books, visiting parks, studying different things, but do something now that you can. Ask the Lord to give you a clear vision, an evangelistic spirit. Let's promote authenticity, love, and service in our congregations and especially in our daily lives. Provide strangers with a healthy environment to process spiritual topics.

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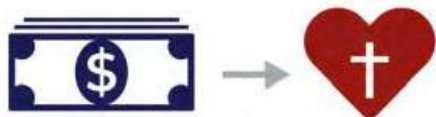
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THE DISCIPLESHIP CYCLE

DEFINING THE PATH FROM EVANGELISM TO DISCIPLESHIP



By Magdiel Martínez

I have not yet met a pastor who does not want the church they lead to grow, but only few can celebrate that it happens; the reasons are varied, perhaps the most important being that the local church is not reaching complete health; because as Rick Warren wrote, "When congregations are healthy, they grow in the way God expects. Healthy churches do not need tricks to grow, they grow naturally". (Warren, Rick. 1998 *The Purpose Driven Church*)

But how do we continue to increase the number of followers of Jesus and healthy churches? There are many proposals, from Warren's five purposes, Christian Schwarz's eight characteristics, Stephen A. Macchia's ten characteristics, etc. However, all these proposals have two key elements, which are evangelism and discipleship. How do they relate? And how can we create our own path that results in health and growth?

Before defining the path, we will take, we must define key concepts. It may seem that we have a good grasp of these concepts, but the reality we are experiencing shows that it is not true. Let us look at the mission statement of our church, "The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make Christlike disciples in the nations" (Church of the Nazarene 2017, *Church Manual*). Let me emphasize our mission as Nazarenes, "to make Christlike disciples."

But how do we make disciples? In the prologue of our manual, we read the following purpose statement, "The Church of the Nazarene exists to serve as an instrument for the advancement of the kingdom of God by preaching and teaching the Gospel throughout the world." And here is the answer: we make disciples when we preach and teach the Gospel.

These statements are the two sides of what has been called "the great commission" (Matthew 28:16-20; Matthew 24:14; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). We are called to make disciples, and to start the discipleship process. We need to preach and teach the Gospel, followed by the action of discipling. Let's look at four key definitions.

Gospel

"The Gospel is, above all, the disclosure of Christ's work on our behalf. It constitutes the why and the how. The Gospel is salvation by grace. The Gospel is news because it deals with a salvation that was accomplished for us. It is news that creates a life of love, but the life of love is not itself the Gospel." (Keller, Timothy. 2013.)

Evangelize

"Evangelizing is presenting Jesus Christ in such a way, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that people come to put their trust in God through Him, accept Him as their Savior, and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of the church." (Green, Michael. 1996.)

Disciple

The general meaning of the word in Greek is 'pupil' or 'student.' A disciple is a substitute or apprentice who studies under the guidance of a teacher... A disciple is one who accepts the viewpoint of his teacher and is his partisan in belief and practice. However, the term 'disciple' is more commonly applied to all followers of Christ. The word appears only in the Gospels and Acts, and refers to those who followed the teachings of Christ." (Taylor, Richard, 1994)

Discipling

"It is the process that begins after conversion and continues throughout the believer's life. It occurs when one believer commits to another, and the result is that both become more like Christ in what they think and do." (Mims and Martinez, Ramon, 1998.)

The discipleship cycle includes these two actions: evangelizing is the beginning or the gateway to discipleship, which is the path that leads us to make disciples. We can think of five phases of the cycle.

Evangelism to nonbelievers is the first phase. It is the gateway to the cycle, and at the same time, the goal of a mature disciple. The second phase is to affirm the new believer, accompanying them to the waters of baptism and membership in the local church. The third phase is disciple formation, helping them to develop spiritual habits that allow them to strengthen their personal relationship with the Lord. The fourth phase is leadership training. Every disciple is called to disciple others, to guide others from a distance in their relationship with our Lord Jesus, to become a faithful servant. They learn and with the work of the Holy Spirit, central doctrines of Christianity are incarnated, and leadership and communication skills are developed. The last phase is that of sending and accompanying, we encourage mature disciples to fulfill the Great Commission in every possible way, from the experience of a short-term mission trip to the planting of a new church with mentoring and support.

This is just a model for the route of evangelism and discipleship. The church is called to make disciples, but we must be clear that only disciples can make disciples. We must first move from being mere believers, sympathizers or attendees church activities, to commit to be a disciple of Jesus, men and women who are

with Jesus. The calling of the disciples is enlightening: "Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons." Mark 4:13-15. NIV. Jesus called the twelve, first to be his disciples, that is, to be with him, to walk, eat, serve, heal, cast out demons, and preach with him. And to learn about the Kingdom of God as he taught and preached to the crowds, and then, by dialoguing with them with the intention of sending them out to preach and cast out demons, that is, to replicate what he had already taught them."

What is your model for the evangelism and discipleship path? That is, how do you help someone go from being a non-believer to a disciple who makes disciples? Are you a true disciple of Jesus? We all need to be disciplined and, at the same time, we all are called and need to disciple someone else, so how many church leaders are involved in the discipleship cycle?

Many times, we do the work of evangelism, but we neglect the other four phases of the cycle; then these new believers go back to the world, or in the best case scenario, they are taken to another local church that affirms them in their faith. Other times, we have a high percentage of immature disciples who are unable to evangelize, much less make disciples. Or perhaps, we have only been discipling believers who are not disciples, and without commitment, we are simply wasting the resources of the Kingdom.



Activism only produces tiredness and exhaustion; we need to focus on these two key phases: evangelize the non-believer and disciple the new believers until they become mature disciples who reproduce themselves.

