

.. though the Lord
give you the bread of
adversity, and the water
of affliction...thine eyes
shall see thy teachers:
and thine ears shall
hear a word behind
thee, saying, **This is
the way, walk ye in it,
when ye turn to the
right hand, and when
ye turn to the left.**

- Isaiah 30:20, 21

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Little Hands Orphanage

(Mexico)

As with everyone around the world, COVID-19 brought about temporary changes to Manos Pequeñas as the “shelter in place” order was enforced in Tecate, as well as around the world. Church services here were also cancelled, however we were blessed with being able to watch them online.



Every Sunday, the children would enjoy watching these sermons, as

well as sing their hearts out in hearty worship services with their caregivers around the piano. As far as schooling, the children were also enjoying the new home-schooling format, although the one-on-one teaching did not allow for slacking, and they started to miss their school and friends.

As society returns back to what it was, we hope the children have a renewed fire to serve Jesus and be a light to their community. One of the little girls recently wrote on a picture she drew, “God, I love you... help me to behave”. As we each can attest, it is only by His grace that we can possess any goodness whatsoever. We are so thankful, that from an early age, these children are learning who to turn to for help in all areas of life, under the care and diligence



of loving house parents.

We want to pray a special blessing upon each of you who have blessed us, this mission, and these children, and have been there for us through the

thick and thin. We pray that you and your families would remain safe, and rest in the shelter of the Rock, Who is our Pillar in all the unrest, and our Peace in times of turmoil. May we each find joy in knowing He hears every little whispered prayer, and is touched by any of our woes.

In Jesus we thank you all,

The Little Hands Family

PS: We are so blessed by our relief caregivers who come to offer days off to the primary caregivers. If you feel the Lord leading you to be a part of this mission in a similar way, please reach out to Natasha at casahogartecate@gmail.com, and she would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. You will have the chance to plant precious seeds of faith in the hearts of these kids, and be yet another blessing in their lives.

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Tecate/San Jose

(Mexico)

Psalms 119:11- Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Christian greetings from Mexico! Recently someone wrote: Our enemy, satan, rejoices when the Churches are closed, but doesn't realize the power there is when the parents in the home are a royal priesthood, and are interceding before the throne of grace. Although we are physically apart, we continue in bonds of fellowship.

We thank each Brother and Sister, who has contributed with preaching, songs, special numbers, their prayers, and recording skills. In Mexico, we have been able to transmit the Word to churches in different parts of the country, (and other countries). At first, it was a struggle to overcome the difficulties in transmission because of our lack of

experience. But the Lord opened the iron doors. We needed a microphone for the telephone, with an extension. They told us

the delivery would take at least 3 weeks because this wasn't considered among the urgent deliveries. Praise the Lord that it arrived in 4 days! Now up to 200 homes have been listening to the Word transmitting on line. All glory to God!

We have heard that there are 1511 cases of Covid-19 in our state of Baja California, 63 cases in Tecate, and 5 deaths here. The Brethren in different states of the country have been protected from the virus. Let's pray that the other virus (sin), which attacks our soul, will not gain the victory, and that we can humble ourselves, pray and seek the Lord's face, and that He will hear from Heaven, and heal our land.

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Papua New Guinea

(South Pacific)

Greetings to our Brethren in North America,

I just want to enclose you with a text from the book of Colossians 1:27- God's plan is to make known His secret to His people. This rich and glorious secret, which He has for peoples. And the secret is that Christ is in you which mean that you will share in the glory of God. Amen!



The Good News Christian Church (GNCC) has been going through many transitions in the last few months with a new General Secretary which is Peter Harut, who was in North America last year. We have renewed a focus to bringing the GNCC back to being a praying church. Many of the Mothers and Sisters of the congregations start praying at 4am till 10am in the morning on a regular basis to ask God to be the leader of the church and give Godly wisdom to all the church leaders.



In December 2019 we had a National Women's convention which was a success encouraging our Sisters to recognize and use their spiritual gifts God has given to them. This took place in Mt. Hagen, Western Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea

In the middle of January, we dedicated another rebuilt church building at a congregation called Sekipte which is located in the Hela province. Almost everyone attended the meeting and God did bless the event more than what we've expected. All for God's Glory.



There was a Baptism that took place as well where 64 people were baptized. We thank God for the converted souls that continue turn their lives and accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour of their lives.

We continue to see God growing the Church and working in the lives of the people here in the middle of



many attacks from satan in so many ways but our Father in Heaven, as always, has victory. God is so good!

Peter Harut

General Secretary,
Good News Christian Church



Nepomuceno

(Brazil)

Dear Friends,

Life here at the Nepomuceno Children's Home is drastically different due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are under complete quarantine- no school, church, visitors, etc. We are working with a reduced staff, as the majority of our workers have had to take vacation time to avoid people coming into the Home from the city. We have also had to suspend our After School Program until further notice. The boys are going a bit stir-crazy without being able to leave the Home or receive visitors. The caretakers have been coming up with special activities, and we are grateful for their extra efforts and dedication during this time.

Before the pandemic, we were in the process of expanding our After School Program to help even more children. We are in need of volunteers to help with this program and would like to extend the invitation to all of you. If you are interested in coming to teach English for our After School Program (once life returns to normal), please contact us for more details about how you can help bless the lives of these children!

In January, one of our caretakers, Sergio, stepped on a nail, which led to an infection in his toe. Unfortunately, despite medical intervention, the infection continued to spread



Ezequiel

and he had to have his little toe amputated. His recovery from this surgery did not go as well as the doctors had hoped, and in April, he had to have another surgery on his foot to help prevent the spread of the infection even further. Please pray for complete healing of his foot and for his wife, Cleonice, as she cares for him.

