

ACCF NEWSLETTER



News and Events from the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation

Please join us at our next

Annual Foundation Meeting

ACC Mansfield, OH- April 23, 2022

SOUND THE TRUMPET- Joel 2:15-16

8:45am Registration

9:15-10:30am Business Meeting 10:-30-11:30am Committee Tables

11:30-12:30pm Session I- Sound the Trumpet Clearly

12:30-1:30pm Lunch

1:30-2:30pm Session 2- Did You Hear?

2:30-3:00pm / Elder Encouragement- God's Children Respond

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! - Psalm 133:1

Let brotherly love continue. - Hebrews 13:1





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Canaan Land Ministries

Brazil

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you so much for faithfully lifting up this ministry in prayer. Here's a look at what's been going on at CLM since the last issue.

Nations Project

In early November, caregivers Vagner and Analu organized a Nations Project with the kids in their house. Each child selected a country to study. They researched information and set a date to present it to the others. Each child also prepared and served a dish typical of the country they studied.

Christmas Activities

In November, the caregivers and children got really involved in decorating for Christmas after a contest was announced. The house that was decorated the best, inside and out,





would receive a prize. It was a lot of fun to see their creativity and enthusiasm.

We also put together a large manger scene in front

of the main building, reminding all who entered of the true meaning of Christmas!

On December 22, we had our traditional pizza dinner and received our new CLM T-shirts for the year. On Christmas Eve, we had a special dinner and the kids opened the presents that came from many different donors in Brazil. We are grateful for God's provision above and beyond basic needs!

Costume Party in December

We celebrated the November and December birthdays at the beginning of December. Wal invited everyone to come dressed as a Bible character, and everyone had a great time.

Runaways

In December, Jude* and Michael*, both 17, ran away together and only returned in late January. We had heard they were involved in dangerous illegal activities, but they eventually both asked to return to CLM. Jude* will be 18 at the end of February, so we pray he chooses to accept the seeds we're planting in his heart before he decides to go off on his own. Michael* found out on February 1 that the judge transferred him to the government home, so he just left CLM. Please pray that the seeds planted in his heart during his time here will grow and bring fruit.

Staff Changes

Edilson lived at CLM for several years during his teens and left at 19 to get married. He's back as a temporary maintenance worker during the summer months. He and his wife just welcomed their first child at the end of January.

On Christmas Day, caregivers Jorge and Adriana ended their time at CLM. They had given us lots of notice regarding their desire to move on, so there was time to find a new couple to take their place. Mateus and Rosangela picked up where



Jorge and Adriana left off, coming with their son Mateus (9). They have been working with the older girls but are temporarily taking care of each group of children on days off because another couple is on vacation.

In January, Wal, our volunteer teacher from Bahia, ended her time at CLM after over 4 years here. She will be greatly missed, as she provided excellent support in the educational area and did craft projects with the children for nearly every holiday and during summer break. She also helped cover for caregivers when they had meetings or vacation. Former caregivers Jurandir and Luana are currently helping out at CLM as we're short-staffed due to one caregiver couple being on vacation.



Adoption and Separation

In January, two brothers, Matthew* (11) and Mark* (8) went to live with a couple who intend to adopt them. They had several day visits, then longer visits, before this, and it looks like it should be a good situation for all of them. Please pray for their adaptation.

A few days later, we received a judicial determination stating that Alyssa* (2) would be separated from her mother Jennifer* (17), with a high probability of Alyssa* going for adoption. Alyssa* was transferred, and Jennifer* stayed at CLM. While we weren't surprised, based on our observations since they arrived, it was a difficult situation for everyone involved. Please pray that God would use this in their lives to bring both of them closer to Him.

CLM Teens Asking to Be Discipled

We've had high turnover in the children and teens recently, and that makes it even more urgent to plant the seeds of God's Word in their hearts as quickly as possible. We're thankful that several of the teens (even some who just arrived in the last few months) have requested to be discipled individually by the CLM caregivers. Please pray that they would grow in their desire to know Christ.

