

PERDOMO FAMILY

World Reach Missionaries in Central America

Welcome, Kristian, to the World Reach family

We still remember, years ago during the Independence celebration in Central America, our two year old son, Kristian, was holding a Guatemalan flag. One of the neighbors asked him, "Hey, Kristian, is that Guatemala's flag?". With an innocent but firm face, our son replied: "No. It's mine!" We could see right there the spark and grace our little son had.

Over the years, we have had the privilege to see that sweet boy turn into a smart and curious teenager, and then into a productive and mature young man. In fact, we have witnessed how the Lord had led him to become His servant. He has been seeking God's face and trying to obey His voice in each decision of his life. We have listened, talked, prayed and given counsel to our dear son. As the years went by, Kristian had academic achievements, such as an Engineering degree in Electronics. However, it seemed the Lord was calling him to something more. So he started a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. He had a job in a Christian NGO which allowed him to experience ministry work with short term mission groups and charitable ministries. One day he said to us he was convinced the Lord was calling him to full time ministry. He applied for missionary service in World Reach and started a second Master's degree in Theology.

Praise the Lord, the leaders of World Reach approved Kristian as a career missionary in the past weeks. Obviously, we are very proud of our dear son. We know he wants to honor His God with his talents and strengths. Now, we have the privilege to welcome him to our ministry team in Honduras. It will be a joy to serve the Lord with him. Although his area of ministry will be a little different, since he will focus in preaching the Gospel through arts and communications and our focus is in teaching the Bible through theological education. But we know that we will have many wonderful adventures together, serving our Lord and ministering others.

Please pray for Kristian and his process of raising support, for his theological studies, for new ministry opportunities, and for his future plans. We will be there to give him parental counsel and guidance, but we know his life is in God's hands. Welcome to our team, Kristian!

Talking on TV about the final times

We are living in a strange and uncertain era. Many events are happening, as we see truth being attacked and people make efforts to live independently from God. This idea of "freedom" is bringing confusion and anxiety to the world. Many want answers for a lot of questions.

A few weeks ago, Alan was invited by a journalist to participate in a local TV show to talk about the recent world events and its meaning in light of the Scripture and prophecy. Of course, that was an excellent opportunity to present the Christian perspective about what is happening now. At the same time, there is a true risk of being presented as a narrow minded and naive religious person. Alan thought about the opportunities and dangers and decided to take a pastoral approach, knowing many people are worried and disoriented.

The talk was very honest and included several relevant questions: Is the war in Ukraine the beginning of the end of the world? What is the role of the Church in an ideologically divided society? Does the Bible still have something to say to the world today? These and other questions were discussed with sincerity.

Alan presented the Gospel of salvation several times and also talked about the importance of the attitude in light of the coming of Christ, instead of trying to build a perfect chart and order of events. At the same time, he invited the audience to be in peace, trusting in God and seeking refuge in the perfect Word of God. At the end of the show, the journalist said to Alan, "I think we had a very productive time. You have a very wise way of talking about sensitive issues. Thank you". May the Lord use the recording (which is on Facebook) to reach many others with the eternal Gospel of Jesus Christ. All glory to His name!





What is God Doing in Me?

One of the worst nightmares of every parent is that one of their children suddenly collapses without knowing the cause. That was exactly the situation our family suffered several weeks ago. Our daughter, Kyrien, one morning only managed to say to Dorys: "I don't think I feel very well...". After those words, she collapsed into Dorys' arms. As you can imagine, nerves and despair took us over. A scare of this magnitude, without a clear explanation, is terrifying.

After reanimating, she began a journey that hasn't ended yet. A trip that included stops at the offices of various medical specialists: internist, cardiologist, neurologist, endocrinologist, and also visits to various laboratories to perform many expensive medical tests. At every step, Kyrien showed a lot of courage, although of course, the worries and anxieties appeared as the weeks passed and tests accumulated and there was no final diagnosis. In one of our talks with her, she asked, "What is God doing with my body? What does He want to teach me?" Those questions allowed us to have a profound and uplifting conversation with our dear daughter about suffering, our frailty, and trust in a powerful and Sovereign God. Praise the Lord for these unforgettable moments amidst confusion!

To this day, the strongest suspicion among doctors is that Kyrien suffers from hypothyroidism, combined with a polycystic ovary condition. The combination of these problems leads her to suffer from low blood pressure, dizziness, and other problems. In a couple of weeks we will have a new visit with the endocrinologist to confirm the diagnosis and start treatment according to the results of the latest tests. Please, we ask for your prayers on behalf of our beloved Kyrien, that the Lord manifests His perfect will and that she fully recovers her health.

Our Prayer Requests

Please, pray for:

- Kyrien's health and studies in a diploma program virtually at SETECA.
- The start of Mobile Bible Institute's preliminary classes in Lenca (a Honduran indigenous group) in La Paz. Alan and Dorys will teach "Character of a Leader".
- Dorys' studies for a Masters's degree in Counseling. She is just two courses away from finishing classes. Please pray for the process of writing her thesis.
- The local seminary in which Alan is part of the Board, that the Lord gives wisdom to make the best decisions.

Learning about Character Transformation

From time to time, Alan is invited to teach a month-long course via Zoom in a Christian college in Guatemala City. In the past few weeks, Alan taught a course called "Character of a Leader According to the Bible". The challenge was very hard. The college explained to Alan that this is the first class the students would take in their pastoral program. Besides that, the person who made the invitation said, "We want our students to start their career listening to you". With a grateful heart and a high sense of commitment, Alan carefully prepared the four-week course.

The main objective was to focus on the transformation of the heart, instead of just changing the conduct or the visible fruit of a leader. Alan prepared four main themes: The Main Difference Between Internal and External Transformation; How God Can Transform My Life from the Heart; How God Can Transform My System of Life; What Kind of Fruit is Expected from a Transformed Life. During the class, many questions were asked, a fruitful dialogue took place, and a friendship between Alan and his students grew, in spite of the fact that the class was held via Zoom.

After the class, several students expressed their appreciation for the class. One of the pastors said: "Praise the Lord for your class. It's people like you who can inspire us and encourage us to live the life of Jesus." Rosa said: "Definitely, there is a before and after in my life from your course. Thank you for teaching us." Praise the Lord for these opportunities to teach the Word of God.

A New Class on Ecclesiology

The experience teaching at the Master's degree in Dallas Theological Seminary has been a blessing for Alan. After teaching two courses last year, the seminary has asked him to teach "Ecclesiology and Sanctification".

This is one of Alan's favorite theological topics. This is a great opportunity to reflect, investigate, and engage in a dialogue about subjects such as the Church's government, the Church's ordinances, the mission of the Church or the danger of institutionalism. There are 32 students from several countries including Spain, Argentina, Colombia, and Peru.

So far, the classes have been wonderful. The students have expressed their satisfaction with the teaching. Words like "excellent!" or "thank you for your teaching" have been repeated several times. Please pray for this group of students and for Alan, that he will express the teaching of the Word of God in a clear and relevant way.