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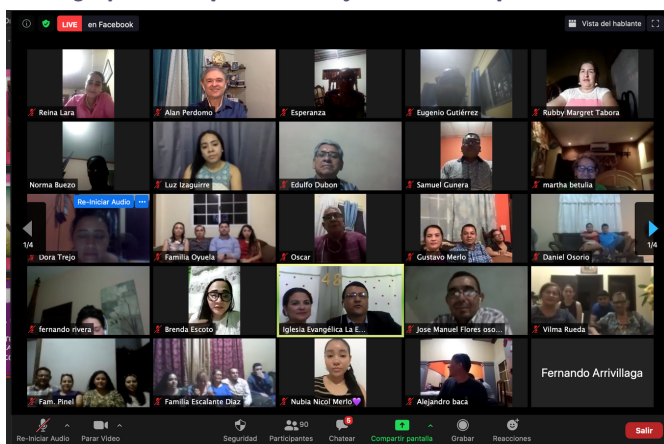
# PERDOMO FAMILY

World Reach Missionaries in Central America



## WE DIDN'T KNEW WHAT WAS COMING

That first Sunday of March 2020, we met in our buildings to worship our God and to take the Lord's Supper together. Nobody expected what came in March for all of us. We had plans, routines... "a normal life". We simply expected to follow the day to day routine as usual. Nobody ever imagined that our lives would undergo such a radical change. In Honduras, the government decreed a mandatory quarantine for the entire country. What about the jobs? What about church meetings? What about my family? What about ministry? Too many "What about"s. Since then, no one knows for sure what will happen, only that we needed to stay home. Sadly, many didn't respond appropriately. Some just said "There is no hope. It's the end of the world". Some others said "This is divine punishment". Others "declared" something like "It will not touch the faithful children of God". Even others experienced anxiety and fear. Meanwhile, the number of cases is on the rise, specially here in our city. The hospitals all over the country are full. Shamefully, in the middle of the emergency, there have been serious accusations of government corruption regarding the money destined for medicines and medical supplies. Many people is discouraged and frightened, but the Lord is still in control. This created new opportunities to share about the Grace and Hope in Our Mighty Lord. We present here, just a few examples.



The new faces of the Church in Zoom during one of Alan's preachings

## AN UNEXPECTED PUBLISHED BOOK

Several Seminary leaders asked **Alan** to work on a document about a theological perspective on the Coronavirus crisis. After he finished it, he was very satisfied with it as a tool for pastors and church leaders to use it to encourage and lead their congregations. The he started sharing the document with several friends. Two or three of them made the comment about it being so good, it could become a small book. One of them even contacted a designer and a small Christian editorial. They worked enthusiastically so fast that in a matter of three days... the 79 pages book was finished! It was incredible!

However, the Lord had not finished. Opportunities were opened for Alan to share about the content of the book in several countries such as Colombia, México, Guatemala and El Salvador, as well as different parts of Honduras. We rejoiced so much that this unexpected tool was being used for God's glory and the Church's instruction. Even though we were locked up, and Church buildings were closed, his Word was still active and used our work produced in our very home. All the glory be to the Lord!

## TECHNOLOGICAL PASTORING

Our local Church faced several challenges: Several brothers lost their job; other families work to get their support on a day to day basis. There were discouragement and incertitude. "Elena", for example, a single mom, had to take care of her own mother and her two children. She expressed her anxiety and fear in face of the pandemic.



Meanwhile, the pastoral work was transformed into prayers and text messages through WhatsApp, while the preaching was done via the Zoom platform. The group of leaders of the Ladies ministry calls each week 10 different homes to pray and talk to each lady in the Church.

Dorys had the opportunity to talk and pray abundantly with "Elena". On the first call, Dorys was praying so that the Lord fills each need in "Elena's" life. SuddEnly, she heard she was sobbing. That opened the door for a healing and blessed one-and-a-half-hour pastoral talk about life, work and fear. It was a revealing and amazing time to witness the Holy Spirit bring joy and hope to a dear sister in Christ.

