

A much needed project

Jose is a pastor in a small rural congregation in Honduras. He is married and has three grown children. After thirty years in ministry, he is tired and suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes. He feels that he needs a change in his life, but feels he just can't take a time to rest. He sometimes thinks that his failures have been many and that he has not had a successful life.

Jose's case is not isolated. Some experts consider that barely 10% of pastors seek help when faced with the frustrations of life.

Alan and Dorys have been praying for this need for a while. They have already presented World Reach leaders with a proposal to start a project to help pastors and church leaders deal with the pressures, illnesses, and injuries that have accumulated over time in ministry. It is called the "Center for Pastoral Renewal" (CPR).

The idea is to program a series of retreats and times of rest and counseling in which pastors experience a restoration of their spiritual energy and begin to be healed of the emotional wounds they are suffering. The program will begin in the coming months with weekends of reflection, prayer, and fellowship for no more than three or four pastors and their wives.

Please pray for a good reception of the initiative among the churches leaders in Honduras. Pray also that pastors, like Jose, would be willing to open their hearts and begin to enjoy God's grace in their lives.

Busy and Blessed Holy Week

In Honduras, Holy Week is an official holiday. Many people take advantage of that time to rest or visit a beach or tourist site. This year, Alan and Dorys' Easter was filled with a lot of work and little rest.

On <u>Tuesday</u> of that week, Alan was teaching via Zoom, for two hours, to a group of teenagers from a church in Guatemala. The theme was the afterlife for believers and non-believers. After the teaching, the youth asked several very relevant and interesting questions. As you can imagine, it was an opportunity to reflect on the scope of the Gospel of God.

On <u>Wednesday</u>, Dorys had the opportunity to teach in our local church women's group about the implications of Christ's death for women's lives today. The group showed great interest and, at the end of the meeting, many joined in a prayer of commitment to the Lord.

On <u>Thursday</u> of that week, Alan was invited to teach for two hours, via Zoom, to a group of professionals in Guatemala. The theme was "The Different Christs that Exist in Today's Culture". They reflected on the Christ who came with the Spaniards during the Colony, on the Christ of miracles, on the one who offers prosperity, and also on the Christ who is political. It was time well spent and it provoked interesting questions and comments.

On <u>Friday</u>, Alan had the opportunity to preach at our church's special Easter service.

Thanks to the Lord for the opportunities to serve his people in the most important festivity of Christianity, in which the death and resurrection of the Lord are celebrated.





9... The Pain is a 9!!!

"On a scale of 1-10, how bad is the pain?", asked the doctor who was treating Alan at a city hospital. He had arrived there, helped by Dorys and some brothers from the Church who, providentially, were in his house.

Upon arrival, a doctor examined him and decided to administer some painkillers intravenously. However, the pain did not subside. In fact, the answer to the doctor's question was the same for a couple more hours: "9, the pain is a 9!". Finally, the doctor made the decision to administer morphine. Very slowly, the intensity of the pain subsided, but the cause still had to be found.

On the next day, Alan went back to the hospital for several blood tests and an ultrasound of his abdomen. The suspicion was confirmed: his gallbladder was inflamed. Although there were no signs of stones, the doctor believed Alan should be seen by another doctor to confirm the diagnosis and possibly schedule gallbladder surgery.

Praise the Lord, he is much better now. He has to visit the doctor again to evaluate the course of action in this case. Thank you for your faithful prayers on his behalf.

An academic triumph!

March 24th was very special for our family. Alan, Dorys, and Kyrien went to San Pedro Sula to attend Kristian's graduation as an Electronics Engineer.

This is an important milestone in Kristian's life and a source of pride for his parents and sister. During the elegant and sober ceremony, some 150 new professionals graduated from different careers.

Due to the pandemic, only 3 guests were allowed, but that meant that the whole family was together for this very special event.

We praise the Lord for this academic triumph in Kristian's life. At the same time, we are grateful because he is already studying for a master's degree in Organizational Leadership at a university in Guatemala. Without a doubt, this new challenge will be a great blessing for Kristian and a perfect preparation for the plans that God has prepared for him.

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