Several years ago, the board of general superintendents released a video in which they spoke about the centrality of discipleship and asked two questions. Who is discipling you? And who are you discipling? I would add one more question: Who are you evangelizing? These questions remain relevant for us today.

WEEK 2

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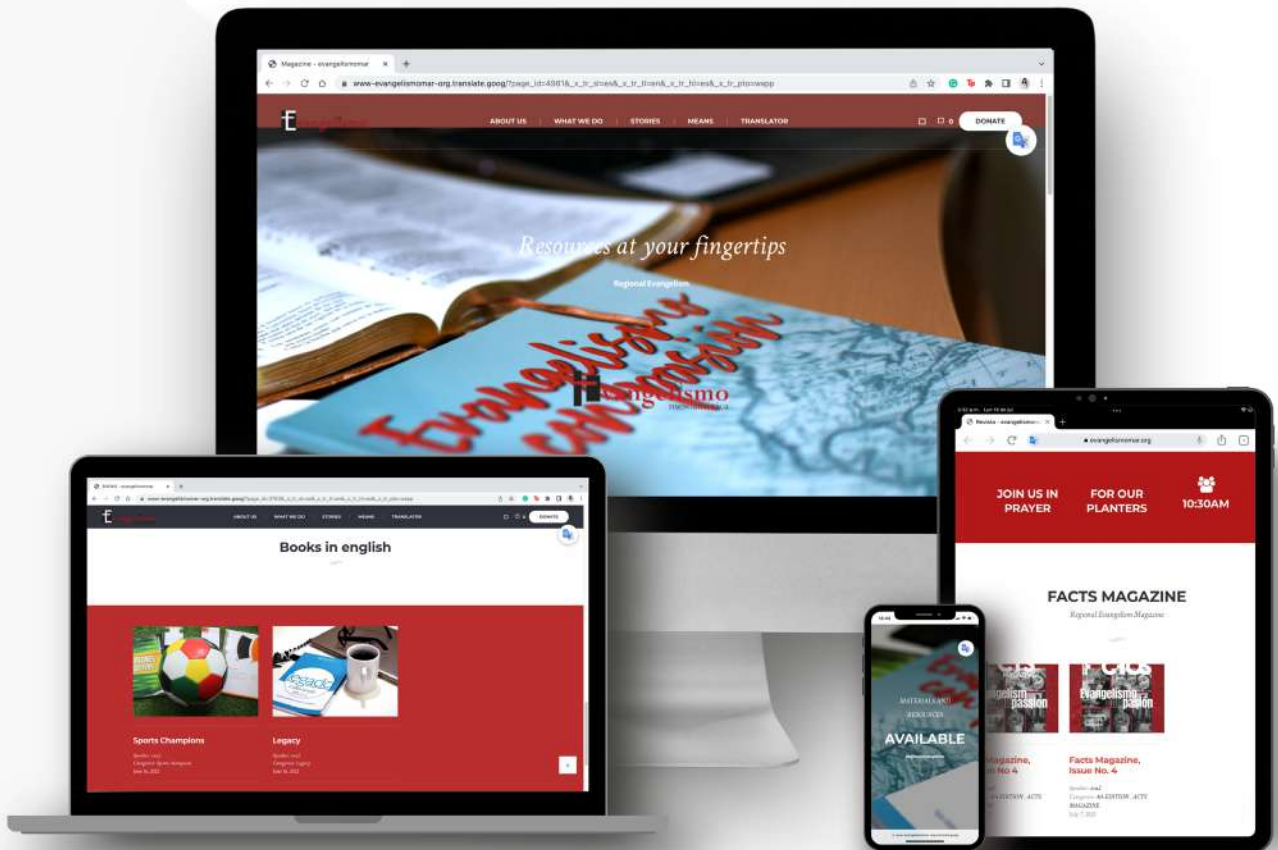
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TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH MOTUS DEI (Movement of God)



BY DR. MILTON GAY

This theme could be amazing for a movie theme but it is the theme of something more exciting and important... The theme of God's mission for each of us, His disciples.

Chapter 1 of the book of Acts tells us about the interaction between Jesus and His people, before the great question from the apostles about when would He restore the kingdom? Jesus tells them: it is not for you to know that, but you are to receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and it will be so that you can be my witnesses "martyrs" and that you are willing to die for my cause.

Jesus knew that they knew the scripture and knew that the sociopolitical kingdom would bring justice and peace; Jesus tells them that His concern is not related to when He will return but to live according to the laws of the kingdom, which He had given them. The kingdom is present but not yet in its fullness and they had to be witnesses to expand it to the ends of the earth. Revelation 21:2-3.

Have you wondered why the kingdom is not yet here? Why do we as disciples have work to do empowered by the Holy Spirit in the movement of God? The beautiful gift of the Holy Spirit is to teach them how to be a witness to testify in their own lives about the risen Christ and not only evangelize but also how to live in unity with the principles of the kingdom and do good to others.

But the current church suffers from a disease called myopia which is diagnosed when a person does not look and does not identify in the distance but only what is near. The church has been suffering about this since Jerusalem, where it had success and growth, where the

church was growing day after day and everybody settled in, forgetting the mission of going to the ends of the earth. For this reason, God allowed a persecution that made the disciples leave Jerusalem like Philip and thus remember the mission.

The church of this century is also suffering from myopia because it has lost the ability to look at the fields, see that the harvest is ready, and that we need to pray and send workers to the harvest. The Church must rescue the centrifugal mission and go outside where we mobilize the disciples to testify of God's love.

The plan begins with the mission beginning in Jerusalem and then spreading throughout the world. That is the challenge of our current church, not only to evangelize our friends, neighbors, and our countries but to reach all the countries of the world.