Two of our oldest boys, Ezequiel and Ronan, are in the process of being able to return to live with relatives. They were receiving visits from their relatives and going for weekend visits before the pandemic started, however, these visits have now been suspended for an undetermined amount of time. Please pray for these boys during this time of uncertainty and unknowns about

the future of these processes.

The directors of the home, Helton and Katy Brandão, welcomed another little addition to their family. Emily Victoria was born on March 31 and has been an absolute blessing. Everyone at the Nepo Children's Home is delighted to once again have a sweet, little baby to love on. We praise the Lord for a safe delivery and healthy baby, and ask for your prayers as we adjust to life as parents of a 1 year old and a newborn.

Thank you for your faithful financial contributions, which help us in the daily care of the children the Lord has entrusted to us. We also are so grateful for your continued prayer support. We praise God for your partnership in this ministry!

In Him, Helton and Katy Brandão

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Ronan



Emily Victoria

Green Olive Tree Ministries

(Brazil)

"But I am like a Green Olive Tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever."

Psalms 52:8

Greetings from Green Olive Tree Ministries

When it comes time to write this letter four times a year, it causes us to do a lot of thinking. We think about where we are, where we have been, where we are going. We think about you who will read this letter, and what you will think about what we are, have and will be doing. Sometimes it doesn't seem like the daily grind has anything in it that will be noteworthy or impressive to report. What is Green Olive Tree Ministries doing anyway?



Green Olive Tree Ministries is the official name for how we, Brent and Debbie, have spent our time in Brazil from March 13, 1987 until now. We have been here, helping people grow up. From three years and 90 boys at the Nepomuceno Orphanage, to one year with eight children in the Amazon, to hundreds of growing people in Pernambuco, Brazil, we have been changing diapers, feeding and clothing and teaching and disciplining and rejoicing and hurting with growing people. They have come and gone, come back and left again. Some have studied and moved on. Some have found another niche in life. Some have married and started other people growing. Some have disappeared. Some have died. And some are nestled in the family setting that they still require. Some will be with us for a few more years to finish up normal stages of growth, and others will be with us for a lifetime, for though their age would dictate independence, their physical and/or intellectual abilities have placed severe limits on that achievement

So, that is what we are doing right now. Tending the thirteen people who are still in the daily shelter of necessary parental care. Their needs have sent Debbie to the United States and have kept Brent in Brazil. Debbie cares for 5, Brent for 8.

The unusual circumstances of our parental duties and the

resultant effect of husband and wife living apart for so long have been broadly debated. That debate begs the question of whether GOTM is a true mission work, or just a family. Should it continue, or cease to be considered an arm of the ACCF world mission outreach?

The ACCF Newsletter seeks to present the work of each missionary, supported by the Churches, so that you can know where your prayers and money are being invested. GOTM is having a relatively small and slow impact on its spot in Brazil. It doesn't build large churches or see dozens coming to Christ. The Freeman family members do Bible Studies, discipleship training, special needs teaching, church services and community outreach in both countries. We pray for our neighbors and seek to reach out in love. And we do

family, day in and day out.

Change is happening in lives. Sometimes the transformation is night to day, but often it is a dim light at the end of a long tunnel. Hundreds of lives over three decades. Only the Lord knows the true harvest.

We, Brent and Debbie, will keep doing what we are doing, all that

we know to do right now, until the Lord changes our course - younger minds and hands to step into our daily grind? Call us home? Or, come for His church!

We deeply appreciate your allowing us to go to Brazil. Whether we remain an official mission or just keep living as one of the families of the Church, whether we do it all in one country or two or more, we know we have come to this point by the work of your prayers and the grace of our Lord.

Thank-you.

Brent and Debbie

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ACCF 2019 Committee Reports

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Annual Foundation Meeting was held on-line, as a virtual event, this year. Since the ACCF Committees typically get an opportunity to showcase their efforts and direction at the meeting, we are including condensed versions of their reports, as well as selected, encouraging words shared by two of the Elders in attendance.

International Christian Fellowship Group (ICFG) Committee

Sam Klomp, Chairman

Our Mission. Our mission is to serve all the youth within the Apostolic Christian Church by pursuing our four primary objectives: (1) To encourage personal spiritual growth in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ; (2) to promote Christian fellowship among all members and friends of the ACC in North America; (3) to unite local church youth into an international organization for the purpose of facilitating concerted action; and (4) to assist in the exchange of information and ideas to improve the youth programs of local churches. In essence, we want every young person within our churches to “know Christ, have fellowship with Him, and make Him known.” We have been able to do this in several ways:

Workshops & Retreats. On January 19-21st, 2019, we organized a workshop in La Puente around the theme of “I AM – The Deity of Christ”, with brother Tim Munther as the guest speaker. There were about 30 people in attendance for this workshop, and the weekend included small group discussions, singing and an afternoon service project. For the afternoon service project, they went to different neighborhoods to clean up garbage as well as witness to people. On April 5-7th, 2019, we had a workshop in Portland, also on the topic of “I AM – The Deity of Christ”, by Brother Sam Klomp. There were about 35 people in attendance, and the weekend included one topic on Friday night by Brother Ben Huszti and two topics on Saturday, as well as several evangelism/outreach service projects in downtown Portland on Saturday afternoon. On October 18-20th, 2019, there was a workshop in Richmond Hill continuing with the theme of “I AM – The Deity of Christ” by brother Jesse Branovacki. Friday there was a topic lead by brother Roni Delic, as well as singing. There were about 60 people in attendance for this event. During the afternoon, the youth split into three groups. One group of youth had specific prayer time for Peter Vrankovic, another organized food and clothing for a home for children at risk, and the third group went to a local mall to evangelize. The theme for 2020 will be “The Time is at Hand”. Our plan is to have workshops in Beverly Hills and Richland. In the Fall of this year we plan to host our second Leadership Retreat at a retreat center in Ontario. We are very excited for all the coming workshops and retreats this year and it is our prayer that God would richly bless all those who attend.