Entering the Workforce

On February 1, Wes* (18) found out that he was hired at a local factory, to start 2 days later. Since he will work second shift, there will be no more buses that return to the Colony after he finishes each night and we're rushing to find living arrangements for him in Guarapuava, though we'll probably have to pick him up each night for at least the first few days. Please pray fervently that he will act wisely as he takes on the responsibility of a job, and soon, living more independently.

We are grateful for your partnership in prayer and giving. May God continue to bless each of you richly! In Christ,

The CLM staff

Caregivers: Hernan & Tania, Vagner & Analu, Hoelynton & Ana Paula, Darcy & Luciana,

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

Board of directors: Anderson, Junior, Juan, Felipe

Support staff:

Bethany (marketing/communication, education, administrative)

Rogerio (spiritual oversight and administrative)

Danielly/Bianca (finances/administrative)

Junior (Turvo upkeep)

Edilson (maintenance)

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* Indicates not the real names of children



Mission Paraguay

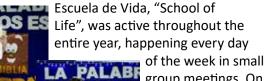
(South America)

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." (Lamentations 3: 21-23)



Looking back at the year we had, I can reassure myself how much this verse is true. God's grace and mercy carried us on during everything we did and therefore we could experience His faithfulness in every detail. 2021 was a year of a lot of growth and work, and we worked with our hearts filled with love for the Lord and burden for His work.

Even though we weren't able to start classes yet,



group meetings. On
December 17th, we had
our great end of year
event where we invited
all the families and
friends to a celebration
that we called Fiesta de
Bendición para la familia"

(Family's Blessings Party). This theme was inspired by the

verses written in the book of Numbers which say: "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

On that special night, we had over 150 people present, among them parents, grandparents,

uncles and aunts, cousins, and friends of the children. We had an incredible time filled with presentations of choreographies and skits. Our prayers were that each family that was there could receive a word of blessing over their lives and that the parents could also make a decision to take the responsibility to pass on this blessing to the next generation, being an example for their children's lives.

Apart from celebrating the amazing things that happened in 2021, we also announced that we will be returning with classes of Project Escuela de Vida in March of 2022. Many of the parents already signed up their children and we can't wait to have them all reunited again! Our classrooms are finally done and ready to be filled with our future students. Our needs now are: chairs, white boards, school supplies and air conditioning for each classroom (the temperature

can get over 109°F sometimes).



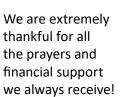
Another way of donating and being part of this project is to sponsor one (or more) child, monthly. The project does not receive any financial resources from the government. All of the workers are volunteers and we don't charge the children to participate in the after school

classes. The cost of sponsorship is \$30/month per child and includes food, uniforms and school supplies. Our goal is to reach out to more partners willing to contribute generously and faithfully.

If you're interested in understanding and getting to know the project better, you can contact me personally via email (hadassadurante1995@gmail.com) and I can share

videos, pictures and more information about Escuela de

Vida.



God has blessed us beyond words and our desire is to continue to serve Him by serving His people here in Paraguay.

Gabe and Hadassa Caballero

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New Opportunities, New Outreaches

Carolina walked me out to our car the first night we had a small group meeting in her house, about 45 min. from our church. She said with tears

in her eyes, "This is a dream come true! I've always wanted to have a cell group in our home. There is such a spiritual need in my neighborhood. So many kids and people who need the Lord. This is one of the happiest days of my life.

Thanks for helping us organize this for the Kingdom". In three weeks, the number of people present tripled. This small team, full of faith and love for the lost, is excited and prepared to embrace the spiritually needy in Paso de Oro, Ypané.



We ask for your prayers as

we build on this dream to have a new opportunity to share God's word in Ypané. Pray for Nestor, Emilia, Carolina and



Cristian (and their teenage girls) who are leading these cell groups of adults and children.