This year 2023 I have had the blessing and privilege of visiting Turkey, a Muslim country, and Thailand, a Buddhist country, two countries with two different great religions and with a deep need for the love of Christ. We think of the 155 million people who are lost every day, which moves our hearts and pushes us to remind the church about its mission to share Jesus with all human beings and to send missionaries to the ends of the earth.

While being in both countries I felt a deep pain for so many people who do not know the Lord and I didn't feel able to do anything by myself but I thought about what we can do as a church, that is, together in our Region.

What can we do as a Nazarene faith community? We must begin a movement of God (Motus Dei) that:

1. Pray

- Prayer declares dependence on God. Isaiah 6:1-3
- Watch and pray, pray without ceasing, always pray, and do not give up.
- Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.
- Dedicate yourselves to prayer, and be attentive and grateful.
- Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other.
- Pray at all times in the spirit, with prayer and support.
- The prayer of the righteous has power.
- Pray that our fight is not against flesh and blood...
- Prayer is not casual; it is our weapon.
- It doesn't matter if it rains or the sun shines, we must always pray.
- God acts in answer to prayer.

2. Participate

- Possibly you cannot go to the field but you can help those that God calls and sends to the field.
- Motivate the church to give with love and generosity.
- Put a face to the offering by teaching about culture.
- Teach the church the need to reach the ends of the earth.

3. Answer

- You can start by motivating your children to take other children to Sunday school thus teaching the importance of sharing their faith with their friends and neighbors.
- Move teenagers and young people to bear witness through their lives so that they share the message with their friends through music, dramas, Maxima Mission, and others.

4. Mobilize

- Organize gastronomy festivals, family games, parties where everybody brings some food, campaigns of hope, and evangelistic films.
- Community activities where you involve families who do not know Jesus.

5. Be

- Be a model to imitate/follow.
- Be creative
- Be a team member together with the NMI, NYI, NDI, and NCM. Begin in your Jerusalem until reaching the ends of the earth.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me..."

John 14:6

6. Pray and fast

- Pray for mercy for each tribe that does not know Jesus in Africa, Asia, Europe, America, and Oceania.
- May God free the captives.
- May He change their minds and their hearts.
- May He keep the life of each missionary sent to the Creative Access Areas.

Evangelism Mesoamerica has the vision to provoke a movement of God (Motus Dei) that allows us to reach all countries and cultures in our region starting from our Jerusalem to the smallest island or the furthest mountain from Mexico to the Caribbean. Let's go together! To the ends of the earth!

WEEK 3

SHARE

14 TO 20 MAY 2023

Share the good news with those close to you and invite them to activities your church organizes. God wants to work!

We are very close to being in the week of Global Evangelism. Join your church's initiatives.

Acts 13:47

Matthew 5:15

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nations in the world
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EVANGELISM WITH AN EYE ON THE FUTURE



BY DR. MARCO A.
VELASCO

The time has
come," he said.
"The kingdom
of God has
come near.
Repent and
believe the
good news!
- Mark 1:15

Three words make up the title of the topic: evangelism, vision, and future. I suggest that we start with the last word. It means that we will take a journey towards evangelism in the future.

Future

1 If we talk about the future from a biblical perspective, we are within the field of study of eschatology. Eschatology is the doctrine about the last things or events of the end. The term is formed from two Greek words, eschaton and logos. Eschaton means last, and logos means study or word. Therefore, it is the study or treatise of the last or final things.

The studies on the future or the last things (eschatology), which are yet to come, have taken much research and analysis from specialists in the theology field. Some of the main theories and positions that have been developed regarding eschatology and the second coming of Christ are: premillennialism, postmillennialism, and amillennialism. Each position places the coming of Christ in the future either before or after the millennium. However, Amillennialists believe that the millennium should not be taken so literally but rather plays a symbolic and distinct theological role. Nevertheless, all agree that Christ will come in the future.

On the other hand, we must consider the current context in which our culture has developed a rather fatalistic concept of the future. Some versions of this fatalistic future have been brought to the big screen with great popularity and economic success. People know more about eschatology from what they have seen in movies of this nature than from the Bible itself.

Added to this fatalism is an element never experienced in human history. It is the threat of a nuclear holocaust that could end life on earth. This is no longer science fiction; it is the reality of a threat that we live with day by day. This threat has changed our society's way of thinking about the future of the world and humanity with a rather pessimistic vision of the future. The question we must ask ourselves is: How should Christians face this real threat to the future? What does the Bible tell us about the future? Considering our topic, we must ask ourselves, should we continue evangelizing in the face of such a threat and an uncertain future?

I believe that Christians should respond to this fatalistic vision of the future with a biblical optimism that carries a message of hope for humanity. Christian preachers are not some kind of doomsayers. Rather, we are communicators of good news for every man and woman, and we have a message of reconciliation and redemption for all humanity and the rest of creation (Romans 8:19-23).

In the Old Testament, the prophets spoke of a God of the future and His coming, whether it be near or far, Jehovah would come to meet his people, as Amos said: "...prepare to meet your God, Israel" (Amos 4:12b KJV). Israel would be judged in the future according to its obedience and faithfulness to the covenant. God would come and bring just payment to His people and to the nations.

In the New Testament, the announcement of the future is also related to the coming of the Kingdom in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the promised Messiah incarnated in the person of Jesus. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (1:15a, ESV). If we consider the Kingdom from a perspective, we can observe that despite the apocalyptic fatalism of Jesus' time, his message and that of the early Christian church was a message of hope.



The vision



Let's imagine we climb up a high mountain where we can see the entire horizon.