ICFG Missions. There were no ICFG organized work teams during the year of 2019. During each of the workshops this past year there has been a large emphasis placed on evangelism. During the afternoon service projects for each of the three workshops there were groups of youth that went to local neighborhoods and malls to evangelize. This coming year, we would like to continue to focus on street evangelism as a part of our afternoon service projects during the workshops planned. We also plan to work closely with Operation Prayer to convey needs that come up in the different missions our churches are involved in. We are also looking into setting up more regular fellowship trips and work teams to churches around the World. The greatest commandment is to love God and love others, and it is our goal to convey that through a lifestyle of evangelism and discipleship. If you have an idea for a work team in your area, or for more information, contact Brother David Scheuermann at doshk_man@hotmail.com.

Operation Prayer. The main goal of this program is to help the youth fully be aware of the true power of prayer by informing them of current prayer needs that so many people have, encouraging them to pray, and showing the ways in which God answers these prayers. This is currently being done through prayer bookmarks, quarterly newsletters, and a monthly email list sent out with specific prayer requests. We also plan to send out prayer reminders and needs on our ICFG social media avenues. If you are interested in getting these monthly emails, feel free to sign up by emailing Sister Jennifer Jivan at operationprayer.icfg@gmail.com.

Camp Memory Verse Program (CMVP). Eleven young people participated in this past year’s memory verse program (2018-2019). Through it, we were able to send four people to Camp for winning 1st place, and gave out two 2nd place prizes (\$50). This year, there are some exciting changes. We will now be adding the opportunity for children between the ages of 6-8 years old to participate in the camp memory verse contest. It is our prayer that God’s Word would forever stay hidden in the hearts of all who participate. For more information, please contact Sister Daniela Cipkar at (519) 982-8310.

Japanese Homestay Program. Sometimes you go out into the world to share the Gospel, and sometimes you invite people into your home to share the Gospel. From its inception, the Japanese Homestay Program has attempted to bring Japanese young adults into our homes as a way of showing them what the Gospel looks like when it is lived out on a daily basis. We are very excited that this program has been officially pulled out of mothballs, and that there are currently people who are ready to be hosted; now all we need are willing host homes. Please pray and consider if God is asking you to open your home, and your extra bedroom, to host someone for a couple weeks or months.

Project Nehemiah. Are you part of a smaller AC church that needs support and encouragement? Whether it is organizing a special weekend event, a church cleanup, or a summer VBS, the goal of Project Nehemiah is to help support our smaller churches. We want the youth to see the opportunities they have to connect and support those churches who have fewer members. For more information, please contact accicfg@gmail.com.

Resource Hub. Two of the four ICFG objectives are, *"To promote Christian fellowship among all members and friends of the Apostolic Christian Church in North America"* and *"To assist in the exchange of information and ideas to the end of improving the youth programs of local churches."* The ICFG is striving to meet these objectives by providing a Resource Library for Youth Group and Bible Study Leaders to find resources to help them prepare lessons and assist in teaching. Currently, we have many Bible Studies, topical presentations and other resources. If you have any suggestions or have something to contribute to this Resource Library, please feel free to contact us at accicfg@gmail.com.

Current Staff. Dan Weinhardt, Advisor (Kitchener); Bryan Bodjanac Advisor (Mansfield), Sam Klomp, Chairman (Windsor); Sarah Webel, Secretary (Norton); Wesley Jivan, Events Coordinator (Norton); Laura Tack, Treasurer (Beverly Hills), David Scheuermann, Missions Coordinator (Portland); Josiah Reinhardt, Communications Coordinator (Toronto); Daniela Cipkar, Camp Memory Verse Coordinator (Windsor); Jennifer Jivan, Operation Prayer Coordinator (Norton).

Current positions that need to be filled are the Vice Chairman, Project Nehemiah Coordinator, and Japanese Homestay Program Coordinator.

Finances. Thank the Lord and all the individuals and local congregations who financially partnered with the ICFG so that we can continue to serve the youth in our churches through all the avenues that God is opening. In the 2019 financial statement on the right, you will see that God has been abundantly meeting all the needs and opportunities that have arisen. We will strive to always be faithful with what we are entrusted.

Disaster Relief Committee

Rodney Koch, Acting Chairman

Services Provided by the Disaster Relief Committee

The Disaster Relief Committee provides funds, humanitarian aid, and workers to help communities who have experienced natural or man-made calamities and who need short-term and long-term physical and spiritual support to recover from these events.

2019 Accomplishments

In 2019, the committee provided disaster relief through contributions to the Mennonite Central Relief Committee.

2020 Goals

Lord willing, we plan to add members to our committee, develop short-term and long-term planning goals and carry out at least two relief efforts in 2020. We are looking for representatives willing to coordinate and lead disaster relief teams to address on-going or new needs. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help.

Your current ACCF Leadership Team

Trustees:

Rodney Koch, Chairman
Tom Shurance, Vice Chairman
Frank Weinhardt, Trustee
Benjamin Albu, Trustee
John Horne, Trustee
David Kapusinski Trustee
Dan Hertig, Trustee
Ray King, Trustee
Sam Rufener, Trustee
Wilf Scheuerman, Trustee
Rick Spinos, Trustee

Officers:

Thad Lumsden, Executive Director
Betty Lumsden, Secretary/Treasurer

Bible Class Lesson Committee

Gary Jerep, Chairman

The English Bible Class lessons are at the stage of continual maintenance mode. This work entails implementing corrections and suggestions, proofing, formatting, and date changes to each lesson (including each one's associated weekly reading plan) to accommodate each coming year. As a reminder to our teachers, please be encouraged as you lead discussions to emphasize important points from our Statement of Faith. A good percentage of the lessons are now tagged, where relevant, with these reminders.

