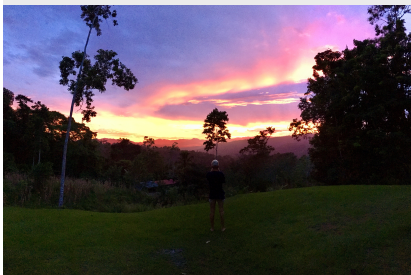


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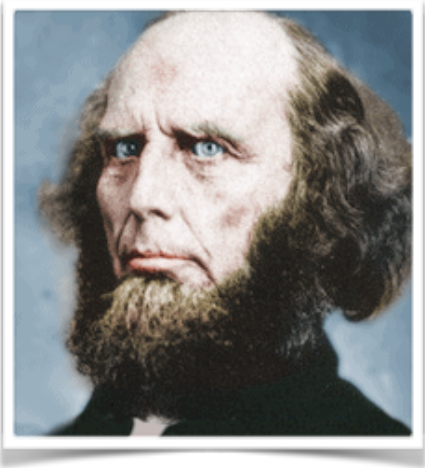
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Latest Happenings

We recently celebrated the Biblical feast of Tabernacles here in Costa Rica with folks from the U.S., Costa Rica, and Panama. Now, I'm ready to get back to Abba's business. I've hit the ground running and already have my plate overloaded, but that's my life. A couple of weeks ago, I confirmed Mia Kremer, a new training center participant from Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada. The date of the next training session is February 13 - March 15, 2018. After my experiences with the last training center participants, I'm shortening the length of this one.. Mia's essay and references impressed me, and her essay was the best I've received so far. Her extracurricular activities demonstrated to me that she knows how to lead, and her references talked about her willingness to serve. This is what I'm looking for in candidates for this program. Those who want to truly serve and learn are the ones who are real world changers. I'm looking so forward to this upcoming training center. I've been longing for people who get touched by God while attending our HRTWAM teen



Quote of the Month



*“A state of mind that
sees God in
everything is
evidence of growth
in grace and a
thankful heart.”*

— Charles Grandison Finney

camp, training center, and missions trips to not return to their normal lives once they return to the U.S. It's about making a difference daily. My hope has been that those who have come down and received from our ministry would go on and accomplish all the Creator has for them to do not allowing distractions and the world to get them off track. I'm eagerly hoping this next training center will be the one that encourages me to continue forward with the program.

Some of you might have noticed that I'm no longer on Facebook. I'm in a season of removing distractions from my life. This has been great on one hand, but on the other it has hurt the ministry. I feel it was necessary in this season of my life and ministry, though. Only a handful of folks have continued to keep up with and financially give towards the work we are doing here in Costa Rica. I'm very appreciative. I've had a few responses patting me on the back telling me to keep up the good work, but practically saying that I was on my own and good luck. I realize Facebook is a super easy means for everyone all over the world to stay connected while seeing what you are doing. Why not get back on? One word: distraction!

Next month, I will write more about the English project at the orphanage in Limon. This is the orphanage that the teen camp participants, folks who come to celebrate the feast of Tabernacles with us in CR, and other friends and ministers have visited to do ministry. It's called Aldeas Infantiles S.O.S. If you google that name you will find an orphanage in all seven provinces of CR. I will be working with Dusti Howell, PhD, who is a professor at Emporia State University in Kansas. He has done this project in Thailand before, but I think this project will be better than what he accomplished in Thailand. I will be making more videos in the future about this project that starts in January. For the latest video, go to the first page of this newsletter and click on the video link under featured video or click [here](#). On that page, I have a list of materials and things that are necessities for the success of this program. A few Christians and former Worldwide Church of God brethren have gotten involved to financially supporting this project. Sadly, I've received only one email from the Hebrew Rooters. It's unfortunate when I hear HR talk about and teach how everyone

should be keeping commandments and fulfill the duty as representatives of Y'shua to take care of widows and orphans. Unfortunately, it seems to not go much further than just talk. It's also a witness destroyer. I'm left pondering why leaders who know me and have been a part of the work here, my true friends, and fellow participants in the ministry work here have been so silent on me asking for help and support? Maybe one day soon brethren can see the real value in giving and making financial sacrifices in order to accomplish the King's work. Shalom.