From that position, we can see what is approaching. Using this image, looking towards the future is like looking from the perspective of the Kingdom of God through the person, deeds, and life of Jesus Christ. This means that the Kingdom of God is already here, it arrived in the person of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. Therefore, the future as shown in the Bible is not the end of the world, but the fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament in the New Testament, in which the Kingdom of God has come and is present in this world. The announcement of Jesus' birth in Matthew reminds us that his name Emmanuel means God with us (Matthew 1:23b). And he repeats it at the end of the gospel, "...and, I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (28:20b RV60).

Evangelism



It comes from the Greek term evangelion or good news.

Matthew doesn't mention evangelism, but to make disciples (Matthew 28:19). We can evangelize without making disciples, but we can't make disciples without evangelizing. That makes an important difference.

The purpose of evangelism is to present the person of Jesus Christ so that anyone who accepts his offer of salvation and redemption becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ. Modern evangelism as we understand it today seeks to get people to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and be saved by this act of faith. But the Bible tells us that the offer of salvation involves much more than this. It encompasses a whole life of following Jesus, taking up the cross every day. In Revelation, the call is to be faithful unto death, as the hallmark of Christian discipleship.

The evangelistic task of the church in the 21st century with a view towards the future recognizes that the salvation of people is a task of God's grace from beginning to end. Evangelism is a task filled with optimism, trusting in the sufficiency of God's grace to save individuals, society, and the entire world. But God will not do this task without our help!

Yes, you read that right. God won't do it without our help. Let's make it clear. Divine grace advances ceaselessly in the lives of all and with all human beings. In fact, He arrives in people's hearts and lives before we do. He could do it without our help, but it doesn't work that way. Human intervention is necessary. And the incarnation of Jesus made it clear. God saved us through the God-Man Jesus Christ. Otherwise, it would not have been possible.

I invite you to imagine it in the following way:

Here's the translation: "A legend tells of Jesus' return to his Father's side after his time on earth. He returned carrying the marks of his pilgrimage on earth with his cruel and shameful death.

The angel Gabriel approached him and said, 'Master, you must have suffered terribly with the people down below.

"So, it was", said Jesus.

"and", Gabriel continued, "They all know about how you love them and what you did for them?"

"Oh, no," said Jesus. "Not yet. Right now, only a handful of people in Palestine know about it."

What have you done," Gabriel asked, "so that people know about your love for them?"

"Well," said Jesus, "I asked Peter, James, John, and others to tell people about me. And those who are told will tell others, and the gospel will spread to the farthest reaches of the globe. Eventually, all of humanity will have heard about me and what I did for them."

Gabriel frowned and looked skeptically. He knew that people were not reliable. "Yes," he said, "but what if Peter, James, and John get tired? What if the people who come after them forget? And what if, as far away as the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, people are too busy to tell others about you? Have you made any other plans?"

"No, I have not made any other plans, Gabriel," replied Jesus. "I am counting on them."

It has been said that the Christian faith is one generation away from extinction. This is because with each generation comes the renewed responsibility of bringing the good news of the gospel to the world. Are you doing your part?"

The evangelization should be a normal, regular, and expected aspect of the life in modern church, both from the pastor and the congregation.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19)

Brothers! Let us evangelize with a focus on the future and say along the whole church: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20b)

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GLOBAL EVANGELISM MONTH

WEEK 4

PROCLAIM

21 TO 27 MAY 2023

This is the time. The last week of May is the Global Evangelism Week. Do not be afraid! At least three out of four people are interested in knowing about your faith.

Proclaim Jesus! That everyone may know who He is and what He has done in your life. Your testimony can be the tool to proclaim Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Challenge yourself to share!

Psalms 105:1

Romans 10:17

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ALL IN THE GREAT COMMISSION



BY DR. LUIS FLORES

The narrative of the "Great Commission" that Jesus gives to his disciples in Matthew 28:18-19 has served as a platform for various interpretations and teachings, with the purpose of encouraging and sending the Church to participate in evangelism and Christian formation. On this occasion, an approach is made to the mandate using the word ALL written in the three final verses of chapter 28.

From its etymological root, ALL πᾶσα Pás (meaning everything, complete, total), the word becomes an important element by being placed before the determining elements of the mandate and providing them with the correct direction within the same context. The ALLs of the commission are as follows..

ALL AUTHORITY.

The risen Jesus communicates to his surprised disciples that He is full of unlimited power, that His master has lordship and dominion, and that they will receive the same delegated power at some point. With this power, they will be able to do the works of their master: heal the sick, deliver people, preach, and teach. This is very clear in the Gospel of John: "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father."

The church should feel at ease knowing that they have "all and the same power" and should develop a commission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL NATIONS.

Jesus, the sent one. The incarnate mission always had a clear understanding that His sacrifice, salvation, and service were of universal nature, and this understanding had to be captured and continued by the new Apostles (envoy, messenger, delegate). They had to remove from their minds that the Messiah was only for Israel, and that salvation had to be brought to all the ethnic groups of the world. The church inherited the universal mission and for now continues to be salt and light to many nations, but there is still much to be done, there are still places to evangelize, disciple, and present God's holistic mission to all people and nations. This is the responsibility that we all have to do as soon as possible. "The church must understand that evangelism is not only about preaching the message of salvation. The church must understand that it has been called to a holistic mission, that is, a mission that includes both evangelization and service and social action." (Dr. Jaime Herrera, 2005, p.18)

ALL THINGS.

The mandate in its third part leads the disciples to the ritual they should follow when baptizing. So that the new followers would be immediately taught "in what?" - in Jesus commands and precepts which means to follow, obey, and persevere.

The great responsibility of teaching now falls on us, to teach the same commands of Christ, but it is also necessary to guide as teachers, to the extent that Christian norms are applied in their lives and ministry.

EVERY DAY.

