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Training pastors and Christian leadership

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Dear Church Family.

One of the hardest things to do in life and ministry is follow that simple verse in Psalm 46:10 that says, “Be still and know that I am God.” Many believe that this verse is about comfort and a drawing close to God, but in my life, it is more a command from the Lord to “shut up and listen so I can guide you.” Few things are more difficult than change, particularly when we feel we have it all figured out, but ministry never has many constants except the foundation of God’s word.

Costa Rica Church News

We traveled to Costa Rica in February with a long to-do list that had to be accomplished in three weeks. As mentioned in our last letter, we turned over the senior pastorate of our main church to my brother-in-law Dr. Arturo Vargas, as well as kicked off the full-time development of our online seminary. This required many meetings and communications, and I sincerely begged the Lord for a smooth flow and no confusion or problems of any kind in our church. God answered our prayers! Everything from finances to membership had to be reviewed. All the different workgroups were discussed and, in some cases, reactivated. Remember we are also dealing with the reopening of post-Covid restrictions, so there were several programs that we had done for years which had been canceled and had to be rebooted. After all was said and done and the final votes were cast for our new pastor, it was a unanimous decision. I can’t tell you how relieved I was to see this happen the way it did. God is so good!

Seminary News

We also held several meetings to build consensus on the plan we needed for the startup of the online seminary. The official kickoff was celebrated February 15th, and we are now under way. Currently we have 8 professors developing and retooling the courses. The name of the online Seminary that we chose is Legado Eterno (Eternal Legacy).

A few years ago I was with dad, Dr. Danny White, in his hospital room discussing his heart surgery. Dad was feeling a little down and useless since he was confined to the place till after the surgery. After a while, I looked at him and said, “I don’t understand what you are complaining about; you have a legacy of people whom you trained out there working in ministry.” This seemed to impact him, since most front-line men like him never stop to consider their influence on other people. He used that statement several times with different people after he recovered his health, and I pray that it helped him see all that God allowed him to accomplish.

Now that this new generation is leading the charge, we deemed it proper to honor my father by naming this new online development for all Latin America, Eternal Legacy. After all, what he gave us was a vision that points straight to heaven and needs to be shared with the whole world. Pray with us that this will impact further and deeper in the Hispanic world for the glory of God.

International Baptist Church of Volusia

After we returned from Costa Rica, another kickoff date loomed on the horizon--the start of a new Hispanic church in the heart of Florida. The church started 2 weeks before Easter and we had a big celebration on Resurrection Sunday. Many invitations, radio announcements, and newspaper articles went out. By the third service we had 25 people, and

all have remained with us since. Praise the Lord! There is so much left to do, and we ask that you continue to pray for this new church. We also ask that you pray for Alexis and Consuelo (our fellow laborers) to arrive soon. The target date for their arrival is May 10th. We really need their help. The concentration of Hispanics in the central Florida region is staggering. Central Florida has surpassed south Florida in the last several years in Hispanic population. We hope to see this church well established in the time God has us in this place. I can even envision training many of these men and women to continue reaching the vast populations that have come to the U.S, as well as returning to their home countries to spread the gospel. Many missionaries have spoken of the effectiveness of the national pastor and missionary. Funny how we never really considered those that have come here that are willing and capable to serve and more accessible to train!

A note from Mom (Maria White)

Dear folks,

Thank you once again for your faithful support. January camp season is over and we were blessed with four souls for heaven from this group of teens. The camp was described as the sweetest we have had. The spirit was just exceptional, preaching was spirit filled, and everyone enjoyed the camp experience.

I have been enjoying the music classes that I have given over the last months at the Seminary. The students were eager to learn, and their attitudes made the class a real joy. We had to meet Sunday mornings at 7:30 am before all the church activities, due to their work schedules. This is really a big effort on everybody's part, since Sundays tend to be hectic with all the church programs. Again, I really appreciate their efforts and can tell that they will do well as music directors in their churches.

We also had good Easter services and are praying for real revival in the hearts of our church members. We have a prayer chain from 6:00am to 6:00pm regarding this.

Times are really strange in this old world, and we need to be about our heavenly Father's business. Thank you for keeping me here in my place of service. Pray for my strength and health to continue to be stable. Love all of you and pray the Lord will bless each one and give you souls for your labors.

Serving the King

Maria White
Philippians 4:13

Final note

We always want to express our deep gratitude to all of you who give and pray for Joy Ministries as a whole. Our family has experienced more change in the last two years than any other time in our life. God has led and kept us through it all and has advanced His kingdom. We pray for each of you, and ask that God continues to bless you in all you do to reach the lost.

In Christ,

The Whites
Jonathan, Christina, Rachel, Julie, Natalie, Rose and Joe