

HIS POWER AT WORK

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! I hope you had an amazing time celebrating the birth of Jesus, and that you have a great time on New Year's to thank the Lord for the year that ends and place the coming one in His hands. Thank you for your prayers and support!

A tale of three nights

As you know, we at the Light on High ministry have been preparing for months for our Christmas play, which centered around the story of Onesimus, Philemon and Paul. This is a great story to talk about forgiveness and redemption, making it the perfect opportunity to share the gospel with audiences. After sending updates of how the practice process was going, I can finally share how the three presentation nights went, on December 20, 21 and 22, when we would finally be able to see the fruit of 5 months of preparation and 3 months of practice.

Night One: It's Showtime!

The day was finally here. The whole cast and crew was asked to come at 4:30 pm, but the day started early for some of us, as my friend and co-director of the play, Xavier Padilla, treated the planning team to lunch, as a "thank you" for our work. All three days, at 5:45 pm, we got together to sing a song, share an encouraging Bible verse, and give instructions. On this first day, I read Luke 2:8-10 and, inspired by my <u>dad's prayer letter</u>, I talked about how the shepherds had **great fear**, but were instructed to have **great joy**. I said we were probably nervous, and that was normal, but we shouldn't be fearful of what could happen, instead being joyful at the opportunity to share the gospel. Expectations were high and the auditorium was full (the count was around 700 people). By the Lord's grace, the presentation went well, and the gospel was shared. Hector, the actor in charge of sharing the gospel, forgot to ask that people raised their hand if they made a decision for the Lord, but even so, about 5 people raised it after he led prayer. Furthermore, there was a table at the back for people who were coming for the first time, and there weren't enough volunteers for all the people who approached it!

Night Two: Beware Overconfidence!

After the first show, everyone feels a little less nervous, but that can translate into being too relaxed, or overconfident. This leads to less concentration and more possibility of mistakes. The second night of this play was not the exception to the rule. On top of that, it was the night of the Honduran soccer league final game, which made for a smaller audience (Although still large at 500). Despite all this, the Lord had everything under control, as the gospel was shared, and 12 people raised their hand to make a decision for Jesus.

Night Three: That's a Wrap!

The last show was packed, the count was around 800 people! The general feeling of the 100+ members of the cast and crew was of thankfulness and a desire to finish strong. Before starting, we sang a song called Gratitude, and we prayed asking the Lord for strength for the last presentation. The show was great, and it was a very special moment to hear when at least 20 people raised their hand to ask Jesus into their hearts. As we did the previous two days, we prayed right after we finished, praising the Lord for His grace. At the moment, we were exhausted, but as I look back on it now, I'm happy and honored to have been a part of this amazing effort. Part of the work ends, but for the church as a whole, it is just beginning, as we now have the responsibility to disciple the group of new believers that God brought through the play. Praise the Lord for all He did!



The whole cast and crew



Some of the team o area directors



The actor sharing the gospel

A look back on 2023

I'm sure you have noticed I have named my newsletters "His Power at Work", based on Ephesians 3:20. This verse, and the next, say: Now to him who is able to do **far more abundantly than all that we ask or think**, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This year I have experienced His power at work, I have been able to see Him do far more in my life than what I could ever dream. What a great year this has been! Only He deserves all the glory for what He has done and what He will continue to do in my life. I hope I can be a useful instrument in His hands to impact the lives of others, just as many people (including you, through your prayers and support) have impacted mine.

As I'm closing my first year of doing ministry with World Reach, I'm happy to look back (pictures below) on every experience that shows God's mercy for my life, and that is beyond my wildest dreams. To Him be the glory!



Becoming a World Reach missionary in Honduras.



Being a leader to a group of teenagers.



Working with the Honduras team to make a 5 year strategic plan.



Directing a drama ministry.



Teaching about leadership in another country: Nicaragua.



Going on my first solo trip to the US to do partnership development.



Preaching at the church where my family attends on the day my dad was given a theological award.



Getting a Masters' Degree.



Click or scan this QR code to see some more pictures and videos of the Christmas play, the podcast episode, and subtitled versions of the latest Light on High sketches!



I'M THANKFUL BECAUSE:

- The Christmas play was successful, and many people came to Christ as a result of the work of many.
- The Lord has led me to a path in ministry that was more than what I imagined.
- My family continues to be an example and encouragement to me in ministry and in my personal life.
- There is a team of partners and friends (both in Honduras and the US) who have my back in prayer and with whom I can share success and struggles.

I ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

- The Lord to bless the ministry I do this year, and for me to honor Him through all I do. This new year brings new ministry opportunities but also more responsibilities.
- The 5 year plan we worked on with the World Reach Honduras team, for it to give glory to the Lord and be a tool for World Reach's mission in the country.
- This year's plan for the drama ministry, and the plans to work with other churches to make drama ministries.
- The new ministry opportunities in leadership development and music teaching ministries in 2 christian schools.

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