The Serbian translation project continues to progress, with over half of all lessons completed. The Committee is thankful for the tedious work done by inspired individuals from various congregations in Canada, the U.S. and Serbia. We thank the Lord and these individuals for their volunteer efforts.

We are still in need of individuals who can contribute to the Spanish Translation Project. If you know anyone who is interested in this effort, or if you have suggestions that can assist, please contact the Committee chairman.

The Committee has renewed its request to our web site development team for the feasibility of making Bible Class lesson content available in a more mobile device-friendly manner. The goal is to have each lesson falling within the most current year (or at least the current calendar quarter)

to be available to view on smart phones and tablets. We continue to make prior years' lessons available in archived (zip) format for faster, more convenient downloads of lessons by quarter, for at least the last rolling seven years, which spans the complete seven-year lesson cycle.

We always thank those involved in administering and managing the Foundation web site, past and present (currently Caleb Lumsden) for being responsive in uploading our lessons. We also appreciate those who submit suggestions/feedback regarding lesson content, verse references, discussion questions, typos, and translation errors.

Finally, we praise God for the brothers and sisters who have contributed to this ministry in years past. I had the privilege of presenting the history of these lessons to the Foundation Trustees in their last meeting of 2019. Many had not realized that these lessons had their beginnings over seventy years ago. But the original objective at that time for the lessons has not become obsolete over these many years: they still are useful in assisting us to "shew ourselves approved" as we study and enjoy God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15). We pray that God continues to use these Bible class lessons for His glory. May they continue to inspire our churches to a closer walk with the Lord, and to enrich your personal devotion and study times.

It is our custom at the Annual Business Meeting to invite two of our North American Elders to share words of encouragement. The following are snippets from both Elders.

We are grateful for their continued counsel, influence and leadership.

Humanity is suffering a trial. If you and I build our hopes and dreams on the things of this life, we will be discouraged, because we will eventually lose them all. If we, or the people of our congregations, build our lives on achievement, money, possessions, status, or relationships... if we say the things that make me happy are my talents, abilities, position and family, THEN when suffering comes, when they are pulled away from us, you will get sadder and sadder or madder and madder.

But If you and I, and our congregations, build our hopes and dreams on God, then we can say with Job, "naked I came into this world and naked I will depart. Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

- Excerpt from Elder Bro. Bill Teater, Tremont,
at the ACCF Annual Meeting

We have a real enemy. It's not the coronavirus. It's not other viruses. We have a real enemy, satan himself, and as we place our faith and operate in faith, in the strength of the Lord, the Church will prevail. We are the Body of Christ here on Earth, representing Him.

There are those who are bruised- either as victims or as a form of other suffering and are in a hurting place, and the message of the Gospel, the message of the Word of God brings hope, meaning and purpose. Redemptive purpose. We are exhorted to always be ready to share a reason of the hope that is in us, this year and every year.

It's about being the people of God that He's called us to be, to live out the identity- the new identity that we have in Christ.

- Excerpt from Elder Bro. Dan Tomic, Kitchener- Strasburg,
at the ACCF Annual Meeting

Therefore my beloved Brethren, be steadfast unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in The Lord. 1 Cor 15:58.

Eastern European Relief Committee

Nick Botosan, Chairman

The EERC provides funds for a wide arrange of projects that include emergency medical needs, hymnal translation costs, Bible translation and printing costs, financial help for purchasing shared tools & machinery, humanitarian travel needs, disaster relief, and medicine and its shipping costs from a pharmacy in the States. Any project for God's People that gives Him Glory is prayerfully considered.

2019 Accomplishments

- With God's Help, we procured our yearly medicine shipment to the Ukraine. This shipment consisted of 20 boxes totaling \$6,201, including shipping. Some of the items we ship, based on their requests, are Prenatal Vitamins, Triple Antibiotic Ointment, Vick's Vapor Rub, Ibuprofen, Children's Vitamins, Zinc Oxide (for diaper rash), Antacid Tablets, Calcium, and other important over-the-counter medicines.
- We wired the same yearly amount - \$5,000 - to Romania, that was distributed to 8 different locations and disbursed according to the needs and number of members living there: Timisoara, Arad, Bihor, Caras-Severin, Satu Mare, Mures, Hunedoara, and Bucuresti.
- With the lovingly supplied funds we receive faithfully every year, we replenished two emergency funds – one in Ostrica, Ukraine, and the other in Budapest, Hungary. We supply funds in Hungary for border crossing travel expenses in supporting Ukraine.
- We made some repairs to the EERC Warehouse that were needed.

2020 Goals

- With the Gracious Help of God and the Love of the Brethren, we plan to continue the most essential programs mentioned above into 2020.
- We plan to send at least one medicine shipment to the Ukraine this year. We plan to use the same companies for the medicine and shipping as we have in the past.

The Committee exercises frequent communication with Brothers in the Ukraine, Romania, and Hungary to be able to assess and react quickly to the needs that arise.

Without the faithful giving to the EERC from Brethren and Friends throughout North America, we realize that this Committee could not exist. May God, in His Special Way, reward each one that has done his or her part to further beautify the Lord's Vineyard.

Camps and Events Committee

Neil Palesh, Chairman

This committee serves an important function for members and congregants of AC churches by providing a formal connection for camps and events to the denomination. The committee serves camps and events in an administrative capacity from a legal perspective and to support governance practices at participant events. All camps and events are encouraged to join this committee so to further serve their attendees and provide opportunities to connect with and learn from other events in our churches. Committee affiliated events are able to share in: the non-profit status of the ACCF; other administrative and legal benefits resulting from the relationship and organizational structure; and denomination-wide promotion and exposure. Attendees benefit from reduced pricing since events are able to pass on savings from vendors as a not-for-profit organization. Donors are provided confidence on the tax deductibility of donations made at these events.