Capiatá is also about 45 minutes away. This past year we had been visiting a family from there in a growing

cell group. Every week, new people were coming. Many neighbors saw radical changes in this family as they began growing in wisdom and were transformed by the Word. Friends and relatives saw a family dominated by alcohol and domestic violence change into a home full of love and respect.

Thankful for Roger and Patty Webels visit this past January.

They are from Norton, Ohio. We felt very encouraged by their visit and participation in all our activities. They came to our cell groups and were able to "fall in love" (Patty's words) with the Paraguayan people.

We are sending out a team: Joel, Daniela, Brandon and

Aylen to work with the men, women, teens and children



once a week in cell groups. Once a month we will take "church" to them and have a special Sunday celebration. Praise God with us as we trust Him in

faith to open doors for this new outreach.

More exciting news is that we "multiplied" our ladies group. We now have four new groups of women. Our lives, our homes, are extensions of the Church. We share God's Word with our friends and neighbors and they may not want to come to church, but they are excited about a small support group, or a friendship group. In this group we have a fun ice-breaker, worship, a message, and finally time for prayer and fellowship. Without pressure to "change their religion" they are able to be comfortable in a non-judgemental group where they can grow in faith. Pray for our new leaders and these marvelous opportunities to share their faith.

We will be starting up our weekly Bible studies on Tuesdays toward the end of February: a spiritual maturity course

and leadership classes. The courses are open to anyone who wants to grow and commit to ministry. Carolina (mentioned above) was a student of these courses last year. After being confronted and



challenged by the Word, it was her heart's desire to open up her own home for a cell group.

Construction

We are thankful for the donations sent to plaster the walls. We are waiting until after a wedding, planned for next week, and then we will begin working on the walls. The classrooms for Escuela de Vida are almost finished and we praise God

for the support raised for these classrooms. God has used many of you to supply our needs here in Paraguay and we are grateful.

Thanks again for your support, financially and prayerfully, and for blessing us in so many ways.

Karen (and Oscar) Caballero Karen: karencaba68@gmail.com

Committees of the ACCF

The Apostolic Christian Church Foundation, Inc., accomplishes the Lord's work through Committees. Though they may change a little over the years, and sometimes Committees are added or in some way reorganized, dedicated Brothers and Sisters serve the Lord and His Kingdom through the following Foundation supoported Committees.

Bible Class Publications Committee- To co-labor with ACC Nazarean congregations---including church leadership and teaching brothers---in order to provide and maintain doctrinally sound Bible Class lesson materials. The main deliverable from the Committee is a set of approximately 350+ adult Bible Class lessons, which cover most of the Holy Bible in a seven-year span, covering a different Biblical theme each calendar quarter. Many of our congregations use these lessons in their adult Bible classes, or for personal studies and devotions.

Camps and Events- The Committee serves camps and events in an administrative capacity from a legal perspective and to support govenance practices at participant events. All camps and events are encouraged to join this Committee 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.

Projects (DAP) Committee of the ACCF exists to be a catalyst and supporter of the Apostolic Christian Church as it strives to "make full proof" of its ministry (2 Tim 4:5) within the North American mission field. DAP prayerfully seeks to accomplish this by (1) developing programs to assist the church in outreach, teaching, and all matters of ministry, (2) providing biblical materials that address the pressing issues of our time, (3) encouraging and equipping those within the church who have a willingness and a gift to be used in domestic missions, and (4) working to stoke efforts within the local church to strengthen the family of God and fully embody the unity of the Body of Christ so it can better serve its Head. There are currently three DAP-supported ministries:

- The ACC Youth Choir, which was founded over 30 years ago to encourage and provide opportunities for young people to spread Christ's love and build lasting bridges of Christian unity through worship.
- The Legacy Bible Institute, which is a one-year, Christcentered discipleship program that develops believers for Gospel life and mission through immersive Bible study, intentional Christian community, and engaging hands-on ministry.
- The REV3 Initiative, which offers an integrated support and accountability network for church leaders to help them facilitate an holistic realignment of their local church's mission and structure around the three core areas of evangelism, discipleship, and shepherding.