The commission closes with a great promise - Jesus would be with his disciples at all times, in every moment and place. Christ is the great ministry companion, who goes to all nations with His church to evangelize, disciple, baptize and teach. Jesus is in our lives both in good and bad times, as long as we do His will, living a different lifestyle and pleasing Him in everything.

In the global evangelism month, we can challenge ourselves to be part of the ALLs, which are evidenced through practice and involvement in the commission. We all have the power of Jesus and His promise to always be with His church every day, so that we can bring salvation to all nations and then teach them all things.



THE GREAT COMMISSION

THE APOSTOLIC ORDER TO FULFILL



BY DR. ULISES SOLIS

Purpose: Show that the imperative of the great commission has been entrusted to the church as the repository of the saving faith to share it with all humanity that needs to know the reign of God in Christ Jesus.

Introduction: The risen Christ wants His church to proclaim the message of love, forgiveness, and hope to all the cultures of the earth. The term apostle comes from the Gr. Ἀπόστολος/ apostolos which means sent one, messenger, and ambassador.

Who is an apostle today?

A consecrated person, filled with the Holy Spirit, who is devoted to divine service and willing to obey the commandment to proclaim through preaching in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, emphasizing love, forgiveness, salvation, and hope with the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Who must do this ministry? All who have been born again from water, are part of the church of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and those who by faith have received Grace of being filled with the power of God.

They are people who make the metaphors their own of salt that preserves their life from corruption and light that illuminates others, so there is no darkness in their

lives. In other words, they are believers who love God with all their heart and their neighbor, for whom they are interested in being saved from sin.

How will God's messenger do the job?

Evangelizing and discipling following the model of Jesus Christ, who used the "peripatein" model, that is, teaching while walking with His disciples. Today, there are many ways to evangelize and disciple. But the best way we see in the Lord Jesus Christ in the gospels is that while walking with them, he disciplined them. John Kessler affirms "The church in the 21st century has taken on the task of investigating various forms of evangelism, resulting in the implementation of a whole multifarious range of strategies

that range from the most common to the most burdensome and complex, such as those that drown in the rigidity of their structure." The above paragraph teaches us that we are reaching the climax of the reason for the existence of the Church: evangelism and discipleship. This work is not exclusive to the twelve apostles, or prominent theologians and enlightened teachers, but to every believer who follows Jesus Christ and whose power impels them to share with others the transforming message of Jesus Christ.

They are people of prayer who are willing to talk to others about Jesus Christ so that His preventive grace touches them, leads them to receive His convincing grace, and produces in them the faith to believe and repent of all their sins through saving grace.

MATHEW 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



What must a Christ ambassador do?

As a new creature of God, you have received by His grace the ministry of reconciliation, therefore you must go to people and invite them to turn to God and to reconcile with Him.

Then teach them the way and a process of growth towards a life of holiness and Christian maturity. What ingredients does this process include? Going, evangelizing, teaching, and baptizing. Absolutely everyone, after we are converted by His grace into His children, must do this ministry of making Christ-like disciples in the nations.

It is a process that aims at discipleship, which must be intentionally done until they are integrated into the service of the local church. It is pertinent to clarify that in this learning process there is no graduation, as it is for the whole life until Christ comes for the second time.

Conclusion: In this time of Christian history and in any church model, it is a priority to do evangelism and discipleship, which involves going and growing together, walking together where there is an exchange of life, and learning while walking together in the Christian life. This ministry will end until we hear his blessed Word "Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your Lord" Matthew 25:23.





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WEEK 5**DISCIPLE****28 TO MAY 2023 AND ON**

Remember the goal is to make disciples. So, organize a gathering at a coffee shop, church, or wherever you can start. Invite the people that you met at the coffee shop and let them grow alongside you in their faith in Jesus.

By starting small groups where you all pray, share the Word, and praise the Lord, you can grow, strengthening the love for God and the love among brothers and sisters



We recommend using the strategy of three thirds in each meeting that our friends from Cru have shared.

Mark 8:34
John 13:35

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THE CHURCH, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST AROUND THE WORLD



By Gabriel Yip y Magdiel Martínez



➔ In the New Testament there are a variety of symbols and images that present the church to us, such as the body of Christ, the wife of the Lamb, the heavenly Israel, etc. In Revelation, in the vision that John receives, there is a particular image that is very enigmatic, the church as the bride. It is striking because this image appears only four times in this book, the first in Revelation in chapter 19:7 and 8, where John is told that "his bride has prepared herself", because the wedding day has arrived and her preparation consists of wearing fine, clean and shining linen, which are the righteous acts of the saints, and which the Apostle Paul explains in Ephesians 5:27 saying that Jesus himself has prepared her so that she may present herself to him in such radiance. This is the moment of the encounter between the husband and the wife, but we can understand it in our context as the moment when the bride is taken in procession to the place where the groom is to consummate the marriage for which she has been set apart. Will there be emotion and expectation in the church today for that unique encounter?



The second and third times it appears is in chapter 21:2 and 9; John had already seen the Holy City, the celestial Jerusalem, and one of the seven angels approaches John and tells him that he is going to present him to the bride, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb," and he takes him in the Spirit to see the celestial Jerusalem descending; after the angel measured it, John describes the city to us. There is no temple, it does not need the sun or the moon, the nations will walk in the light of God, the kings will bring their riches, the gates are always open, verse 27 tells us "Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life," etc. Let us note in chapter 21 that we already notice that the bride, the celestial Jerusalem, is a community made up of those whose names are written in the book of life.



