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Someday, there will be permanent Christmas



With great sadness, we want to share with you that Juanita Rocha, Dorys' mom, passed away several days ago. Two years ago, Alan's dad went to Heaven as well. How could we celebrate? Although we recognize the difficulty of these times, we have the certainty that someday the Lord will turn these circumstances into a permanent celebration of His unmatched love and the Incarnation of His Son and His complete triumph.

1. The reality of a fallen world. The Bible says that we live under abnormal conditions, and that the Almighty mysteriously decides to live with the consequences of evil and sin. A description of the current conditions of the universe does not seem to leave much room for optimism. Apart from the daily experience, the Bible affirms with overwhelming realism, not only that creation is subject to frustration (Rom 8:20, "futility"), but even acknowledges that "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19). These conditions include sin, failure and also the death of our loved ones. However, although this is the reality in which we are all immersed, it is not the ultimate reality; it is a passing illusion.

2. The intervention of God. It is true that the Bible is more than realistic when it comes to describing the sad conditions of the world. However, it also says clearly that the Lord does not have an indifferent attitude towards it. In fact, almost the same passages in which the failure of the present world is declared, it affirms that the Lord is on the way to retribute what has been broken by sin and death. Romans 8 mentions "futility", "suffering", "bondage" or "decay"; but also declares "hope" and "the freedom of the glory of the children of God". Jesus rightly refers to His Second Coming as a "new world" (literally a "regeneration of all things"). You see? Soon the Lord will put things in their place! Sin, death and injustice should have no place in the world ... And they will not have it! There will be like a permanent Christmas!

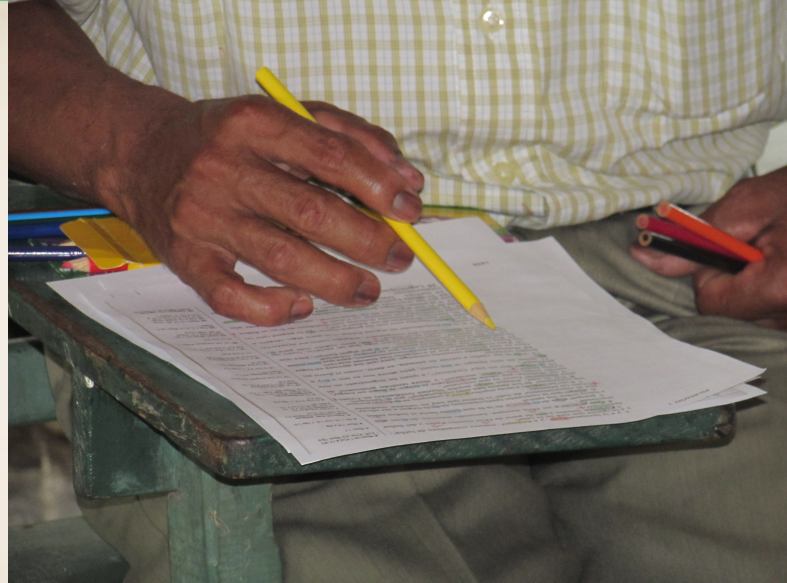
3. Our place in God's strategic plan. The children of God are part of the Lord's plan of action to fulfill that purpose. Today it is up to us to model and announce the "normal" conditions for the world. Instead of injustice, we live and preach righteousness; instead of selfishness, we proclaim generosity; instead of death we announce and promote life; instead of hate, we value selfless love. What a privilege! Begin to see what happens around you as a huge and sad parenthesis; as a dreadful pause that will soon be left behind by the Lord of the Universe. At the same time, become an agent of that alternative reality and promote the higher values of the One who sent His son to give us hope that someday we will return to normal; to a permanent Christmas state. Glory to His name!



The hands of a servant

Take a look to the picture on the right. It is a picture of the hands of one of our MBI students in the small village of El Carreto, Honduras. As you can see, these hands know about working the generous land. They are experienced in life and they know about sacrifice to sustain a family. But also, these are hands willing to learn about the Word of God. Actually, he is making an inductive Bible study on Philemon. That's why he is using color pencils. So, definitely, these hands also know about ministry and a passion for God. These are the kind of servants who we are serving through the Mobile Bible Institute both in Honduras and Nicaragua.

Starting this year, we resumed our classes for pastors and leaders in rural and needy areas of these countries. This time, we are preparing future teachers for these same classes! So far, we have taught 3 classes in this new effort. However, the group of students already have asked to start a new group, because, they said, "there is just too much need. Please, we need your help". How can you say "no" to such a plea, coming from servants with this kind of hands?



- 1. Pray for teachers' health. Changes in diet, heat, and the traveling can affect their health. In spite of everything, each one has expressed a high degree of satisfaction for this work. Praise the Lord for them.*
- 2. Pray for economic provision for both teachers and students. Most pastors must have a second job to live. One of our students received just around 8 dollars to attend the classes. However, he was more than happy to come.*

News from our family

We are joyous because Kristian, our son, completed his HS studies with the satisfaction of being one of the outstanding students in art and leadership. Now, he wants to become an Electronics Engineer, so he has been applying to scholarships in different universities. So far, the Lord has not answered his prayers. He has been serving as a volunteer at the School's Library and helping Alan in some ministry trips. We are thinking in helping him to start studies here in Honduras or in Guatemala City in a prestigious Scientific College. Please, help us pray for him and for economic provision for his studies.

Please, pray for Dorys as she finds strength and comfort amidst the situation in her family after her mom's passing. Please pray for comfort for Ramon, Dorys' dad and his new life without his longtime best friend. Pray for Dorys' brothers, son that they can take good care of their dad.

Our daughter, Kyrien, has been diagnosed with myopia, so she has started wearing glasses. Please pray, so that this time of adjustment be appropriate and easy for her. Praise the Lord, she is in her Sixth Grade now and also she is participating in a Music Band playing the flute.

Alan is finishing his first year of Ph.D. In Education. He is tired and has been suffering from back pains. The Doctor ordered him to rest more and to manage well his work and ministry commitments. Actually, he is going to leave some of the voluntary positions in several ministries not associated with his main job. Please, pray for that difficult process.

Please, pray for our work at the Siguatepeque Bilingual School. Alan is overseeing the spiritual and educational process, while Dorys is the main Counselor. There is a lot of need among the students, parents and teachers. Please, pray so that we can be wise in the management of our time, in using the proper words to encourage and lead others and for opportunities to impact lives with the Gospel of Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness and constant support towards our family. God bless you and Merry Christmas 2016.