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Photo of the Month



Founded In Truth missions team sorting the clothes donations to Indigenous

Video of the Month



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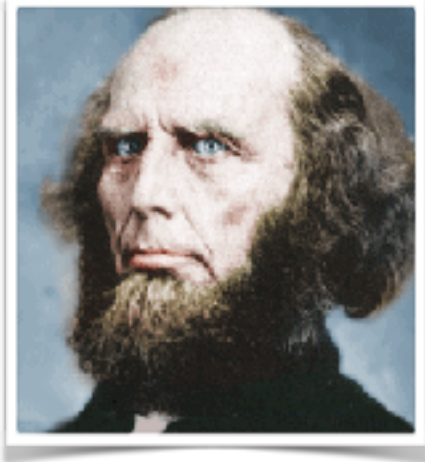
Latest Happenings

This past month a few members from Founded In Truth Ministries came to serve some of the local communities around Beit Lechem farm. I have to say that I was very impressed with this group. The majority of the group had never been on a missions trip. The majority of the team was teens from 18 to 13 years old. That is impressive and encouraging to me personally!

I have to brag on Angie Knape, Jeannie Seanor, Noah Gordon and the teens from F.I.T. There were some difficulties in the beginning of the trip, trials I like to call them, but this group didn't complain. When we moved to plan C or plan D, they were troopers about it. They truly represented Founded In Truth but more importantly they represented our Messiah Y'shua through their witness, humility, attitudes, service, and patience. This group did an excellent job. The first scheduled event was on Sunday at an Assembly of God church in the middle



Quote of the Month



“Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility.”

— Charles Grandison Finney

of the jungle. I've written about this little church in Chinakicha, pronounced chin uh key cha, and shown pictures in past newsletters of my visits there. We took enough food to feed 50 people and had a total of 42 people. The little bit left over was given to the pastor for dinner and another family. Monday we visited the elementary school in the village below Beit Lechem farm. The team painted the first through sixth grade classroom. The kindergarten room walls needed a wipe down before they could be painted so this room received a 'new face' as well. Tuesday we headed over to Bri Bri to visit the elderly folks home. Wednesday we had a fun day and went to the beach in Punta Uva, Puerto Viejo. It's a really nice beach. Thursday we scheduled to hike up our mountain to visit an Indigenous family in the community of Los Angeles. The matriarch of the family is in her seventies and not in good health. We had planned a day where the team, Gaby, and I would go up and visit. I wanted to take the team out in the jungle to get some heart of palm and make a meal where the team would learn to make a tortilla. Well that plan didn't work out because the matriarch has been in the hospital for a few days now and wasn't out by Thursday. Instead we returned to the school and finished painting a few places that needed touching up. We finished the afternoon out by going to the big swimming whole in the Duruy. On Friday we went to the Aldeas Infantiles S.O.S. orphanage in Limon and visited a house that had a lot of new arrivals. There are ten children from 3 years old to 16 years old that live in this house with one lady called a tia (aunt). The team brought down school supplies and other items that were donated to the orphanage also. I believe this was one of the highlights of the missions trips. This was probably one of the most successful missions trips that we've hosted. Thanks F.I.T. missions team and Matthew Vanderels for lending them to us for ten days.

Joel Sanchez Director & Founder of C.L.M.

Featured Article of the Month

One of the biggest struggles that people wrestle with

today is where they 'fit in'. Teens especially know what I'm talking about here. There is so much pressure from our culture and society to steer us into a herd mentality. Herd mentality is something that I learned while I was working cattle with my best friend's dad, John Robert McIntosh, on his farm in Darnell, LA. A town so small that if you blink you miss it. It's amazing what can be learned from the small off the beaten path places and things in life. Herd mentality as you have probably guessed is follow the leader and stay in a single file going through the motions. Everyone looking and doing the same. The creator made us to stand out instead of fitting in. Standing out not in an arrogant prideful way, but in a way that brings notoriety and honor to the One we represent. My point is we are called to be unique. We are called to walk a higher standard than the status quo herd mentality where everyone tries their hardest to totally fit in until blended in. Did Y'shua 'fit in' with the majority of his day? Did His ministry 'fit in'? I believe it would be safe to say that He really stood out while walking out His purpose. I would hope we all could agree that Y'shua is our example to live by today. Y'shua's faith was a faith of action. When you walk out your purpose it allows others to see your faith in action. This is the essence of 'standing out' for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

That intro leads me into my next question. What is your place in the world? I'm being serious here. Do you really know who you are in Y'shua? Do you really know who you are? If you know, you are pretty much in the minority and I congratulate you. If you don't there is never a better time than right now to find yourself and your place in the world.

How do we 'find' ourselves? First off out of the gates I want to advise, there is a lot of work or 'works' involved in understanding and walking out your purpose. There is a lot of negative talk out there today about 'works'. It comes mainly from misunderstanding what works meant in the Newer Testament 1st Century setting. My redneck view of what 'works' means is very simple. If you lay out your faith through your actions it not only works but produces more works that work. This is an ongoing process and continues to grow or reproduce the more you exhibit or lay out your faith through your actions. That has been my experience throughout fifteen years of ministry. Does the Scripture frown upon works like our modern religious society? For me what Y'shua said is written in stone. In Revelation 1 it begins by stating that this was the revelation of Y'shua the Messiah. In Revelation 2 we find Y'shua auditing several churches. In His audit Y'shua addresses the issue of 'works'. He begins by telling each church, "I know your WORKS (deeds or actions). Notice carefully Y'shua was judging these fellowships by their 'works' not by their beliefs! Did Y'shua at any point in His ministry admonish people to 'stand out'? I believe He did right out of the gates in Matthew 5:16. Right after giving the sermon on the mount about the beatitudes, Y'shua tells the crowd something very interesting when it comes to 'works'.





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Matthew 5:16 “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they **may see** your good **works**, and **glorify your Father** who is in heaven.

Yes we are commanded to let our light shine (works) so that others see who we serve. In other words, Y’shua was telling us to stand out and not fit in. Why is that? It is through your works of serving, caring, and loving others. This carries weight with people and it is exactly how you stand out in order to bring glory and honor to the One you represent.

The time is now to let your light shine before men and for a change start enjoying life. When you begin to understand and walk out your purpose, you get almost like a fresh perspective on life because now you have meaning to what you are doing. Your life has VALUE because of what you are doing. When you value something, it’s usually due to being passionate about it. When you are passionate about something it will influence those around you to get involved because through you finding your purpose, they in return find theirs. And now we are back full circle to what I mentioned earlier.

If you lay out your faith through your actions it not only works but produces more works that work. This is an ongoing process and continues to grow or reproduce the more you exhibit or lay out your faith through your actions. This is building the Kingdom one stone at a time.

Luke 10:2 And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Let your light shine NOW and hold nothing back. Break out of the just fitting in role and stand out for the Creator. What you are doing now determines what you get to do next. Shalom and blessings.