The fourth and final appearance is in chapter 22:17; in the vision, the return of Jesus to earth has already been announced, and when John hears the news, he falls to worship the angel and receives a rebuke. He must worship God alone and is called to proclaim the message of Jesus' return, for it must happen soon. From verses 11 to 15, the Lord points out the speed of the event and how it will bring either reward or punishment, as well as indicating who will be excluded from the New Jerusalem. In verse 16, Jesus confirms everything that John has written in the Revelation, saying, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony...". And then, the bride appears! Not alone, but in the company of the Holy Spirit. Reading the scene presented to us by John fills us with excitement, as they both say in unison, "Come!" The bride is the church, the one we call universal, composed of all those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, putting all their trust in Him, and living in obedience to His will, in every time and place on earth. It is here that the beautiful waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus is strongly related to our prophetic task of sharing His news in all nations. Which nations do we still need to reach so that they too can become part of this multiethnic and multicolored bride? It is said that there are more than 3 billion people, more than 7,000 ethnic groups or nations where Jesus is practically unknown. It is urgent that the bride expands its diversity by sharing with these men and women the time of salvation in Christ until He returns.

And she, together with the Holy Spirit, cries out "Come!" This is the great multitude from chapter 7:9-15, composed of all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages. And it is the church who cries out with the Holy Spirit "Come!" Does this cry only have to do with persistent prayer for the return of our Lord, or does it imply something more? The context makes it clear that it is more than just praying. On the one hand, the Lord says, "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." An invitation to come to Him. This should not surprise us, the church is made up of the disciples of Jesus, called to make disciples of Jesus in all nations of the earth, and not only that, but the Lord Jesus links evangelism with His return and the end of the world, in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Can we hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus? Can we bring the end of the world closer? Definitely, the bride of the lamb must be present in every corner of our world today. We have been entrusted with the task of, while He does not return, crying out and working so that He may come. I encourage you to pray to the Lord to return soon, and while He returns, let us speak of our Lord in every place in the world.



Organized church of Drouet

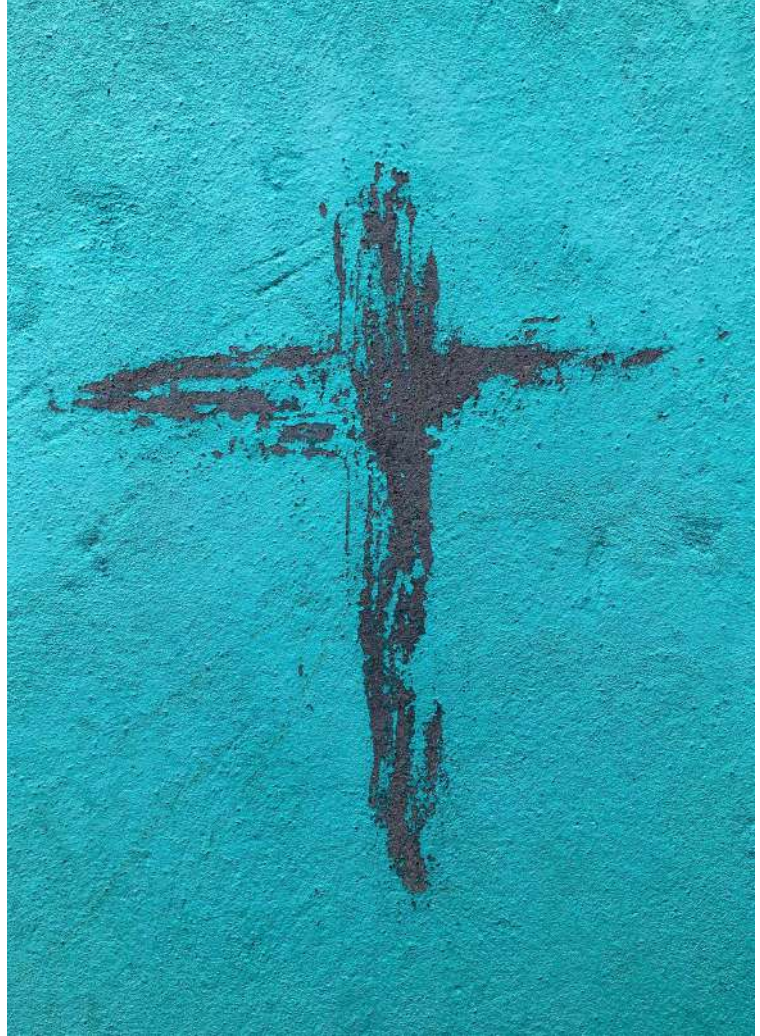
Methods used: Personal evangelization, speakers, teachings with images showing the events of the new testament.

Location: Colas zone, communal section of Drouet, Liancourt city, District of Bas-Artibonite.

Collaborators: David Dort and Remy.

The organized church of the Nazarene of Drouet wants to thank God for His many blessings. This church gives glory to God for the opportunity of sharing the Gospel in the Colas zone in the communal section of Drouet on March 5th, 2023. We are certain that a seed has been planted and that soon we will see the harvest God will bring to us.

We pray for all and for the responsible planters David Dort and Remy.



Organized church of Gros-Morne

Methods used: Personal evangelization, outdoor evangelism, spiritual awakening.

Location: Moncelle river road, Gros-morne commune, District of Haut-Artibonite.

Mother church: Church of the Nazarene of Gros-morne.

Collaborators: Annesse Zamor and Sr Sarilès Sainrisma.

The organized church of the Nazarene of Gros morne wants to thank God for His many blessings. This church gives glory to God for the opportunity of sharing the Gospel in Morcelle river road of the Gros-morne commune on March 8th of 2023. We are certain that a seed has been planted and that soon we will see the harvest God will bring to us.

We pray for all and for the responsible planters Annesse Zamor and Sr Sarilès Sainrisma.



Church type mission of Te Sonnen

Methods used: Outdoor evangelization, spiritual awakening.

Location: Tè Sonnen, Poto's 4th section, North Central District.

