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Going Into All The World



Steve Curo, Evangelist in Parker, Colorado

Jesus said, in Mark 16:15, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Jesus wants everyone, everywhere in the world to hear the gospel. Why? Paul said, in Romans 1:16, "The gospel... is the power of God for salvation." Jesus wants everyone, everywhere in the world to hear the gospel so that they can be saved. The salvation of all mankind has always been God's eternal purpose. In fact, God is so invested in the salvation of all mankind that He gave His life for us. He died for us. He held nothing back when it comes to our salvation.

As Christians we have the same passion to save the lost as Jesus. Just as the apostles were sent out into the world to preach the gospel, so are we. In Acts 8:30-31, Philip asked the Ethiopian, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The Ethiopian responded, saying, "How could I, unless someone guides me?" There are people who are searching for truth in this world, who just need a little guidance.

It is a passion for the salvation of all men that has given life to the Bible School of the Americas in Panama City, Panama. We train preachers. Those who attend the two year preacher training school will graduate with a knowledge of God's word, with skills to lead the people of God, with a hunger for the salvation of lost souls, and with the confidence to be a Philip, a faithful guide to those who are searching for truth.

The world will be blessed by the twelve students who have just graduated from the Bible School of the Americas. They will be fulfilling the great commission by taking the gospel to lost souls in Colombia, Panama, Honduras and Mexico. And with today's current covid crisis, the gospel which is preached in Mexico, is sent out all over the world via Facebook, Zoom, YouTube and other media platforms. A preacher in one location can

impact souls all over the world! It's exciting to think how many souls will be saved as a result of their ministry in the kingdom of God, and how the church will be blessed by their devotion to the people of God.

The GRADUATING STUDENTS are:

- Farit Carmona (Colombia)
- Osman Garcia (Honduras)
- Juan Lopez (Mexico)
- Maria Abrigo (Panama)
- Moisas Herrera and wife, Norma (Panama)
- Jaime Lopez and wife, Ana (Mexico)
- Antonia Martinez and wife, Celina (Panama)
- Marvin Hernandez and wife, Anna (Honduras)

You can help them in their ministry! You can pray for them daily, and you can even support them economically! God is going to do great things through these wonderful servants. Please consider how you can bless them in their work.



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This Guy is No Stranger to LAM!

Frank Williams, LAM Fund Raiser, Henderson, Tennessee

Jn the mid-1980's the Dayton, TN congregation I attended had a fiery animated preacher visit. He made a presentation about the work he was involved in within the country of Panama. What a picture he painted with his words! His name was **Bob Bryson**. Two of my fellow Deacons were so impressed that they went on the next medical campaign to the San Blas Islands off the northern coast of Panama. They returned and shared with enthusiasm how God's Kingdom was being advanced. I mean, show the compassion of Christ by healing their physical wounds and sharing the Gospel for their spiritual needs. Well, I knew I wanted to be part of this beautiful work.

The following year I made my first trip. It was a non-eventful flight arriving late in the evening; but things began to change as soon as I deplaned. The heat, humidity, smells, and the noise hit you. Off to the "hotel", the El Caribe, a vertical hotel with a non-working elevator. Check-in was a disaster, and it seemed like hours to get a room with a 50-year-old mattress and a few hours of sleep. The next afternoon, we boarded a colorful school bus with loud music and drove two hours on the most treacherous highway to Cologne. Our driver must have been a NASCAR driver of days gone by. Nothing was going to get in his way, neither in front or the oncoming lane. I think Bob was in the front praying most of the way. At the Port of Cologne, we take a Panamanian health boat to the San Blas Islands. How exhilarating! I sat on the front of the boat with the waves splashing over the bow. But, soon I moved to the back of the boat for the rest of the voyage repeatedly emptying my stomach. All the while, Bob was gently swaying in his hammock topside. Arriving at Muli Tupu, we went right to work. It took me another day to get my land legs back. My good friend, Dean Northcutt, a Agricultural Extension Agent, had brought some spray insecticide to keep the bugs off of us. So, he sprayed our hut and the thatched roof. Shortly after retiring, we started hearing little thuds hitting around us. The insecticide had done its work. Unfortunately, the roaches were falling from the thatching onto our sleeping area. There was no snoring that night. During the day we worked long hot hours seeing patients. People were coming from other islands to see the doctors. Worship services were every night. I became addicted to the hot bread they baked every morning. One loaf for one dime. Then it was over. Back on the boat and sick again. Arriving at the hotel anxious to see that mattress. We had one day to tour and then head home.