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

Featured Article of the Month

Did you know the Creator of the Universe is a missionary? Did you know the Messiah of our faith was also a missionary? I never gave those questions much thought until recently. I've defined the term missionary in a past newsletter and will not take the time to do so here. One thing I would like to mention is that in order to be a missionary one doesn't necessarily plant a church, build an orphanage, or feed the homeless. A missionary doesn't even have to preach a sermon on a weekly basis. The things I previously mentioned are most definitely accomplished by some missionaries, but they don't define specifically who or what a missionary is. Those are functions of missionaries that tie into and accomplish the mission of the God of Israel and His son Y'shua (Jesus). If the God of Israel has a mission, would it be wise for you and me to only have knowledge about that mission while doing nothing to walk out our role, duty, and responsibility in the bigger scope of that mission? Knowledge without action, in this case, has eternal consequences for believers. We can keep commandments until we are blue in the face or pray and fast every second of our waking lives, but if we aren't fulfilling God's mission then what are we really doing. What is God's mission? Most think it is the great commission found in the Newer Testament book of Matthew chapter 28 beginning with verse 16. Most definitely this is part of God's mission, but it's not the first place mentioned in the Scriptures.

*Now the Lord said to Abram, go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great' and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you and the one who curses I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed. **Genesis 12:1-3***

We read this passage and mainly focus on the blessing and cursing part, but something bigger is at play. If we back up one chapter, we find two major issues that were plaguing the then known world: the sinfulness of every person that walked the earth and the confusion and fracturing of the nations of humanity. In order to combat these plagues, the Creator calls Abraham to be His man to deal with the problem of human sin but to also heal the divisiveness of the nations. The Creator explicitly elected Abraham for the blessings of all nations on earth! This is actually where we find the first great commission; it's not a Newer Testament concept. It's an Older Testament concept where Abraham was told "Go...



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[and] be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you". God's plan since the beginning of time was to deal with sin and division through His covenant people Israel, the people of Abraham who is called the father of our faith. God's divine mission is even bigger than just reaching the nations. It encompasses the whole of creation! You and I play an extremely huge part in this restoration process. We either add to the restoration when we walk as Israel is commanded to walk, or we take away from the restoration when we aren't fulfilling our responsibility to give of ourselves. This giving includes our time, energy, effort, and finances. If Y'shua was to assess our giving in the previous areas, what would the outcome of that assessment look like for you? Would we fail or pass? Many individuals have taken their responsibility and expect others to gird their loins and fulfill it because I can't do _____ (fill in the blank with your excuse and justification). I've even heard folks comment on how God is so big and can just do it all Himself. That sounds trendy, but from Genesis to Revelation we find this so big of a God using men and women to fulfill His mission. Mission wasn't made for individuals to camp out around movements, organizations, or denominations. Individuals were made for mission — God's mission. Many times we don't grasp the simplicity but yet profoundness of that. Abraham, Jeremiah, Josiah, Elisha, and Y'shua to name a few had a grip on that concept. They not only directed individuals back to the God of Israel but were instrumental in steering a nation back to its original navigational course! Whose life are you having an affect on by giving them your time and energy? Whose life are you having an affect on through giving financially to them? God's mission, or great commission, given to Abraham, the father of our faith, was to be a blessing in all aspects, and yes, that included opening up his wallet to bless and meet the needs of individuals. I'm glad Abraham didn't fill in the blank with some lame excuse as to why he couldn't do what God commanded him to do. I'm glad that he left us a witness or a measuring stick that we will be judged by when we stand before the Creator giving an account for how we used or didn't use what He gave us to be good stewards over. Like the Capital One credit card commercial slogan, "what's in your wallet?" Abraham obeyed God, and it was considered righteousness because he blessed others. If we could only grasp that right there!