Accomplishments for 2019

Welcomed Eastern Camp as second camp in March 2019

Goals, projects, and events planned for 2020

Work with other events to have them join the committee

Western Camp 2020 – Knit Together – 13-19 July 2020 – Stanwood WA

Registration is open now

<http://register.accwesterncamp.com>

Eastern Camp 2020 – Be Thou My Vision – 19-25

July 2020 – Harrisonburg, VA *(editor's note: has been canceled, but are planning on-line events for the week)*

<http://www.acceasterncamp.org>

Endowment Fund Committee

Jimmy Hodges, Chairman

The Endowment Fund was established to earn additional funding for the Foundation's various programs. The Foundation's goal is to maintain the principal while using the dividends and interest generated from this fund for those programs.

The corpus/principal of the Fund is now a little over \$1,000,000.

A realized gain of \$117,000 was distributed in 2020. The fund, from its inception, has given the Foundation an additional **\$564,000 through 2019.**

Domestic Action and Projects Committee

Richard Jankov, Chairman

As one of the original ministries of the Domestic Actions and Projects (DAP) committee, the ACC Youth Choir is entering its 32nd year and going strong. We were able to see God work in some profound ways during last year's European tour, where we were able to present the gospel of Jesus to royalty as well as rural farmers [see last issue for detailed article].

We thank all the churches and overseas co-planners, the ACCF Trustees and the many financial and prayer supporters for their participation. Each participant should be rejoicing in their role because *all of it* made a difference for God's eternal Kingdom!

Legacy Bible Institute

DAP has partnered with Upward Bound Youth (UBY) for nearly nine years now to make Legacy Bible Institute a place of immersive biblical learning, deep spiritual transformation, and hands-on ministry training. At Legacy, we deeply desire to see every believer grow into the full stature of Christ and be fully equipped for God's mission in their local neighborhoods and home churches. In the same way the disciples of Jesus were forever changed by dropping everything to learn as much as they could from him, followers of Jesus today will be deeply blessed by joining an intentional learning community that is centered around Christ and committed to the full-time study and practice of God's Word. Young believers are facing an increasingly complex and challenging mission field around them; by deepening their spiritual roots at Legacy, they can be better prepared for whatever vocation or calling that God has ahead of them.

Since Legacy's inception in 2011, 61 people have enrolled as full-time residential students, and 13 ACC congregations have had the opportunity to see the positive impact that Legacy can have on their young people. Legacy's one-year program includes 20 hours of classroom learning each week, where every chapter of the Bible is carefully studied and foundational subjects like worship, prayer, Bible study methods, evangelism, discipleship, church doctrine, church history, and apologetics are surveyed. There are also weekly praxis and ministry assignments which help the students live out the truths they are learning in the classroom, and each student is paired with an individual mentor that comes alongside of them in their spiritual walk.

Invest in the future of your congregation by sending your young people to Legacy, so they can come back and become the kind of servant-leaders who will pour out their lives for the kingdom of God. Or come and study the scriptures with us yourself, so you can come to know and be shaped by the heart of God in a deeper, fuller way! Find out more at <https://legacybibleinstitute.org>.

REV3 Initiative

The truth is sometimes painful. Over the last 5 years, the Apostolic Christian Church (Nazarean) in North America has suffered a net loss of 489 members and three churches. Unfortunately, this is not an anomaly; it is a trend of stagnation and decline that has been ongoing for decades.

Making disciples matters.

There is no quick-fix substitute for this. Regardless of what needs to change, it will take Spirit-led action and total sacrifice on a personal level so that God can recenter us collectively around His gospel and His mission. We need to lay aside the distractions and recommit to the ancient and essential practices of proclaiming the gospel, making disciples of all people, and feeding Christ's sheep. This is the church's three-fold "great commission." (Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 4:46-49; John 21:15-19).

In response to our urgent need to revitalize, energize and visualize (R.E.V.) these three (3) foundational and inseparable areas of evangelism, discipleship, and shepherding, DAP has had the privilege of seeing the new REV3 initiative get off the ground and running.

REV3 is an initiative that desires to see a prayerful, Spirit-led renewal within all our local churches, where each individual member and every congregation is fully living out their missional calling. This initiative is a "full service" support and accountability network that comes alongside church leaders to help them facilitate a holistic realignment of their local church's mission and structure around the core functions of evangelism, discipleship, and shepherding. It provides self-assessment, support, and accountability to church leaders and planters in all areas of church function. We use a regular needs-based analysis to help leadership build foundational fortitude in their own personal lives and in the lives of their congregations. Only by allowing God to revitalize, energize, and visualize these three areas can the church be properly built upon the Christlike model that will be able to sustain future spiritual growth.

There are currently leaders from five of our ACC congregations and church plants who have already started to actively benefit from REV3 support. We strongly urge you to join them. Whether your church is currently growing, stagnating, shrinking, or just beginning, we believe that the Holy Spirit can use REV3 as a catalyst to help you guide a transformation within your local church so that it will be able to support and sustain the increase that God is wanting to give. Read individual testimonies and apply at rev-3.org.

