

Baja Christian Ministries Update and Prayer Letter 10/7/05

Dear Prayer Partner,

Last weekend of ministry was very effective and fruitful. Thank you for your vital prayers! Along with two beautiful homes built in El Nino and a great open air feast with music, facilitated by the Grace Community Church of Seal Beach, a number of people also came to the Lord and many were greatly encouraged in this community in the midst of some hard circumstances and happenings.

Meantime on the other side of TJ houses were also being built by Ocean Beach Baptist Church of San Diego and Cerritos Baptist of Cerritos for two families who lost their homes to fire recently.

Tomorrow, board member Jon Zimmerman along with his business client Jake Zeidman and employees from his company are building a house for another family that lost their home in that same fire.

Jon Hall and his teams from Canyon Hills Church of Lake Forest, CA, are also now building 4 homes in a community called San Bernardo which is mostly comprised of families who were relocated there because of their shantys lost in the recent flooding.

We will be joining these teams tomorrow to do evangelism and discipleship in these areas. Please keep all these teams and their possessions and those we build for and minister to in your prayers for God's blessing, protection, and fullness of joy. Please pray that many will get saved and blessed through the ministry efforts of these teams.

As you are most likely aware this ministry is focused on building both houses and lives for Jesus Christ. As we use tools to build physical houses we also use tools to help build their lives. In the process of building lives we are excited about the a purple book called "Biblical Foundations"—"Fundamentos Biblicos" in Spanish published by Every Nation Productions through our friends the Newsboys. This great tool compliments so well the Spanish Bibles we also give away. They help to lay a solid Biblical foundation in the lives of those we are leading to the Lord. In my next letter I hope to share a testimony from a brother who speaks so highly of this great tool. Our leaders in Mexico also loves these books to help ground their congregations in God's truth. We are almost completely out of Bibles and Purple Books...please pray that God would provide funds to access more of these valuable tools.

As we know...earthly homes for the poor are so vital and needed and so is their heavenly home and relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I've included a compilation of scriptures verses I put together as an exhortation, encouragement, and reminder of this vital Great Commission task we have been entrusted with as the King's ambassadors to evangelize and disciple the nations. I hope this compilation will serve as a renewal of our vision in that great privilege, we have for behold, the harvest is ripe in Baja, as it is in many parts of the world. Thank you joining us in this important work. We love and appreciate you!

With Gratitude, Bob Sanders—compilation follows→

Why is Prayerful Evangelism and Discipleship so Vital?

Because... God our Savior, wants **all** men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1Tim. 2:3-4--NIV) Therefore, I exhort, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for **all** men...(1Tim. 2:1-3)

Because ... The Lord is not...willing that any should perish, but that **all** should come to repentance. (2Pet. 3:9) ...on some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire...(Jude 22-23)...become all things to all people so that by all means (you) might save some. (1Cor 9:22-NRSV)

Because...He commands **all** people everywhere to repent. (Acts 17:30-31-NIV) They perish because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved (2Thes 2:10-NIV) Pray for one another. (Ja. 5:16) ...continuously! (1Thes 5:17-NIV) ...be instant... (2Tim 4:2) ...and compel them to come in that My House may be filled. (Luke 14:23)

Because... He has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us (2 Cor. 5:19-20-NIV)...Proclaim the Message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. (2Tim. 4:1-2-RSV) ... and compel them to come in...(Luke 14:23)

Because... there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus Who gave Himself as a ransom for **all** men...(1 Tim. 2:5-6--NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by Whom we must be saved. (Acts 4:12--NIV) ...the Gate; whoever enters through (Him) will be saved (Jo 10:9-NIV)

Because...from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2Thes 2:13—NIV) Pray ... that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. (2Thes 3:1—NIV)

Because ... you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth , the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance unto the redemption of those who are God's possession to the praise of His glory (Eph 1:13-14-NIV)

Because... the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, Ask the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into His harvest field. Go! I am sending you out... (Luke 10:2-3--NIV) Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," Does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He Who guards your life know it? Will He not repay each person according to what he has done? (Pro 24:11-12--NIV)

Because... an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward...I am entrusted with a commission. (1Cor 9:16-17—RSV) ...I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more...I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do all for the sake of the gospel, so I may share in...the prize. Run in such a way that you may win it.

(1Cor. 9:24—RSV)

Because...The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he who wins souls is wise (Prov 11:30) The reaper already is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together. (Jo 4:36-38—RSV) You did not choose Me, but I chose you to go and bear much fruit—fruit that will last. (Jo 15:16)

Because... whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? (Rom. 10:13-15) I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me. (Isa. 6:8) Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15)

Because... for this purpose, I was appointed a herald...(1 Tim. 2:7--NIV) ...I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, Who has enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry. (1Tim. 1:12) Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so you may know how to answer everyone. (Col 4:6—NIV) Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1Pet 3:15--NIV)

Because...I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God to every one that believes...(Rom 1:16) ...whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and My Words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when He shall come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and the holy angels. (Luke 9:26) Preach the Word; be prepared... (2Tim 4:2—NIV) ...keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (2Tim. 4:5—NIV)

Because... He that says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked. (1Jo 2:6) ...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses...to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8—RSV) All authority in heaven and earth has been given Me (Jesus). Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you...(Matt 28:19)

Because...The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Lk 4:18-19—RSV) Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame. (Lk 14:21—NIV) Go out unto the highway and hedges, and compel them to come in that My House may be filled. (Lk 14:23) And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt 28:20-RSV)

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All Verses in King James Version except those note as:

NIV—New International Version or RSV—Revised Standard Version