



PERDOMO FAMILY

World Reach Missionaries in Central America

Teaching Despite the Unexpected

What do you do when you're all set to teach a class, and everything seems to go wrong? That question had to be answered by Alan and Dorys as they taught a new class at a new World Reach teaching site.

The "Lencas" are a traditional ancestral group from Honduras. Its history extends even before the arrival of the Europeans. By the grace of God, the Gospel reached different Lenca groups over time, which is why many churches and congregations have been formed in the areas where they live. Currently, the growth of many churches is evident, which is why the leaders asked World Reach to help them train leaders in the region. As a product of that request, the Honduran team started a ten class training program for church leaders in the Lenca area. The first class in that area was taught by Alan and Dorys. It was a very important class because they wanted to establish a relationship of trust and learning with these dear brothers. The class was "Character of the Leader".

Alan and Dorys prepared the material, including presentations to be seen on the projector, some videos and a couple of audios to illustrate their teaching. They arrived at the church, and they saw a lot of students. Everything was ready, when... surprise! There was no electricity in the area. What could they do?

After a time of prayer and analysis, they decided that Alan would teach, using objective lessons, the importance of the heart (the motivations) according to the teachings of Jesus. Dory used little post-its and a jar of water to teach what to do when a person has received deep wounds and does not know how to move on. With some nervousness due to these changes, both depended on the Lord and taught the Word of God.

The reaction of the brothers was surprising. Alan and Dorys concluded that the Holy Spirit had already been working in the lives of the students, as they joyfully accepted the teaching. When Dorys then asked them to place their emotional wounds in the hands of Jesus, practically all of them came forward. Tears could be seen in the eyes of some and an attitude of genuine commitment and determination.

For Alan and Dorys, it was a privilege to witness the hand of the Spirit moving in the lives of these dear brothers and sisters. Thank God because everything that happened was a preparation due to the grace of the Lord acting in each person that unforgettable day. Praise the Lord!



Dorys teaching with the Lencas in a new World Reach program.

A Necessary Summit on a Delicate Subject

All of us know that Migration is a delicate and complex issue, both for the countries that see their citizens leave and for those that receive them. For this reason, when Alan received an invitation to participate in the First Summit on Migration and the Bible in El Salvador, he thought it was a great opportunity to reflect and discuss how to help people in need.

The event was held at the Evangelical University of El Salvador, which was an excellent host for all the participants. There were representatives of different churches and religions, including the Greek Orthodox Church, the Catholic Church, the Anglican Church and various evangelical churches. There was also participation of some ambassadors from countries such as Mexico, Ecuador, and Costa Rica. In addition, there were representatives of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

The event took place in an atmosphere of deep respect, reflection, and mutual learning. During that time, there were several opportunities to analyze the complex socio-economic and spiritual realities of migrants and the laws of the countries that receive them. Attendees were challenged to view migration with an understanding in light of desperate conditions that force many to flee their countries. At the same time, they encouraged us to show respect for the sovereignty of each country and its laws. Diplomats were encouraged to seek ways to promote orderly and legal migration, promoting people's well-being and hope, even without leaving their place of residence.

Thank God for the learning, fellowship, and reflection that this event sparked. Apart from discussing the issue, He also gave the opportunity to meet other Christian leaders who are interested in the issue of migration. May the Lord continue to offer us opportunities to train ourselves to guide and help others.



Alan with other Honduran pastors during the Summit on Migration and the Bible in El Salvador.

"Dialogues of Faith" Radio Show

In a country like Honduras, with a high rate of rural population, the radio continues to be a means of communication with great influence on the population. In Siguatepeque, there is a Christian radio that broadcasts some international programs such as the teachings of Charles Stanley or Adrian Rogers. The radio station even has its own Android app, so now the programming can be listened to via internet all over the world. In addition, it broadcasts some programs led by local pastors and missionaries. One of them is World Reach missionary, Abner Mejia. He is the director of a program called "Dialogues of Faith", dedicated to reflecting and analyzing relevant topics in light of the teaching of the Bible.

Abner recently asked Alan to join him in hosting the weekly show. Gladly, Alan accepted and from now on, both are presenting the program using series of various topics for the instruction of pastors and leaders and the people of God. They even have discussed the possibility of using these recordings as part of the materials that can be used in the classes of World Reach's Mobile Bible Institute.

So far, they have made two monthly series of programs: the first one was about Migration and the Bible, and the second one was about the Church and its social responsibility. They have received very positive comments so far. Praise the Lord for Abner's willingness to work alongside Alan in this team effort using an effective and flexible media. Please pray that this effort reaches many people with the eternal principles of the Word of God.



Abner, Alan, and guest Kristian in the studio of the radio show "Dialogues of Faith"

Adapting Our Teaching Methods to the Students

David is the leader of a congregation in rural eastern Honduras. He enthusiastically collaborated with his church's pastor and he even, from time to time, preaches the Bible. However, David can barely read and write. In fact, since he learned, several years have passed and he hardly writes anything. His salary is so low that, to support his family, he must cultivate the land and sell grain and other products.

David was invited by the leaders of his region to participate in two classes taught by Alan and Dorys. Alan taught "The Life Formation of a Leader" and Dorys taught "Grammar for the Study of the Bible". When classes began, David was surprised when he saw the homework and the contents that he had to study. With a little shame, he approached the teachers and explained that he "wasn't good at school". For a moment, he even thought about giving up classes. Alan and Dorys encouraged him to stay and get help from his classmates. Of course, for both Alan and Dorys, it was a great challenge to teach a group so diverse; there were young people who found it easy to study and others like David, who had a hard time in this type of class. Alan and Dorys had to make changes and adapt their teaching to the group. However, it was evident that all of them had a great desire to learn and be trained to serve the Lord in the church.

On the last day of school, Alan asked the group to participate in a quiz to be done in pairs. With great nervousness, David agreed. His partner was very patient and encouraged him to remember everything he had learned. When finished, Alan asked what they had thought of the activity. The group erupted into a satisfied applause. By the way, one of those who applauded the most enthusiastically was David. Thank God for the blessing of having met these brothers and the opportunity to participate in their preparation of serving the Lord.



Dorys teaching "Spanish Grammar" to the students in Eastern Honduras.

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PLEASE PRAY:

On July 12th, we will travel to Nicaragua for a series of teaching in different parts of that beautiful country. In October, Alan will be one of the speakers on an international Congress of Theological Educators in Guatemala. Praise the Lord, Kyrien is much better now from her physical problems. Please, keep praying for total recovery.