

Perdomo Family

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World Reach Missionaries in Central America

We are living in difficult times in Honduras. The general prices are on the rise and insecurity is evident everywhere we go. More and more, we need to take precautions as we drive through our city. Several pastors have said that we should expect more difficult times for Christians in our country. Please, help us pray for our safety and boldness as we serve in the Name of Our Lord to people in need. Now, it is our privilege to share with you several ways in which the Lord has blessed us richly as we work for Him.

A Kingdom of Children in Our Local Church

“Chris” is a 12 year old orphan boy who attends “Emanuel”, our local Church. He and some 15 children from a local orphanage are transported every Sunday by George, a 90 year old bus driver who also attends our Church. In Honduras, September 10th is National Children’s Day, so George picked up an excited group of children to be part of a special celebration. Chris said: “I will eat a lot of candy today”.

Alan and Dorys are coordinating Sunday School ministry, so they prepared and led the event. The theme for that day was “A Kingdom of Children”. The program was dynamic and joyful. There were some children’s songs and special participation of Sunday School teachers and students. It was moving to see Chris come in front of everybody and say key Bible verses along with his classmates. On behalf of the congregation, two adults expressed the appreciation and love for the children. Using cartoons and animations, Alan presented the story of Jesus exalting children as models of what His followers are. The children responded with excitement and laughter.

One of the ladies donated popcorn and the Church bought some pizzas for everybody. Although Chris didn’t have candies, he said at the end of the celebration: “It is exciting to be 12”. Praise the Lord for the opportunity of celebrate the life of these precious children. Please, pray for all of them, for George, the driver and for the Sunday School program.



Multiple Teaching in Nicaragua

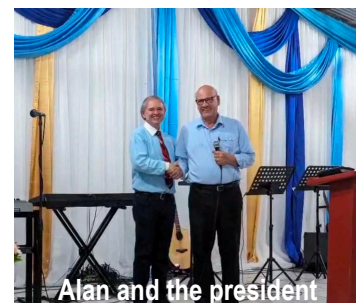
The Lord allowed us to visit Nicaragua, Dorys’ beloved birth country. Alan was invited to a Youth Camp with churches from five cities. When other leaders knew we were coming, they invited not only Alan but Dorys and Kristian as well to teach in other cities. As a result, we spent almost two weeks traveling to three cities in Nicaragua and teaching in different events. Praise the Lord!

First of all, we attended the Youth Camp. There were some 90 enthusiastic and energetic youths. Kristian, our son, served as a leader of one of the tribes of the camp. Alan taught 6 times about “A Different Kind of War” about the spiritual battle. Several kids expressed their gratitude. Some even said to Alan: “You are a different kind of preacher: you connect with us and our reality”. Praise the Lord.

The second place was Presillas, Dorys’ birthplace. The Church which sent her to study the Bible asked Alan, Dorys and Kristian to teach to all the leaders of the Church. Alan taught about character and motivations to the elders and deacons. Dorys taught about education to Sunday School teachers, and Kristian taught about strategic planning. It was an emotional experience, specially for Dorys, who reconnected with brothers and sisters from her birth town. Her dad came along and enjoyed a time with us and with the Church.



The third stop was the National Pastors Retreat, in which some 100 pastors heard the exposition of the Word of God by Alan. He spoke about several realities of ministry such as “Convenience Versus Faithfulness” and “How to face Temptation and Failure”. The pastors even asked some hard questions. It was a time of reflection and self analysis. The Lord spoke clearly to the life and ministry of everybody.



Alan and the president of the FIEMCA denomination

Praise the Lord for this time with family and friends. Please, pray for the Church in Nicaragua and for Dorys’ family as well.



Teachers and students singing and dancing with the children of one of the Sunday School classes

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A Spa for My Entire Life

Pastors' wives are often overlooked among those who receive help and guidance in complex situations of ministry life. Usually, they suffer pressures of working in a Church and, in addition, endure in silence the sufferings and misunderstandings that they and their family face in ministry.

By the grace of God, Dorys joined fellow missionary Alisson Mejía and a team of ladies from our church Emanuel to organize the first Conference for Pastors' Wives, under the theme "A Spa for my Entire Life." Also, a generous Church in the United States was willing to collaborate with this local team to organize this experience. This first event was a time of refreshment, fellowship and orientation, in which about 25-30 sisters participated.



The sisters in attendance were pleasantly impressed. The program included Bible study, beauty secrets, active games and a time to express and heal the pressures to which each one is subjected. One of the attendees expressed, at the end of the activity, "This is the first time in my life that we are given the gift of this beautiful time. We feel honored". The purpose was fulfilled! Thank God for these faithful sisters who are warriors in encouraging their husbands and children in the ministry that the Lord has entrusted to them.

Bound by Jesus

A Church in Choloteca, invited Alan and Dorys to teach in a Dinner for Married couples. The slogan of the dinner was "Bound by Jesus". In that opportunity, Alan taught to the brothers and sisters about the differences of men and women and the way Jesus can help us understand each other to be better husbands and wives. The couples stared puzzled and shocked when they heard the differences in our way to communicate, give and receive love or express opinions. Alan said: "If you want to live 'in an understanding way' (1 Pet 3:7) with each other, you must know and embrace the differences with your spouse".

After that time, the ladies spent time talking about some examples with Dorys, while husbands talked with Alan about the subject. As always, men finished first and had to wait on the expressive and spontaneous women. They talked, made questions, shared stories and more. However, men seemed to understand, since one of them approached Alan and said: "This is the first time that I can explain many things in my marriage. It's possible that this teaching is going to save my marriage". Praise the Lord for the privilege to witness this blessings.

Our Daughter's First Bible Teaching

Our daughter, Kyrien, is growing fast, not only physically, but also spiritually. Her relationship with the Lord has deepened and she is more involved in Church ministry. Several weeks ago, our pastor approached her and asked her to teach a lesson on "Our Identity in Christ" in the youth group.

Kyrien joyfully and thankfully accepted, and from that moment on, she began to prepare her teaching. With a lot of commitment, she studied, looked for contemporary songs according to the subject, read her Bible, made notes and worked in a multimedia presentation. Good for her!

As the date approached, she was more and more stressed. She asked her parents to review her material and she prayed every day of that week. She was ready in every sense.

When she presented the subject, members of the youth group were greatly impressed by her deep thoughts. She even shared with her parents that some ideas were "not hers". In fact, when she was teaching, she thought "Hey, this is good stuff".

Of course, that's the Holy Spirit putting thoughts and words in her to impact God's people. At the end of the service, almost everybody approached and commended her for her work. The most repeated word, besides "Thanks" was "Excellent".



As you can imagine, her parents are very proud of her and humbled for the privilege of watching their little one (she is 18, but she will always be their "little one") serve as an instrument in God's hands to edify and challenge His people. They look forward to witnessing great things the Lord will accomplish in her and through her.

A Class for the Leader's Character

As part of WR's Mobile Bible Institute, Alan and Dorys taught a class on "The Leader and His Character". A group of almost 50 brothers and sisters attended the class in which Alan taught about the character and the way to build it for the Lord, and Dorys taught about how to heal emotional wounds. It was a time of deep thoughts and a time to make decisions. One of the more revealing subjects was "How to forgive". That is always a hard subject to talk about. After questions, experiences, opinions and reading the Bible carefully, the group closed the class singing a song based on Micah 7:18-19. Some of the voices were trembling and everybody understood that to forgive (and forget) is something that defines the character of God, so it must be one of our main goals in life.

Praise the Lord for this opportunity to teach a key subject just as this one. Please, pray for the Bible Institute and its students.