My first trip was the *best trip* I have ever been privileged to take. I made more trips to Panama, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Each one had its share of challenges. Every one became the *best trip* I had ever been on. How can that possibly be? My friends, when the compassion of Christ is shown and the love of Christ is taught and demonstrated, people respond. Many of them did...and so did I. Nearly forty years has passed since my first trip, and I am still impacted from what I witnessed on each and every trip. This is a great work and if you will take one trip you will be changed forever! **Let us come and share this work with you, so that you, too, can be changed and involved. I LOVE LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS, and you will too!**

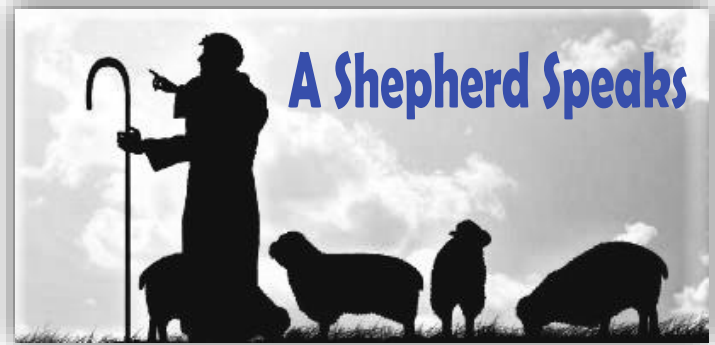


The Great Commission... *How Are We Doing?*

Jason Leger, Elder

As a shepherd of the Lord's Church, I notice that God often addresses individuals in the Bible. But, He also addresses the Church and how pleased or not pleased He is with a Body of members as a whole. I'm concerned with both and find it interesting to study how the two variances are accountable in different ways. When God shares His judgement on a particular congregation, He addresses the Body and whether the members are working well or not. We know the Body is made of many parts, roles, and that boils down to individuals. *What is our individual role in evangelizing the world? What is our role as a congregation, a local Church, in giving financial support toward evangelistic work thousands of miles away?*

The great commission is clear ... We must go into all the world. But, is that an individual call or simply a call for monetary funds to be sent around the world? If the Body of a local congregation is healthy (by healthy, I mean pleasing to God), functioning, and working for God, then both of these things happen. The Body operates well only when the individual parts and roles are working well. When we take



on the Great Commission, we use our talents, resources, and opportunities to fulfil the call to go out to the world. Just as the Body has different capabilities, we as individuals have different talents to accomplish this charge. The sum total of the individuals or parts of the Body working to spread God's Word will be not only how we are judged as individuals but as a congregation just like when God called out churches by name during the First Century.

I hope that you are able to look at your local congregation and see a healthy working Body across all roles and functions. A Body that is made of individuals fulfilling the Great Commission through their particular abilities. We all contribute to the success of the Church worldwide AND also to how the Lord sees our particular congregation and the health of the Body of which we are members.

Fellow Elders of the Lord's Body ...



"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18

Give your members a Godly vision of MISSIONS going into the world with the Gospel of Jesus, and watch God work.



Carrying the Torch!