We praise the Lord for these technological means, which allow us to teach the Word and love our brethren amidst a strict quarantine. Alan preaches regularly using Zoom platform, Dorys and the ladies of the Church use WhatsApp, Kyrien is using video conferencing to study and talk to her friends about Jesus. It has been wonderful to see the Mighty hand of the Lord in action even during this difficult time. As a preacher said, we are in quarantine, but the Lord and His Word is not. All Glory be to Our God!

## REVITALIZING A SEMINARY DURING THE PANDEMIC



1) SEBCAH is a local Bible Seminary which has faced great challenge during this time. Students had to be sent home, but later, the Seminary decided to continue its classes online. Although most of the teachers don't have experience with this, there was a group that was willing to learn how to do it. One of these teachers was Dorys. She had the opportunity to teach Old Testament 101. Both teachers and students learned a lot about the Bible, but also about education and life. Praise the Lord, none of them were left behind. "José", one of Dorys's students, who is 74, testified: "Sister Dorys: don't worry about me. I'm excited learning about God and His Word. Your teaching is very clear. Praise the Lord for your life".

2) Alan and Abner (a fellow World Reach missionary) decided to lead a series of conferences for the Seminary about Church ministry during the pandemic. So, they held conferences with experts about Children, Youth and Women ministry. They were transmitted through Facebook. The response was outstanding. They reached more than 500 listeners in total.

3) For 14 years, Dorys has been a part of a Seminary ministry for Ladies, which had to cancel classes. So, the group of teachers decided to produce short Bible Study guides and share them via WhatsApp to the ladies. The Lord used these studies to reach more ladies in different countries. So the group of students has grown and there are many more studying the Word in Nicaragua, Mexico, the U.S., Spain and Bolivia. That's how Our God leads His work. All the glory be to Him!

## OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

### NICARAGUA

Thank you for your prayers on behalf of our family in Nicaragua. They have faced several difficulties, although we have seen the faithful and powerful hand of our God. Several members of Dorys' family in Nicaragua got COVID-19. Three of her brothers were on the brink of death. We prayed a lot and got a little anxious, as you can imagine, but the Lord raised them up with strengthened faith. This hard time opened up a beautiful privilege for Dorys of sharing the Word and prayer, through a WhatsApp group with her brothers and her father to strengthen the faith of those who are believers and share the gospel with those who are not. The Lord knows what He is doing.

### HONDURAS

On the other hand, our family in Honduras lives in one of the cities with the highest number of Coronavirus cases in the country. However, praise the Lord they are doing well. Our son Kristian lives there. He is heavily involved in his local Church. He has continued his Engineering studies online. Actually, God willing, he will finish his classes this year. Our daughter Kyrien finished her 9th Grade online. She will start classes online as well. She is excited about new classes that she will take, specially Psychology and Sociology.

**"Sister Dorys: don't worry about me. I'm excited learning about God and His Word. Your teaching is very clear. Praise the Lord for your life". "José"**

## US AND OUR MINISTRY

**ALAN.** He has been working on his doctoral dissertation and doing ministry but he has experienced some health issues, specially sleep disorders from time to time. Please, pray for him and all the ministry and personal responsibilities.

**DORYS.** Besides ministry with the ladies in the church and the Seminary, she keeps writing inductive Bible studies for ladies. Her ministry of counseling and prayer through WhatsApp has expanded. Please, pray for her, so that the Lord gives her emotional strength to communicate God's will and Grace on each counseling.

**PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES.** Please, keep us in your prayers, both for our Church and for us and our various ministries. We will pray for you, your Churches and for your country so that the Lord continues to strengthen your faith and give you hope and so that He will show His mercy towards your nation.

We do not stop giving thanks to God for his generosity to us and for your faithfulness in participating with us in everything we do in the service of the Lord. We love you. Blessings.