

# WORLD REACH®

## PERDOMO FAMILY



**“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds”.**

During this time we have been going through “various trials” both in the biological family, and in the family of faith. The Lord has used His Word to remind us that these trials have great value for the believer. Suffering is not in vain, it is intended to test our faith to produce “patience”. This word does not describe passive waiting, but rather “suffering without giving up.” It is not a quality that helps you wait quietly in a doctor’s waiting room, but one that helps you finish a marathon. The testing of our faith produces resistant and persevering character, enabling us to stand firm. Lately, it seems that there has been an increase in trials for our family and for other Christians as well. It is as if this formation of “patience” has entered an accelerated stage. God is forming a firm, resistant church. In this we rejoice.



### MINISTERING TO FAMILIES IN NICARAGUA



“Get ready, because I am going to put everything into practice,” said a mother to both her children after listening to Alan’s teaching on parenting. Others expressed similar words throughout the week that the Lord allowed us to serve the Nicaraguan brothers. For five nights, Alan shared about leadership and family, and Dorys taught the same thing at a retreat for women. The last day is very pleasant to remember: After being challenged with Psalm 128, there was an atmosphere of great joy and gratitude.



Afterward, we all shared a delicious typical Nicaraguan lunch and a beautiful time of communion. That same week, we were able to visit and pray for Feliciano, Dorys’ older brother, who had suffered a stroke. We also visited and prayed for Zoila, Dorys’ mother’s sister, who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer in her liver. It is not easy for Dorys to live in Honduras away from her family while they are going through difficult trials. It was extremely difficult to think that she could be saying goodbye to these loved ones. However, we are grateful because the Lord allowed us this precious time with them, including her dad and other members of Dorys’ family.

While we were serving in Nicaragua, we were notified that Doña Corina, Alan’s 87-year-old mother, had been taken to the hospital emergency room. Apparently, while she visited a clinic to check on her recent eye surgery, she contracted COVID. Thank God, she was stabilized at the hospital and, upon returning from Nicaragua, we were able to care for her at her home for several days. By the grace of God, she recovered fully, and her eye surgery was not affected. The Lord takes care of our family as we take care of His work. Praise Him!



### A TEACHING TRIP IN WHICH NOT TO TEACH, BUT TO SERVE

Alan and Dorys traveled for about eight hours to reach a village in Danlí, in eastern Honduras. They were tired and somewhat frustrated by several setbacks during the trip (a roadblock, delays due to roadwork, and a very rough dirt road). They had arrived to teach two classes to a group of pastors and leaders from different churches in the area. Their spirits returned when they saw the enthusiasm during the first class on Ministerial Ethics. However, after dinner, the students asked to speak with their two teachers.



It was with great sadness and shock that we were informed of the passing of Pastor Wilber while he was on a mission trip. Wilber was a former Bible Institute student and mentor to many of the students there. The students were very sad and confused. Alan spoke with them and prayed for them, sharing the natural pain that these losses bring. Through prayer with the Lord, the decision was made to cancel classes and attend Wilber’s funeral the next day in another village. Alan and Dorys decided to accompany their students. They witnessed the huge number of attendees at the funeral and were able to minister to several students who were very affected.

Without a doubt, this was a trip that God sent us on, not to teach, but to accompany these dear brothers in their time of pain. Thank God for this beautiful opportunity to serve and to comfort.



## AN INJURY TURNS DELICATE

The return from Danlí also took many hours. On the way in, Dorys noticed a small injury on Alan's left leg. The days passed, and the wound did not improve. It had caught a bacterial infection. Since Alan is diabetic, an injury like this can be very delicate. Even more so when a series of red spots began to appear around it, which were spreading on his leg. Alan decided to go to the dermatologist, who diagnosed that, apart from the infection, dermatitis had formed in the wound. He was treated with various medicines and was ordered to be on full rest for several weeks. The recovery was so slow that it brought some moments of worry and insomnia to Alan. However, when the indicated period of rest ended, we saw the expected result. He was free of infection and the dermatitis was much better.

He had to wait some more to be completely recovered, but to this day (praise the Lord) we can say that Alan's leg is completely healed. We ask for your prayers so that he continues to be healthy while he fulfills his ministry of teaching and discipleship.



## CELEBRATING PURITY AND INNOCENCE



Part of the team of teachers with the decoration for Children's Day

In the midst of personal and family trials and pain, the ministry has moved forward with strength.

The team of Sunday School teachers prepared the celebration of Children's Day. They decided to celebrate the innocence and purity of children by using the text of 1 Corin. 14:20.

The children were challenged to maintain their purity and enjoy their childhood, while the adults were encouraged to become like children and remove malice from their lives.

One of the adults said at the end of the activity: "These unforgettable programs encourage us to be more like the Lord and obey His will. Thank you, brothers of the Sunday School." May the glory be only to the Lord.

***After trials and all the work, we can testify that His power is made perfect in our weakness. To Him be the glory for all that He does. We surrender to His sovereign and perfect will. Of course, we deeply appreciate your constant prayers on our behalf for strength, provision, and focus on the work that God wants us to do wherever we do it. Likewise, we pray for you, since we know that you experience your own trials. What we can say is that now we better understand these words: "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses... For when I am weak, then I am strong". Amen.***

*Alan & Dorys Perdomo*

## A GREAT LOSS AND SORROW



While Alan was resting, we were told that Feliciano, Dorys' brother, was rushed to the hospital. After several tests over several days, fearing we would lose him, the diagnosis was that a mass was pressing on his brain. High-risk surgery was urgent. Five days after his surgery, our Lord took him to His presence peacefully in the early hours of September 28th.



We are very saddened by Feliciano's passing, but we celebrate his life of faithfulness to the Lord and his good example. We remember his great passion for studying and understanding the Word of God and for sharing it. We could spend hours talking about the Bible with him. He always had new questions and new teachings to share.

About 500 people attended his funeral, and their presence and testimonies strengthened us. We are in mourning with great sadness, but we trust that God will comfort us and help us to continue His work.

In the end, we know that we will see him again and hug him and talk for a long time....See you soon, beloved brother.

## DIRECT INFLUENCE FROM LIFE TO LIFE



The Sunday School teaching team held a retreat to be trained and plan upcoming activities. Alan taught the main teaching: "Life to Life Influence." There were activities, prayer, and planning. Everyone was encouraged to focus their teaching ministry on the life of each student, to share their lives with the students, and to give the students responsibilities so that they may grow in Christ.

In an atmosphere of understanding and harmony, all the teachers made commitments and offered alternatives to achieve this goal.



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