Austin Fowler, Educator & LAM Staff Member, Dalton, Georgia

Over the last few months, I have genuinely felt like Joshua. In Deuteronomy 34 the great leader, Moses, had passed from this world, and now it was Joshua's turn to lead God's people. As I read through the book of Exodus and see the relationship that Moses and Joshua had, I can relate it to the relationship Spencer Broome and I had. I reflect upon memories and the training Spen gave me. Now that I am "filling his shoes" or "carrying on the torch," I want to share with you some goals and visions for YES II moving forward. I believe that it is essential to have a vision and goals. Solomon once said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

To Teach the Lost

The first and foremost goal of YES II is to teach the lost of Latin America! This is what Latin American Mission has been doing since 1958. We want to be able to continue the great commission in Central and South America. We want to take them the saving message (James 1:21), the words of eternal life (John 6:68), the words that will pierce their heart (Acts 2:37, Hebrews 4:12), and the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). The ultimate goal is to teach the gospel because it is a life-changing message. We want them to change their status: lost to saved; their actions: ungodly to godly; their mindset: earthly to heavenly; their expectation: no hope to hope; and their priorities: the lust of the flesh to the fruit of the spirit. This will always be the number one goal of YES II.

To Train Teens

The second goal of YES II is to train our youth on how to do home Bible studies. During the campaigns, the teens get to sit beside Gospel Preachers, Elders, Deacons, Bible Class Teachers, and Youth Ministers to learn how to teach someone the gospel from start to finish. Our youth is not the church of tomorrow like many people suggest, but they are the church of today! Because

of that, they need to know how to fulfill the great commission properly. The best way that they can learn to teach the Gospel is through hands-on training. The goal is for these teenagers to learn how to conduct home Bible studies to teach their family and friends who are not members of the Lord's church. The ladies can take what they learned from the mission trip to teach VBS and children's classes. I want YES II to be a platform to challenge, change, and create leaders in the Lord's church!

To Build Lifetime Relationships

Over the past seven years, I have made the best friends by going on the YES II mission trips. I believe that this is the best place to be able to find a best friend. For eight days, you are with like-minded people. Many young people stray from the faith because they choose bad friends., as Paul wrote, "Evil companions corrupt good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33). Since that is true, I believe we can conclude that "good companions build up good morals." I want these trips to be a way for teens to connect and have Christian friends that they can rely upon during difficult times.

As I continue to labor in this mission, my personal goal is to be a servant, teacher, leader, example, minister, and an encourager to you all. I earnestly ask you to pray for me, the work of YES II, and all the work of the Latin American Mission in your prayers daily. May God bless you!



2020 GRADUATES (Men...left to right)
**Farit Navarro, Juan Ramón Montejo ,
Antonio Martínez, Jaime Montejo, Marvín Hernández,
Moisés Robinson, Osman Gracia**



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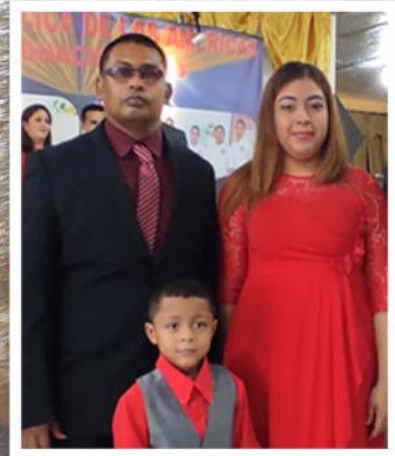
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Francisco Gonzalez, Instructor , Bible School of the Americas



**Jaime Montejo & wife Ana Cecilia
& their young daughter
Palenque, Chiapas in México**

They are active opening a new labor in the community of Salto Azul on the outskirts of the city of Palenque.

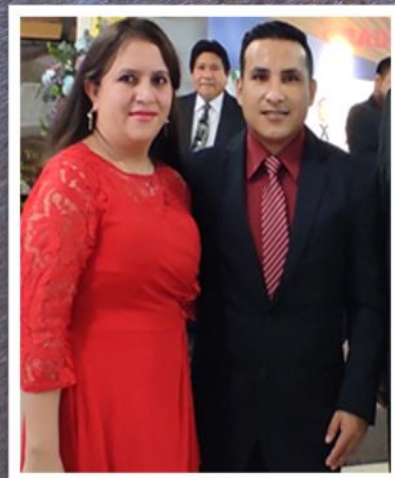


**Moisés Robinson & wife
Norma Morales & son
Colón, Giral in Panamá**

They are working in a new labor in Tierra Prometida where they live with their family.



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**Marvin Hernández & wife Ana
Osiris & three children
Gracias Lempira, Honduras**

They are working in two places close to where they live, but one is a new labor they are establishing.

