

PERDOMO FAMILY

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IS OBEDIENCE BLIND?

What a gift it is for a teacher when his students are so engaged that they want to continue the conversation. Recently, Alan visited the beautiful Dominican Republic. He was invited by a denomination to participate in a retreat for about 75 families of pastors and leaders. Under the theme “Building Families for Christ,” Alan had the opportunity to teach about 6 times on various topics including the role of parents, love and care between husband and wife, and raising children in these dangerous times. It was a singular privilege, without a doubt. The response from the participants was very encouraging. There was laughter, “amen” statements, and questions. They were engaged. However, perhaps the most special thing happened after the time of teaching. It was after 10 p.m. and a group of brothers, including two of Alan's students at Dallas Theological Seminary, asked him to answer some questions about the topic. The central question was “Is obedience to God blind?” Alan had pointed out in his conference that, like children's obedience to their parents, obedience to God should not be blind. The Lord wants human beings to obey him voluntarily and wholeheartedly, although sometimes obedience occurs without full understanding of the commandments. One of the brothers stated: “It is fascinating to reflect on these issues. Thank you very much for blessing us with such challenging ideas.” At the end of the event, Alan, along with the pastors and leaders, celebrated and thanked God for the opportunity to learn together and commit to building families for the Lord.

A NEW COALITION

A group of 31 leaders from various parts of Honduras and from various theological institutions (Bible Institutes, Seminaries and organizations) were gathered to reflect about the condition of theological education in Honduras.



Coordinators of the New Coalition for Theological Education in Honduras

This event, sponsored by World Reach and other organizations, could be the starting point to improve the ministry of pastors in the country.

After three days of intense work, reflection and various proposals, the group adopted the name of “Evangelical Coalition for Pastoral Training in Honduras”. Seven brothers and sisters were elected to lead the process of cooperation to improve and stimulate pastoral training in Honduras. Alan was one of the named. Praise the Lord for the opportunity and privilege to promote the theological education. Please, pray for the group of coordinators and for the entire initiative.



A group of pastoral families working and discussing principles of the Scripture

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1) An upcoming class in Colombia that Alan will teach. He will travel on the last week of May. He will teach "Survey of the Bible".
- 2) Kyrien's health. The doctor just recommended that she continue a treatment for six more months.
- 3) Dorys' Master's Degree studies. She is planning to start writing her thesis.
- 4) The team of teachers at the Sunday School in Emanuel, our local Church. We have several new teachers, some of them teenagers. Pray for their training and development

SEPARATED

In January, Dorys embarked on a trip to her homeland, Nicaragua, to renew her passport. Little did she or the rest of the family imagine that this time was going to be hard and difficult.

That country is in the process of changing the ID document for the entire population. So, when Dorys stood in a long line to request the renewal of her passport, she was informed that she needed a new ID. The place to request it was in another part of the city, and she had to stand in another long line to request it. Upon arriving at that new office, she was informed that she needed a new birth certificate as a prerequisite. That document was requested in another part of the city. When she arrived, she was informed that this certificate had to go through a verification of several days. So, it began a time when she had to wait for a document to request the next one. Although she was treated with courtesy, each time she was informed that she had to return in three or four days to receive the respective document. Of course, she took the opportunity to visit and serve her family there, but the days went by and money began to run out. Meanwhile, in Honduras, Alan and Kyrien had to adjust their daily activities, missing Dorys' valuable presence. Furthermore, frustration began to take over everyone, as the days went by and there was no resolution to any of the requests for documents that Dorys needed. Of course, if you know that you will be in a place for several weeks, you prepare yourself for that. But, if you hear that "in three days" you will receive a response and not receive it, it will produce anxiety and frustration. After several weeks of trips to several offices, Dorys finally received the documents she needed: first, her birth certificate, then her new ID document and then her new passport. In the middle of the process, the Lord showed His grace and stretched the money, so she had enough. Finally, after a month of patience and confusion, Dorys was able to return home. The family was very happy and satisfied. Thank God for her protection during this time.

LEARNING AND PRACTICING DISCIPLESHIP

Alan had the privilege of accompanying Kristian in his first time teaching at the Mobile Bible Institute in the city of Choluteca. This time, Alan was there as assistant and driver of the vehicle Kristian taught a class on "Discipleship and Delegation of Duties" to a group of about thirty-five leaders. Alan had the opportunity to witness how Kristian carefully prepared, based on his knowledge and experience, different topics related to the process of making disciples through deep and meaningful relationships. He presented various topics and used group work to inform the learning. Without a doubt, it was a rewarding experience for both of them. However, Alan experienced the satisfaction of watching his son teach with excellence, enthusiasm and confidence.

During one of the breaks, one of the participating sisters approached Alan and said, "Good job, brother. It is evident that Kristian has been influenced by you. It is evident especially in the way he teaches. This is the best demonstration of discipleship that you have carried out. Congratulations". Alan hadn't thought about that detail, but Kristian is a product of the influence of his parents, the church and his studies. Without a doubt, the experience of seeing the development of your children is one of the most satisfying rewards for every parent. Please pray for the life and ministry of our son, Kristian, so that the Lord will protect him and guide him in every step and every decision in his life.

Kristian teaching about Discipleship



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