Mother church: Church of the Nazarene of St-Michel.

Collaborators: Manassé Laurent and Saint Louis.



The church type mission of Tè Sonnen wants to thank God for His many blessings. This church gives glory to God for the opportunity of sharing the Gospel in this community of 4th section Poto on April 9th, 2023. We are certain that a seed has been planted and that soon we will see the harvest God will bring to us.

We pray for all and for the responsible planters Manassé Laurent and Saint Louis.

Church of the Nazarene Petit-Goave Station



Methods used: Played the Jesus Film, speakers.

Location: Perony, 7th communal section of Petit-Goave, South District.

Iglesia Madre: Church of the Nazarene of Petit-Goave.

Colaboradores: Fanès Archilles and Rosemond Dorvilus.

The station of the Church of the Nazarene in Petit-Goave gives thanks to God for His many blessings. This station gives glory to God for granting the opportunity to share the Gospel with the community of the 7th communal section of Petit-Goave, Perony, on April 8th, 2023. We are certain that the seed has been planted and that soon we will see the harvest that God will bring to us.

We pray for all and for the responsible planters Fanès Archilles and Rosemond Dorvilus.

Church type mission Telonj

Used Methods: Teaching, personal evangelism, spiritual awakening.

Location: Telonj, Thiottle town, South District.

Mother church: Church of the Nazarene in Thiottle.

Collaborators: Edgard Wilcinot, Frisnel Pierre, y Fortilus Naristil.

The church-type mission in Thiottle wants to thank God for the opportunity of sharing the Gospel in the community of Telonj in Thiottle on April 9th, 2023. We are certain that a seed has been planted and that we will soon see the harvest that God will bring to us. We play for all and the responsible planters Edgard Wilcinot, Frisnel Pierre, y Fortilus Naristil.



AUDIO ACTS used for the Glory of God

On this occasion, we want to share some news that bring much joy to our hearts. One of the initiatives of Evangelism Mesoamerica this year is to reach out to local churches and support them with resources and training. From there arose the initiative of creating "Audio Acts", which consists of producing a three-minute audio in MP3 format and for WhatsApp with 100% evangelistic content. This message is distributed weekly to the planters in mission zones throughout the Mesoamerica Region through various social networks. It is also available for download from the official Evangelism platform of the Mesoamerica Region, www.evangelismomar.org



A few weeks ago, the editorial team of the Hechos/Acts magazine received a testimony of how God has used this initiative to awaken the desire to know Jesus and become his disciples. Pastor Pedro Rojas Abreu, from the 5Km Mission in Nagua, Dominican Republic, shared Audio Acts with people he had already been in contact with but who did not know Jesus. He is using the audio through a WhatsApp group, sending the audio messages with some comments or inviting people to share what they understand or questions that arise from what they hear. People have been active in the group, but that's not all, now families have joined the Mission and taken discipleship lessons (see photo) that our planting brother pastors are teaching. In his words, he comments the following: "It has been such a blessing to their lives... even when I don't send them the audio... they ask me why I haven't sent it to them, this has had such a great impact that has brought growth and development, because people interact..." Our brother's gratitude and motivation encourage us to stay close to local churches and missional zone planters.



We praise our God for using this initiative for reaching non-believers! And we encourage you to use Audio Acts and support us in prayer, trusting that the Holy Spirit will do the work in those who listen to it.

Did you know about this evangelism tool? How are you using it? If you didn't know about this tool, we encourage you to use it in your ministry, and if you are already using it, please share your testimony with us by emailing Daysi Lemus at daysi.lemusr@gmail.com.



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GOD LOVES ME

God totally loves you! His love is boundless and unconditional.

He wants nothing more than for you to experience His love personally and to discover the purpose of your life in your relationship with Him.

Bible: 1 John 4:16 Psalms 16:11



I LIVE APART FROM GOD

Unfortunately, we do not experience God's love because we ignore Him. We search everywhere for meaning and fulfillment – but not with God.

We don't trust Him and do not think that He wants the best for us. Going our own way and the selfish actions that result from it are what the Bible calls sin. Sin damages and destroys our relationships with others. Sin keeps us from living the fulfilling life that God intends for us.

Bible: Romans 3:23 Isaiah 59:2



JESUS GAVE EVERYTHING FOR ME

Our sin and our selfish actions do not stop God from loving us. He even became a human being in Jesus Christ and gave His life for us. He took our place on the cross, bearing all the consequences of sin Himself.

Jesus died – but He rose to life again. He offers us peace with God and a personal relationship with Him. Through faith in Jesus, we can experience God's love daily, discover our purpose, and have eternal.

Bible: John 3:16 1 Peter 3:18



WILL I CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS?

God has already done everything to show us how much He loves us.

Through Jesus Christ, He offers us fulfillment and eternal life. We can talk to God directly – we call it “prayer” – to ask for forgiveness for living our lives without Him. We can choose to live with God by trusting Jesus Christ from now on. How will you decide?

Bible: John 1:12 Revelation 3:20



FOLLOW HIS STEPS

1 PRAY

Speak to God every day. You can talk to Him about any subject. He wants to listen to you. Also take time to listen to Him.

2 READ

Read the Bible, preferably the New Testament. For example, the Gospels of Luke or John. One short verse per day.

3 REUNITE

Reunite with people who also believe in Jesus. Look for a church or a Christian community where you feel comfortable, and you can trust your faith.

4 SHARE

Share with others your experiences with God and explain what He has done for them. For example, with THEFOUR.COM

These four symbols represent the central message of the Bible.



THE BEGINNING
Genesis 1:31



THE PROBLEM
Romans 3:23



THE SOLUTION
John 3:16



THE DECISION
John 1:12

GO MOVEMENT



People for whom I am praying

Five empty rectangular boxes for writing names.