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

Eastern European Relief- The EERC provides funds for a wide range 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.

Endowment Fund- 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.

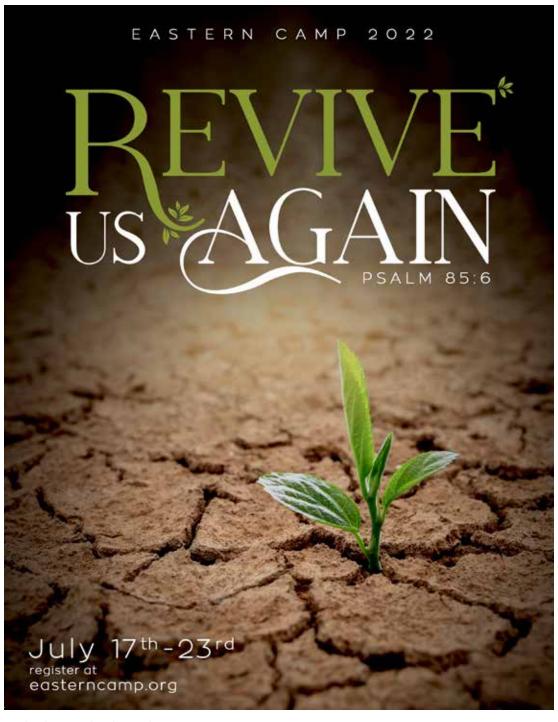
ICFG- Our mission is to serve all the youth within the Apostolic Christian Church by pursuing our four primary objectives: (1) To encourage personal spiritual growth in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ; (2) to promote Christian fellowship among all Members and friends of the ACC in North America; (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."

Mexican Support Committee- The Mexican Support Committee (MSC) is dedicated to supporting the Iglesia Cristiana 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. The MSC is also a primary overseer of the work at Little Hands Orphanage, in Tecate.

Missionary- We exist to help fulfill Christ's command to love the Lord our God and our neighbor as ourselves

by overseeing the missional outreaches the Lord has entrusted to us: Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and soon, Lord willing, in North America. The Committee seeks to provide guidance, encouragement and support for our ACC Members who serve abroad and domestically.

Revolving Building Fund- The mission of the Revolving Building Fund is to assist our Churches with building construction projects including renovations, additions, a new purchase or new construction. The Revolving Building Fund provides a one-year zero interest loan to help with the funding of these projects.



Nepomuceno

Brazil

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Brasil! In our last update, we mentioned that several Covid restrictions were still in place here in Nepo. We are so thankful that over the past few weeks, some of these restrictions have been lifted. Schools reopened for in person learning at the end of November and our boys were also finally able to return to church. We praise God for these changes and are thankful for a return to normalcy, after almost two years in quarantine.

In November, our new Board of Directors started their two year term. We have a new president and treasurer on the board along with several other new members. Please be praying for the board during this time of transition and adaptation to their new roles.



New Board Members

It is hard to believe that the holiday season has already come and gone. We are so thankful that during the Christmas season we were able to receive a few visitors, after almost two years of isolation. We were also grateful to be able to once again celebrate Christmas day and New Year's Eve with special services at church and times of food and fellowship afterwards.

One of the highlights of Christmas is receiving the letters from the States and Canada. This year, we received three sets of letters from New York, Washington, and Ontario that arrived by Christmas day. The boys were thrilled with the cards and special gifts inside. In the middle of January, we then received five more sets of cards from Michigan and Ohio. We also know of several who mailed letters that have not arrived yet, so we are once again looking forward



to receiving them and extending Christmas cheer throughout the year! We thank each of you who took the time, effort, and money to put together cards and send them to our children. This annual tradition is

truly a highlight for our kids and we appreciate you blessing them in this way!