Mexican Support Committee

Dushan Tomic, Chairman

The Mexican Support Committee (MSC) is dedicated to supporting the Iglesia Christiana Apostolica (ACCN) of Mexico. There are 2 congregations, one located in Tecate, Baja California and the other in San Jose de Bacum, Sonora. We work with the Mexican Leadership to help evaluate, advise, and assist with the material needs of these congregations. With the Lord's help, the committee has given spiritual, physical, and financial support to the mission in Mexico.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TECATE AND SAN JOSE CHURCHES

- As a committee, we continue supporting brothers from Tecate to travel every month or two to support the work in San Jose, Sonora. Bro Rodolfo is the only minister there and appreciates any support given for their church. The San Jose church lost their youngest brother this year in a tragic accident, and so we pray that the Lord will continue to build and strengthen this congregation.
- As usual the VBS in Tecate and Sonora are big events for the Mexico churches. We are thankful to the Lord for those who give, pray and go to help out. The youth choir in Tecate is a highlight for the youth. This year the Lord also used believers from Windsor, W Akron, Toronto, and California to labor with the locals to share about the armor of God as we prepare for the spiritual battles in our lives. The day after the VBS in Tecate, the 15-passenger van left full to continue sharing in San Jose. There 350 children gathered excitedly to receive the Word and sing praises to our Lord.
- Believers from the "north" helped financially to get New Testaments and tracts. In October, a group from the Tecate church went to another local high school to pass them out, where the students were surprised at the gift, and asked what made them come to share? God's Word will not return to Him void. Isaiah 55:11.
- In November we organized a work team to redo the roof and remodel inside the old sanctuary in Tecate. The Lord's blessings were upon the group, and much work was safely done. Thankfully we had help from Kitchener, North Port, W Akron, Colorado Springs, Hungary and California, besides some of the locals working with us.
- In the past year the MSC has supported different caregivers coming to help at Little Hands Orphanage, and we thank the Lord for different sisters who were willing to give year, months, or weeks to care for, and love these children. It was another blessing this past year to have a family from the Tecate church to move on the property as permanent caregivers. Many of their growing up experiences can help them identify with the children's needs.

- Thanks to the Lord and the donors, and hard-working brothers, they were able to upgrade the solar system, and install mini-splits in both homes. This will help to decrease the extreme heat in summer. (over 100 degrees inside at times)
- We are thankful for all the prayers in transitions that take place. Bro Jesus Alvarez is now legally registered as the Director at Little Hands. We trust the Lord that with stability and commitment from each member involved in care of the kids, we can gradually increase numbers and reach more children with the gospel this year. In the past three years we had 34 children come through the doors of Little Hands.

The responsibilities are now divided as follows:

- Bro Jesus Alvarez- Director
- Sis Natasha Cervantes- Administration/ Communications
- Bro Juan Carlos- Property Maintenance
- Sis Julieta Quinonez, Esmirna Quinonez, and Leah Albu-Caregivers

GOALS AND PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2020

Expand and support the Lord's work in Mexico

- In January, 2020, a team lead by bro Norbi Namenyi worked to put a ceiling and proper insulation in the main house. Without the insulation, there were extreme temperature fluctuations from 50 degrees inside in winter, to over 100 degrees inside in summer. We ask that the Lord reward all the workers who came from Ancaster, Toronto, Vista, La Puente, and North Phoenix.
- We are praying that the Lord open the way this year if possible, to build another home to be able to have more caregivers and children at the orphanage.
- A group of believers in Tecate are proofreading the songs for the publishing of the new Spanish Zion's Harp, which we hope will be available soon.
- Preparations are being made for the VBS in Tecate (August 3-7) and San Jose (August 10-14). Those who feel led to serve or support it, please let us know.

We are thankful to the Lord for all His blessings in the past years. God's work continues even through the challenges that come our way. We thank the Lord for all the prayers and financial assistance and humbly ask for continual support that God's name would be glorified and honored in all that we do, with His help.

Canaan Land Ministries

(Brazil)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are living times of worldwide crisis, and we appreciate you taking time out to make yourself aware of the prayer needs at CLM. May God continue to bless and strengthen each one of you!

Vitoria: Due to some very complicated struggles that Vitoria has been having, the judge has determined that it would be best for her to leave CLM and be placed where she can receive additional, specialized care. We continue to pray fervently for her, believing that God is going to bring full healing and has mighty plans for her life.

Coronavirus: Schools have been closed in our state since March 20th. So far, the city of Guarapuava has few confirmed cases (15 as of May 3rd), but many businesses are operating on a rotating schedule, where they are not open every day.

Supermarkets, banks, and other businesses that are open must limit the number of people inside at one time, based on the establishment's floor area. Masks are also required in public.

The CLM kids are receiving their school assignments remotely and sending them back to their teachers as they get done. This has increased the work loads for Wal and Bethany, who are coordinating this process for the elementary and middle/high school students, respectively.

Our Easter celebration was much simpler than usual, just a collective lunch and dinner. No special pancake breakfast or Easter play.

Please pray for CLM during this crisis, as many of the kids are extremely frustrated with staying at home so



much. We are trying to help them see the blessings we have here in having large open spaces to play in, as opposed to being closed in like people with smaller yards.

New Girl: On March 17, we received a 12-year-old

girl. **Isabel** is Luzilia's younger sister. She was removed from her home due to abuse she suffered while there.

So far, she has shown herself to be very grateful to be at CLM. She is very helpful and cooperative. Isabel is in 5th grade. We didn't have time to enroll her before classes were canceled for coronavirus, but we are using the extra time at home to start working with her in some areas where she seems to be weak academically. Pray for Isabel's adjustment and inner healing.

New Missionary Couple: In March, God sent us a new missionary couple. They were able to travel just before flights started being canceled due to COVID-19. Upon their arrival at CLM, they were quarantined for 10 days, having no contact with anyone. Thankfully, that time passed and



Fernando and Monica were able to start spending time with the staff and kids, and getting involved with the CLM activities.

Fernando and Monica are from the state of Bahia.

Monica is the oldest sister of Pastor Rogerio, coming from a family of 10 siblings.

