

PERDOMO FAMILY

World Reach Missionaries in Honduras, Central America



16 HOURS FOR AN EXAM

Can you imagine spending 16 hours working on a single exam? This was Alan's experience when taking the "Comprehensive General Exam" (that is actually its name!) of his PhD in Theological Education studies. This is of the last requisites of the program. The exam consisted in making an evaluation of a hypothetical Seminary in decline (the first eight hours) and then, leading a process of revitalization of that institution (the other eight hours). As he worked writing and thinking, Alan recalled many of his experiences with the Mobile Bible Institute and with a local Seminary that he has helped restore. All those experiences were very useful for this exam!

Alan ended up physically and mentally tired after the two-day exam. However, it was worth the effort. After waiting about three weeks, the reviewers forwarded his evaluation. Their words were: "It really is an excellent job.... Alan has excelled at this - as he always does". May all glory and honor be to our Lord.

Now only two steps are left to finish the program: correct small details of format and grammar of the thesis and make a defense of it in front of my academic advisors. These are two small requirements in comparison with the road already traveled. The graduation date will be in the month of September, God willing. Please continue to pray that these last steps will be taken with excellence to honor the Lord.

HEALING HEARTS

"Amelia" is a Christian lady who is going through great difficulties in her marriage. Despite her faithfulness and constancy in attending the virtual meetings of her Church, her husband does not understand her dedication to the Lord. The result is a home filled with bitterness and mistrust.

One day, Dorys expressed her desire to be better prepared to counsel and help sisters like Amelia. This year, in the midst of the global crisis, our God answered that prayer. She was invited to participate in the training "How to heal the wounds of the heart" sponsored by the American Bible Society. For several weeks, Dorys attended classes, via Zoom, shared experiences with a group of ladies, read books, and practiced in several counseling scenarios. Thank the Lord, she approved the course and is now she is authorized to use and teach the material.

As a result, she is teaching two groups of 8 people each. Among them is Amelia. Her participation in the course has been encouraging to say the least. She has understood that the Lord wants to heal the wounds that she carries and is opening her mind to the teachings of Scripture. Fridays and Saturdays are tiring for Dorys, but the satisfaction of watching precious sisters like Amelia grow and being healed is more than rewarding. Please pray for Dorys so that the Lord will give her wisdom to teach the Word and help these dear ladies to experience God's grace, forgiveness and strength.





AN UNEXPECTED PUBLICATION

This May marks the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the first evangelical missionaries to Honduras. On May 30th, 1896, a group of brothers from the city of Dallas, Texas, arrived to a country forgotten by the world, but not by God.

As part of the celebration, Alan decided to ask several brothers to write some articles to produce a commemorative magazine for this special date. Several of them declined, for different reasons, the invitation. The deadline to produce the magazine was approaching. Seeing that there were just a few willing to write, Alan thought that the project would not be completed. However, about four days before the deadline, two articles, a poem and a congratulatory greeting arrived. Alan wrote another article and translated a message from Eduard Bishop, the first missionary to come to the country.

With these materials, Alan made the decision to edit the articles and design the cover and all the content for the magazine. The reason: there were just a few days left for the deadline. He used tutorials, online help, and predesigned templates to finish it. In the end, the digital magazine "Sabiduria Pastoral" (Pastoral Wisdom) was published. The comments from the pastors have been excellent and congratulatory. Several pastors even have shown willingness to collaborate with new articles. Of course, there are brothers who can do a superior work in design and art, but a great satisfaction for Alan is that the first issue of this magazine had an unexpected and spontaneous story. May the glory be to the Lord.

OPEN DOORS IN A LOCAL CHURCH

Emanuel Church is a faithful congregation of about 80-100 members. The Church has opened its doors, and the brothers and sisters have given us their friendship. The opportunities to serve and teach have been abundant and our ministry has been well received. This year, for example, the ladies of the congregation invited Dorys to lead the Ladies' Group. She accepted in order to prepare and train others to carry out this ministry.



Alan has been invited to teach and preach on a regular basis. In addition to that, he has been invited to be one of the elders of the church. He greatly appreciates the trust placed in him with this invitation. He is committed to supporting the pastor, who is a friend of his, and providing his advice and opinions in a prudent manner. The pastor, brother Carlos, has expressed to Alan that he wants him to preach more constantly "so that the church may be well fed spiritually." Praise the Lord for these expressions of affection and appreciation for the work we do. We ask for your prayers on behalf of the dear Emanuel Church, our local Church.