It is currently summer here in Brasil and our boys are thoroughly enjoying their break from school. After almost two straight weeks of rain, we've recently been blessed with beautiful sunshine and the boys have been enjoying the

pool and day trips to a local waterfall. The new school year begins in February and we are hoping to restart our after school program for the neighborhood children once school is underway. We had to suspend this ministry due to Covid restrictions and we are so excited to be planning for it once



again. Please be praying for this outreach, and for the boys as they return to school.

We are grateful for your faithful prayers on behalf of this ministry, our children, staff, and us as directors. We also praise God for your generous and faithful financial



contributions which help maintain the ministry here. May God bless you!

In Him,

Heltton and Katy Brandão

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Little Hands Orphanage



our siblings before one is moved out

We have been so grateful for the outpouring of help throughout 2021. We worked towards completing the third home on the property and welcomed Amara and Glenn Bozic as primary caregivers.

Little Hands Christmas

third house is in its final stages of completion and we could NOT have done this without the help from each of you!

There have been countless workteams, prayers, and donations towards this project. The



Baptism

Quiñonez family is excited to finally settle in to the new house with their children. The Bozic's will then move into the house vacated by the Quiñonez family, and Lord willing, have their own place

to call "home". They can then welcome in

the children for which they will be caring.

God bless each of you as you continue to support this ministry.

The Little Hands Orphanage Family casahogartecate@gmail.com



On the way to church in Sonora

Tecate

Mexico

Greetings from south of the border, where the winter has been cool. Even so, the love of God warmed our hearts as we saw 16 come to help on a work team at Little Hands

in October. Equally so, we are touched to see how the Lord called a young couple, Glen and Amara (from the Kitchener-Strasburg church) who arrived on November 21st, to come and serve at Little Hands.

November was the month of the Bible for us in Tecate. We were challenged to read, or listen to reading, of the whole New Testament during this month. Also, our Saturday nights were special as each week we learned

more about Bible history and had games that challenged our knowledge of the order of the books, verses we have memorized, or knowing characters from the Bible. God's Word is, without a doubt, a light unto our path in this dark world.

Within the past couple of months, we are thankful that 4 of our families were able to go over and support the small church in San Jose, Sonora. We continue praying to the Lord

of the harvest that He send laborers into His vineyard.

For the last day of 2021, we met at church for a program to thank God for the blessings of this year. We were encouraged to use any talent was touching to see Brethren who are university grads participating through scripture and song, as well read, tearfully stand and asking for

the Lord has given for His glory. It as a brother who is just learning to forgiveness if he offended anyone, and read a Psalm, as well as he could.

We rejoice with the angels in Heaven for more souls that have repented and are ready for baptism.

Thankful to co-labor with all of you in the Lord's vineyard. Jose and Cathy Cervantes:

Romans837jc@yahoo.com

Hymnals available from the Foundation:

Junior Hymnals- \$12



Books available from the Foundation:

Minimum \$10 per book requested (includes shipping within the US) Proceeds benefit the ministry indicated, not the authors.

Authored by Bro. Vic Schlatter-

Genetically Modified Prophecies- whatever happened to all the sand and stars God promised to Abraham? (PNG)

Showdown of the Gods- a "last call" message to the globe to take seriously the crisis days in which we live (PNG)

Who Told You That You Were Naked? - from the fall of Adam to the rise of the antichrist (PNG)
Nineveh: A Parody of the Present - Biblical Clues to the Rise and Fall of America (PNG)
Hatred of the Jew - Why and when did the barrage begin? (PNG)

Authored by Sis. Rosalie Donais Pflederer-

Sunrise on the Amazon- the missionary journey of Melvin Huber and beginning of the PAZ churches (PAZ)

To Them Gave He Power- the gripping tale of God's great love for the stone age Waola Highlanders of Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Authored by Sis. Janice Popp Sheetz-