**María Abrego
Chepo in Panamá**
She is married to the preacher **Adrián Jiménez**, in the congregation there.

Congratulations to All the Graduates! May

GRADUATION



**Antonio Martínez & wife Celina
Bocas del Toro Panamá**

They returned to the labor that sent them to be trained and are actively working with approximately 50 brothers and sisters.



**Farit Navarro
Bagre Antioquia, Colombia**

He is the faithful preacher at the congregation there and collaborates with Bible School recruiting new prospects in Colombia who desire training.

**Juan Ramón Montejo
Palenque, Chiapas in México**

He and his sibling, Jaime, are very active working in the labor at Palenque and Salto Azul where they preach and also utilize radio/media.



**Osman García
Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

He works as a faithful preacher and active servant in the community of La Esperanza.



Your Fruits be for Christ and His Church.

2020 GRADUATES (Ladies...left to right)
**María Abrego, Ana Cecilia, Celina Martinez,
Ana Osiris, Norma Morales**



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Ladies of LAM



Medical Missions



Delanie Sullivan

As I young girl short term missions were not as easily accessible as they are now. I saw mission work as something that was only done by men or families. Those mission trips typically lasted several weeks or perhaps even years. It never occurred to me that mission work would be something that I could participate in and come to love it so! I am so glad that has changed! Now I can't imagine my life without the opportunity to participate in missions. My hope is more and more members of the church will participate and see what a valuable experience it truly is.



My first opportunity to participate in a mission trip was while I was in college completing my prerequisites for pharmacy school. I went to Scotland to help with a VBS, and while I had absolutely no idea what I was doing or what to expect, I had so much fun! I was thrilled to accomplish so much in such a short time. While in pharmacy school, I along with several of my classmates, went to Honduras twice for a medical mission. Once again I was in awe of how many people we were able to serve in just a week.



After graduation, my best friend Leah suggested that I come with her on a medical mission trip to Peru through LAM to serve as a pharmacist. This would be my first trip where healthcare and evangelism were combined. I did not know what would be

expected of me and, quite honestly, I was terrified. But it was such a wonderful experience, I returned every year for the next five years. Each year was a learning experience, and I renewed old friendships along with forging new ones. Each year I would end the week already anticipating the next campaign.

I have been asked several times why short term missions are so important to me. It can be difficult to explain how one short week can be a life changing experience. Short term mission trips are certainly not easy. They are full of hard work, early mornings, late nights, and sometimes very cold showers! Many things do not go as planned, but they are also incredibly rewarding. They allow you to positively impact