Please be praying for Fernando and Monica as they adapt to the ministry, as well as the colder climate here. May God teach them and transform them.

March and April Birthdays:

Leonardo turned 18 on March 26th.

He came to CLM when he was 10 years old. Leonardo is in his last year of high school and is part of a youth apprenticeship program in the administrative area of a local meatpacking company. We ask for your prayers for Leonardo- for patience, discernment, godly wisdom, and spiritual growth.

Pablo turned 13 on March 28th. He is the oldest of three brothers that came to CLM almost two years ago. Pablo suffered abuse and rejection before coming to CLM. These traumas affect his behavior and relationships today. We request your prayers for inner healing and freedom from spiritual bondage.

Gabriel turned 12 on March 29th. He

came to CLM in late March of last year. He has some difficulties with reading and writing but is slowly improving. Please pray for inner healing of Gabriel's traumas, release for adoption, and a deepening of his relationship with Jesus.

Maria Clara, daughter of caregivers Leonardo and Gracielly, turned 1 on March 31st. She is very smiley and friendly. She has a strong personality and holds her own in a house with several CLM brothers. Her parents were going to have a special party (a Brazilian tradition) for her 1st birthday, but it wasn't possible because of coronavirus. Please pray for this family and all the CLM birthday people who are disappointed about their parties being canceled.

Guilherme, son of caregivers Cristiano and Thais, turned 15 on April 25th. Guilherme is a living miracle in progress. He has been diagnosed with various syndromes during his life, and at the beginning was not given much hope of living beyond 14 years of age. However, God has sustained him and his family during all this time, and he continues to progress. Guilherme is nonverbal and cannot walk on his own, but he has developed his own system of communication with his parents that works very well for him. Please pray for Guilherme's continued development and for special grace for his parents as they minister to him and to the CLM kids.

Blessings, The CLM Team

Caregivers: Cristiano & Thais, Leonardo & Gracielly, Geni, Evanildo & Eliana, Jurandir & Luana, Fernando & Monica
Internal Leadership: Mary, Bethany

Tech team: Altair (psychologist), Tiene (social worker)

Finances: Danielly

Board of Directors: Anderson Kasnocha, Rogerio, Anderson Lemke, Juan

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After more than a month of quarantine, construction projects were finally allowed. Since schools and other social gatherings have been canceled until further notice, we will take advantage of this time for construction. Our project is for a first floor auditorium and a second floor of classrooms. The workers have started the concrete footing behind our church and we are praying that we will have our classrooms finished by the time meetings are allowed again. Please join us in prayer.

This past month, we did ministry online: preaching, teaching, small groups, Escuela de Vida contacts, etc. Our church has been studying MY IDENTITY in Christ. Every day we have been reminded of who we are in Christ: we are loved, we are saved, we are chosen, we are justified, we are sons and daughters of God and so much more! We thank God even for the social media and technology! Every day we can be involved in sharing His Word. In a time of uncertainty, and

Paraguay

(South America)



sudden change, we are rooted in our identity. We are God's own! He loves us and will continue to walk before us and behind us, His hand of blessing over our heads. (Psalm 139.5)

Our church is participating in community handouts.

After a couple of weeks of social distancing, people off work, and no extra cash flow, our Solidarity Team worked on sending bags full of the basic necessities to families who were struggling.

We are always thankful for your encouragement. Thanks for reaching out to us, and asking about us during lock down. Thanks for your donations and especially for your prayers. We are happy to be a part of the body of Christ.

Blessings,

Oscar and Karen, oscaren@go.com.py



Our classes had just started when we received the news that schools would be shut down for a little while.

Nobody really knew what was going on at first, and even though things

weren't happening the way we planned, we understood the need of this extra care for the sake of all of the kids' lives and families. Our hope was that it would only last a few weeks, but right now we are not even sure if we will have the chance to have classes during this first semester.

God teaches us through His Word that He makes everything work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Sometimes it is difficult to understand the deepness of this verse, but there's no better time to experience this truth in our lives than a moment like this. It was really hard for us to know what to do next and not let the disappointment and fear take root in our hearts.

The reality of the children that are part of our Social Project is very different than other places around the world. Most of the families don't have internet at home. They only have

data on their phones with not much available. For that reason, we didn't have a lot of alternatives to keep in contact with the kids during this time.

After praying and pondering with the

volunteers, we decided to use this opportunity to reach out to the parents of each child and ask them to help us to stay connected with their children. So we created a group chat on

WhatsApp for each class (we have 3 classes divided by ages: 6 to 8, 9 to 11, and 12 to 14 years old) and started sending a devotional on Tuesdays and Thursday (the days we would have the project's classes.)

Along with the devotional, we send a song that the kids already know how to sing, a prayer suggestion and an activity to make at home, and we ask them to send a picture on the group chat so the teachers can see it. The result has been incredible. The parents have been sending the pictures of the activities and we have been able to continue to minister to the kids, even from far away.

The Social Project has also been helping the most needy families with food and anything else they need. During Easter week, we prepared a small gift with special treats and gave them out to the kids.

As we continue to believe for the best, we put our trust in God and wait upon Him. We are very thankful for your support. We are going through this time by faith and using all the opportunities we have to bless the kids and their families. We are also praying for all of you, believing that God is in control, and He takes care of all of us.

God bless and protect your family,

Hadassa Caballero (coordinator of the project)

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Zambia

Africa

"How lovely is the sun after the rain, and how lovely is laughter after sorrow" African proverb

Indeed, the sun is lovely after the rain, especially for the people living in the Chipata Compound, now that the rain



has stopped. Unfortunately, the heavy rains of the previous months caused the Kafue River to overflow, destroying many of our students' homes, and disrupting their lives. Hundreds of families were bereft of food and clothing. Thanks to the support of many of our donors, food and blankets were purchased and distributed to the affected families.