Journey of Grace- A history of Rex Noi and the Ghana Church (Ghana)

Authored by Bro. Tibor and Sis. Anita Namenyi-

The Perfect Gift- a heartbreaking, true story of a sweet little girl, Kyra, who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of four (Little Hands)

Authored by Branko Bjelajac-

The Believers in Christ- describes the origins and the spread of the Nazareans to the areas of former Yugoslavia (now Serbia), as the first Protestant/Evangelical community in that area: 1918 to 1941 (EERC)

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Trustee Corner

(ACCF)

There have been many who have gone to their Heavenly Home, having at one time been part of the Foundation, but I am unfamiliar with any ACCF Trustees who have passed on while actively serving.

In the last issue of the Newsletter (as in many), one of the ACCF Trustees offered a short word of exhortation through this publication, featuring thoughts with reflections and edification. The last issue featured a submission by Bro. Tom Shurance. Approximately two months later, the Lord concluded Bro. Tom's time with us and called him home. He had been a diligent, faithful, avid supporter of the ministry of the Foundation for over 20 years.

But as unique, special and valuable as he was, he was not uncommon. There have been countless founders, chairmen, trustees, representatives, committee members, supportive volunteers and many, many more who have for decades invested their time, their zeal and their finances in what they believe to be an imperitive service to the 'denomination' and ultimately, the Lord's work. I am humbled and privileged to serve alongside these many Brothers and Sisters in the responsibilities of faithfully executing the administration and work of the Foundation.

Brother Tom was led by the Lord to offer these timely encouragements (excerpts from what turned out to be his final Newsletter submission):

... when has sharing the Gospel ever been convenient? It wasn't convenient in the early church. It wasn't convenient in concentration camps. It wasn't convenient before COVID-19, when we were all so busy, and it wasn't politically correct to say that Jesus is the only way. I don't think Jesus had convenience in mind...

Are we willing to bear the cost of loving others?

If you believe that there is room to improve on how we as a church are making disciples, encourage your leaders to contact the ACC Foundation DAP Committee to learn more about the REV3 Initiative.

We could have done better in the past. We need to do better as the Lord's return nears.

- Submitted by Bro. Tom Shurance, ACCF Trustee for Dec 2021

Thad Lumsden, Executive Director, ACCF, Inc.

ACC Foundation Donor She Date: Vepomuceno Children's Home Zip: Jaballero, Gabe and Hadassa **Saballero**, Oscar and Karen reeman, Brent and Debbie ervantes, Jose and Cathy Schlatter, Victor and Elsie **3randao, Heltton and Katy** luber, Tim and Christine ambia Harmony School Bozic, Glenn and Amara Home Church: After School Program Jelic, Dennis and Yasna luber, Abe and Andrea School Sponsorships Irubik, Jeff and Becky School General Fund **Jpward Bound Youth** Jaraguay Ministries ffiliated Ministries: Papua New Guinea ife Without Limbs Mission/Church Project Amazon Vdonai School lope Ministries or the work of: **Huber, Angela** ibson, Mary State: **Fotal Amount Enclosed:** General Fund (Tecate/Sonora) (formerly Yugoslavian Relief) Where Most Needed (Missions) Jomestic Action and Projects Where Most Needed (ACCF) Mexican Support Committee Green Olive Tree Ministries Street Address: Little Hands Orphanage (Operating Expenses) Eastern European Relief egacy Bible Institute Revolving Building Fund Janaan Land Ministries Administrative Fund Your Name: Argentina Missions **DAP General Fund European Projects** Small Church Fund indowment Fund **3enevolent Fund** VCC Foundation **Jisaster Relief** Shana Missions Medical Clinic outh Chair **Nork Teams** Churches Mid-West Western Eastern Published by the Apostolic Christian Church Foundation, Inc.



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me to ponder: "the victory of death."

I recently came across a phrase referencing Christians that caused

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