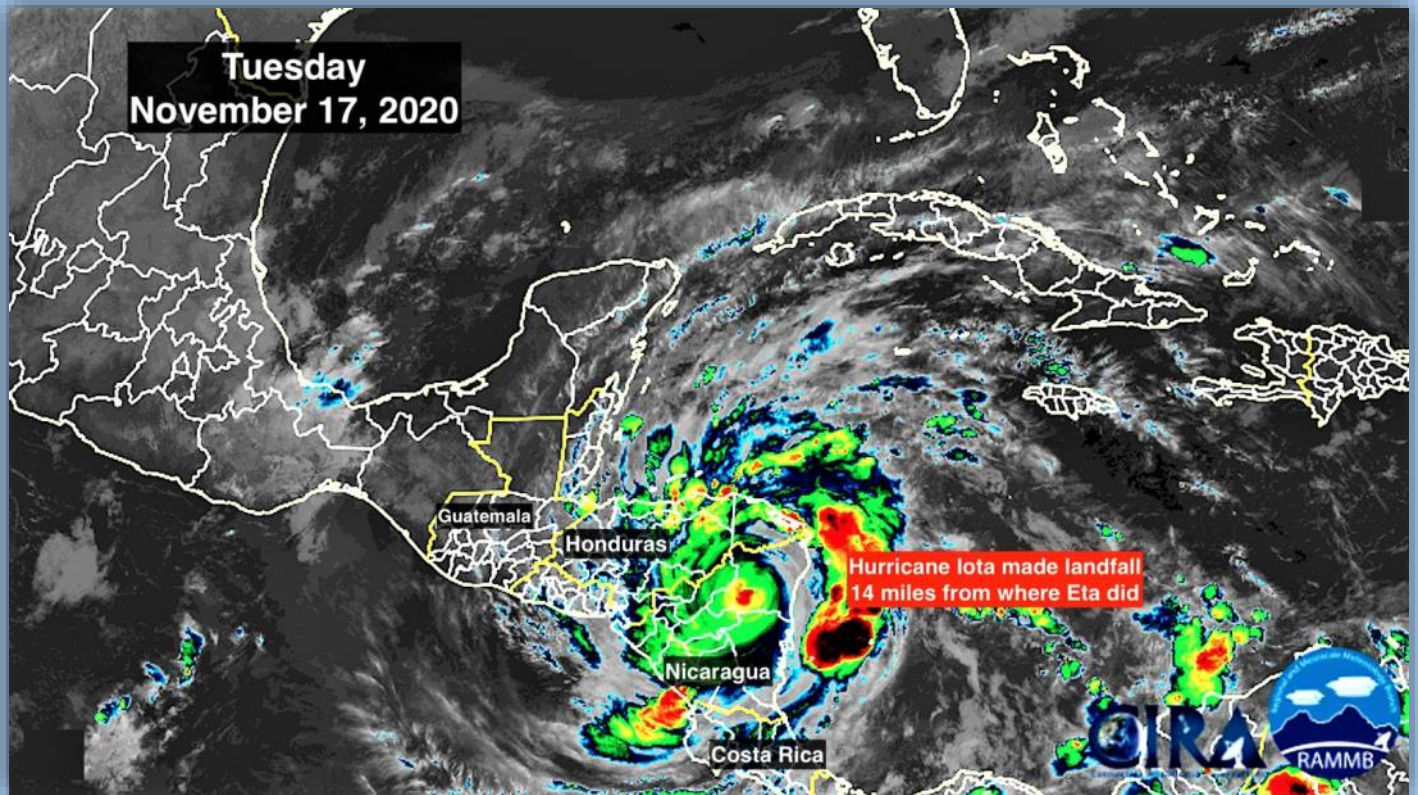


people's lives, see their gratitude for even the smallest kindness, share the gospel, partake of the excitement of gaining a new brother or sister in Christ, and to work with fellow Christians from other states and countries.

Short term missions are an excellent opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth. It is so refreshing to spend time with fellow Christians working toward a common goal. Special skills or previous experience are not necessary ... only flexibility and a willingness to go and work. There are innumerable wonderful reasons to participate in missions and so much work to be done. So what are you waiting for? Let's go and get to work!

Honduras Hurricane Relief

Armando Galeano, _____, Honduras



The Church of Christ through Latin American Missions helped this country after the damage caused by Hurricanes ETA and IOTA in November, 2020. These storms affected the members of the churches of Christ in several regions: Marcala La Paz, La Esperanza Intibuca, Monjaras, Marcovia, El Tamarindo, San Diego, Sartenejas, El Chichicaste, El Pataste, Las Animas, Hato de Enmedio, San Miguel, and Zambrano. All received food at a value of \$25 per bag, using a total of \$5,000 dollars per month and benefiting around 200 families in the month of December and January. Food purchases were made, then bags were prepared and delivered by Brother Armando Galeano. The local preachers distributed them to those most in need.

Besides the support to those affected by the hurricanes in the communities, Brother
12 Marvin Hernandez and his family received

financial help to rebuild their home in Lempira. In December, 2020 this family returned from two years of training at the Bible School of the Americas in Panama and found their house and all their belongings destroyed by the hurricanes.

The Forrest Park Elders oversaw the work of funds received from brothers and sisters in Christ across the United States to give relief to those in need in Honduras after the devastating hurricanes. Your support alleviated the financial situation for 200 families who had no jobs due to the hurricanes and pandemic. We thank the effort of all the brethren in the United States who have contributed for this labor of love in Honduras.

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Tragedy to Triumph



A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25



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