LOOK AROUND YOU:

There are relatives, friends and neighbors who need Christ. Write down their names.

PRAY FOR THEM:

Ask God for His Salvation

SHARE ABOUT CHRIST

Use the four symbols

WATER THE SEED:

Walk alongside them towards baptism.

News from Cuba

We are very grateful to God for being able to share that from April 12th to 15th of this year 2023, a missionary trip was carried out to the country of Cuba, belonging to the Mesocentral field. This trip had multiple purposes, such as taking equipment and aid to this beautiful country in our Mesoamerica region: 4 brand new Jesus film projection equipments and 35 Lightstreams were delivered, which will serve church planters to share the gospel effectively. People will be able to learn about the story of Jesus and through it recognize that He is the way, the truth, and the life.



This country is very special, with incredible people and particularly Nazarene brothers and sisters who love and serve Christ with their whole lives. This is reflected in their fruits, with more than 100 Nazarene Churches being planted in the last 20 years, under the leadership of District Superintendent Rev. Leonel López, Sister Rebeca Gómez, and many other brothers and sisters who have a great passion for Christ and the gospel.

But the work is not done yet, as they are planning to open a third district on the island. Therefore, as a team, the DCPI course "Mentoring Church Planters" was taught, a course aimed to men and women with experience in church planting who have been gifted by God to accompany young missionaries and planters. Even planting couples with their respective teams were prepared to make the planting process more effective and less risky through mentoring.

This training helps the Church and leaders to discover individuals with the ability to mentor and reach a city through Church planting. It also facilitates the task of empowering others with methodologies and resources for this work acquired in the course of their service in the field.

This is how, with the support of the National Evangelism Coordinator in Cuba, Rafael Barroso Alcántara, Nazarene brothers and sisters gathered for this mission of mentoring others in church planting, since they had previously planted other Nazarene churches.

We are deeply grateful to the brothers and sisters who welcomed us with open arms, for all the help and attention provided. We will continue working together to expand the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth. I encourage you to keep praying and lift up all the fields that conform the Mesoamerica region, which is the place that God has given us to serve and evangelize all people.

Finally, let us remember that May is the Global Evangelism month, and as Church of the Nazarene, we will join this great celebration. Download the presentation with all the steps to be taken in May and remember that Together we can reach the world for Christ.



Note: If you have it in your heart to help Cuba, please contact us on our Facebook page "Evangelism Mesoamerica Region" or on our WhatsApp at +502 4219 2841, as another missionary trip is being planned very soon. Any help will be a blessing for our brothers and sisters.

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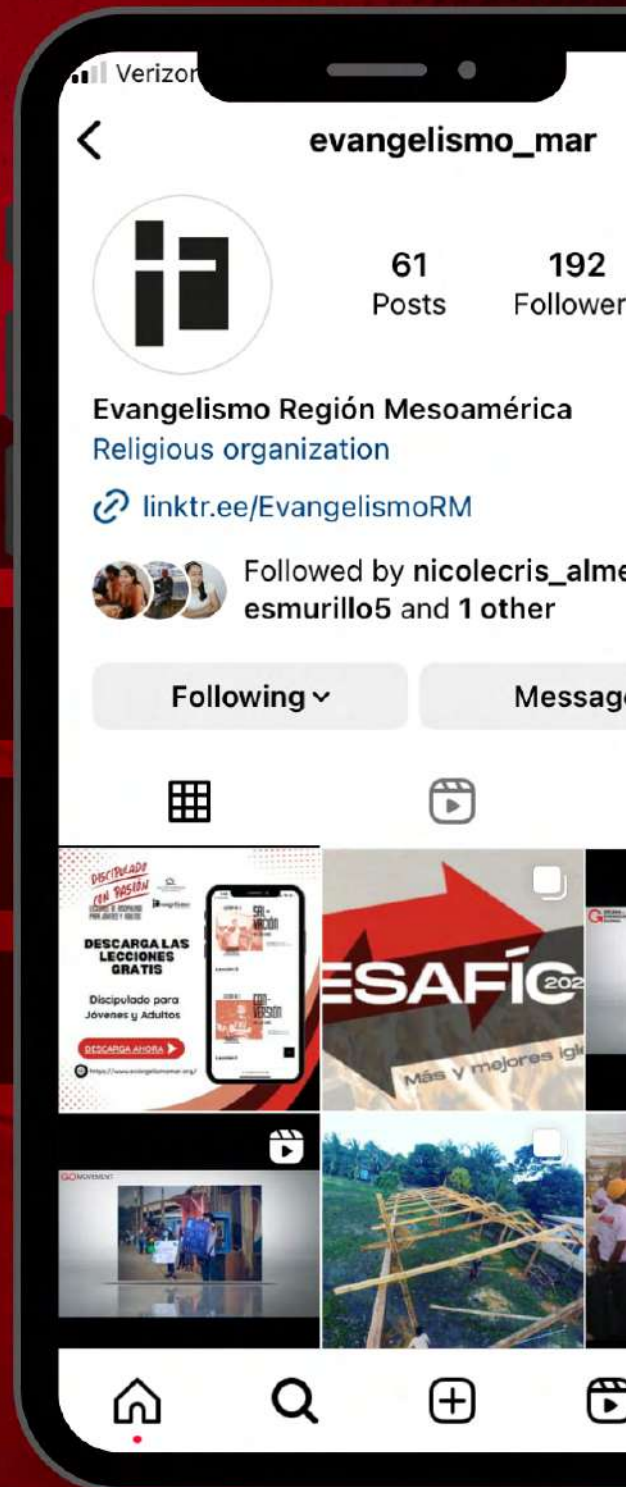
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