

"Reaching the WORLD with the GOSPEL OF CHRIST through the local CHURCH"

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#### Mission's focus:

- Counselling
- Education
- Evangelism
- Discipleship

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Dear brother/collaborator,

I greet you cordially from Willemstad, Curacao the country where I was born. I thank God for your support in this difficult time of the pandemic. Be sure that God will reward all who contribute to His work. All those who support His work with prayer, moral or financial support (Galatians 6:8-9) [3] I hope you are trusting and depending on the Lord our God during the second wave of the Covid-19 that is affecting all the countries. Times are getting worse, but Jehovah El Elyon stays in control of everything (Psalm 123: 1-2).

In my last newsletter I mentioned that I was travelling to Curacao in February. Actually, I had to return to Peru before the end of March, but my flight has been cancelled. I don't have a return flight until now. I thank God that I can be in Curacao in this time of crisis due to the second wave of covid-19. Besides the fact that I can support and assist my mother, I can also take care of her. She has more health issues now that she is aging.

### Situation of Peru

As I mentioned previously, the second wave of covid-19 has affected Peru



enormously. Peru is in a stage of emergency and is working on a vaccination campaign. Thanks to God, Peru is receiving a greater quantity of Pfizer vaccines. It grew from 50,000 weekly in March to 200,000 weekly in April. The government is negotiating to get the vaccines of Moderna and

Johnson & Johnson. A lot of effort is being made to vaccine as many people as possible. This is the major strategy that Peru is utilizing to counter arrest the contagion of the covid-19.

Unfortunately, they discovered recently, that there have been irregularities with the vaccinations. Politicians, business men and others got vaccinated secretly. Moreover, the vaccine 'Sinopharm' of China has been administrated covertly to certain people, while it was still in the process of clinical testing. Other news states, that a group of elders have received placebos. Due to these irregularities the Peruvian government instituted a platform where the people can make complaints about these issues.

# **Preparations to start with School**

Since the last week of February 'La Roca Christian School' started with the preparations to start the new school year. In Peru the school year runs from March to the end of December. The official opening took place on March 11<sup>th</sup> and the classes started on March 15<sup>th</sup>. This school year I got a very interesting task. It entails giving 'tutoria' every two weeks. Some themes that I addressed were the values: respect and responsibility.

# Thanksgiving:

- Answers to prayer petitions and fulfilled promises;
- God's protection during the pandemic;
- Stay in Curacao and time with family and brethren of church;
- Commitment of the teachers of La Roca.
- Opportunities for evangelism;
- Grace and favors of God.

# **Prayer petitions:**

- God's mercy for the Peruvian people;
- God's guidance for my school responsibilities and ministries for this year;
- Protection of the missionaries and the ministry of La Roca;
- Wisdom for the management of the school when making decisions;
- Salvation of the members of the new Parliament and the new government;
- Election of a Peruvian president who fears God.



Personnel of La Roca Christian School

I also instructed on how to make a Plan for your life. The grades that I addressed were 1st, 2nd and 3rd of Secondary school. I am very thankful to God for this opportunity because I love working on the area of formation of the student. (3)

# Discipleship, counselling and evangelism

At this time, I am continuing with counselling virtually from Curacao.

Evangelism is something that is very much on my heart. I thank God for opportunities to share the gospel with flyers.

I didn't start with discipleship yet. I talked to the ladies that I've been discipling. I hope that God will take away all the obstacles so we can restart with discipleship soon.

# Stay on Curacao

I am thankful to God that I could go to the church service after not having been able to go to church for a year, due to the pandemic in Peru. Glory to God!



With my mother



Birthday cake of her 85th anniversary

Besides this, I am also grateful to God that I could celebrate my mother's birthday with my family in March. It was not possible to have a great celebration as we planned, but we did have a beautiful time in family setting. The Lord is merciful and good!

#### **Elections in Curação**

In my newsletter of January and February I asked you to pray for the elections of the Parliament on Curacao. This was held on last March 19<sup>th</sup>. Now we are in the process of forming the parliament and the new government. We can thank God, for the parties that won the elections, approached leaders of Christian churches for counsel with regards to the government program and decisions that they'll have to make. Please pray that this will lead to a new direction for our country, where the Word of God will be the source of wisdom for moral, spiritual and governmental decisions for our country. (Proverbs 1:7; 8:13-17; Isaias 40:22).

### **Final words**

Finally, I wish you health, strength and grace from God for the coming time. Continue trusting and waiting upon the Lord, for He is trustworthy and faithful. 'Elohim Machase Lanu' is the God of our refuge (Psalm 62: 8). Let us go to this Source to get real refuge!

Your servant in Christ,

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