In the past couple of months, Covid-19 has swept across the globe. Even though disease is

not new in this part of the world, this virus has still made an impact. For example, according to statistics, over 456,000 children die of malaria each year. This means over 1,200 children die a day - 50 children per hour. There are 200 million new cases of malaria reported each year. Malaria still claims the lives of over 2,000 people in Zambia, ninety percent of which are children. Thankfully, we have a nurse at the school who diligently watches over our students, but unfortunately, not all the children in the compound can avail themselves of this blessing.

So how has Covid-19 changed the lives of the children that attend Lifesong Harmony School and their families? Well, for one, the school is closed.

Aside from the teachers handing out school work to individual learners, no instruction is taking place at this time. Food markets have closed, which means that access to the

essentials is restricted. Many of our children and families are finding themselves in desperate situations. Now, more than ever, we need to be called into action to help the orphaned

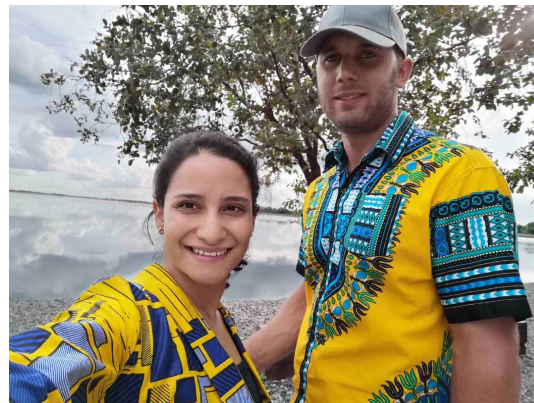


and the vulnerable. Dennis has met with our team to discuss ways that we can be proactive in helping the helpless.



Food bags- consisting of mealie meal (their staple food), rice, and oil are to be distributed in a safe way to those of our students' families. With help from people like you, our team can feed the hungry and proclaim the gospel - showing that we care.

On a lighter note, Adrian got married in December and has brought his lovely bride, Marce, to Zambia. This lovely woman was willing to follow her husband, immediately



after getting married, onto the mission field. Kudos to her! Marce is a believer from Mexico, who met Adrian on the mission field at the beginning of 2018. Adrian continues to work diligently, and now he is blessed to have a life-long partner by his side.

As for the Delic family, we made the trip out to Canada in February to see Dennis's father (whose health was ailing) before he passed on to his reward. Many of you may know that Dennis' siblings were very close to their father. They lost their mother when they were all so young, and their dad became both father and mother to them. Needless to say, they loved him so very dearly and it was very sad to see him go, but they sent him off with much love and care! That said, we are now stuck in Canada, missing home, and resting in the knowledge that God is in control.

Please be in prayer for -

~1 year commitments for electricians, auto-mechanics, and welders to teach at Lifesong vocational school.

~sponsorships for new enrollments

Thank you for your continued prayer support!

The Delics

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Dear Brothers-in-Christ,

May God bless you and keep you and your families in these difficult times.

We continue to thank the Lord for His grace and mercies in these times. It is difficult to say what the enemy intended to do to mankind this time. We are following the developments in the USA and continue to pray for you, your families and your nation. As we continue to call upon the Lord and trust His name, He will continue to be a strong tower in our lives. Glory be to His Holy Name.

STATUS REPORT. In our last update, Ghana had 162 confirmed cases of covid-19 with 4 deaths as of the 28th of March. As of the 14th of April, there are 566 confirmed cases with 17 recoveries and 8 deaths. As the bulk of the confirmed cases were imported, the government is doing a lot of tracing of the people who have been in contact with the infected people. This is followed by testing and treatment of the infected.

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES. The government strongly recommends social distancing, enhanced personal hygiene and seeking early medical care on the first signs of ill health.

A ban was placed on all social gatherings as of the 16th of March. This led to the closure of all schools and colleges, and the banning of all church services. The ban is still in place till the 19th of April.

A partial lock down was initiated from the 30th of March in the cities of Accra and Kumasi. The lock down may end on the 19th of April.

THE SCHOOL: The school remains closed due to the lock

down. Some level of school work is being done through the internet.

THE HOSPITAL: The hospital is still operating and giving medical care to patients in its catchment area. The clinical staff are working under trying circumstances, due to a lack of PPEs. The hospital is now operating two shifts per day and staff are given a bus service to and from their homes. A FEM Hospital Covid-19 Fund was inaugurated on the 11th of April. The fund is to raise resources, both in cash and kind, to facilitate the purchase of PPEs, washing equipment and other inputs required to create an isolation ward.

THE CHURCHES AND THE HEADQUARTERS: Due to the ban on social gatherings, there are no church services in our churches. This has led to a more intensive follow up of members by the churches using electronic media. The flock are also being fed with the Word of God using social media.

The churches are providing food items and cash support to the old and poor church members. Some churches are organizing cooked meals for their poor and elderly members. All of this will have to be continued until the crisis is over.

PRAYER: At a time like this, we all have to continue in prayers, as we patiently wait for the intervention of the Lord. May God bless you!

Elder Brothers Fred, Charles and Prince.

Ghana
Africa

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Has the economic impact of the state and federal shut-downs affected you in a negative way? This has been a nearly world-wide shutdown.

Imagine the impact to those serving in the mission field- in countries less economically resilient than North America.

Giving over the last two months has been down sharply. The Missionary Committee has a small reserve to support our missions. The Missionaries, however, receive only donations that come in, designated for them, every month. We hold no reserve for them.

Please don't forget to prayerfully support:

1. Your local church
2. Your local community needs (neighbors, co-workers, etc.)
3. Your missionaries and missions

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