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## Featured Video



### Joel sharing during the camp



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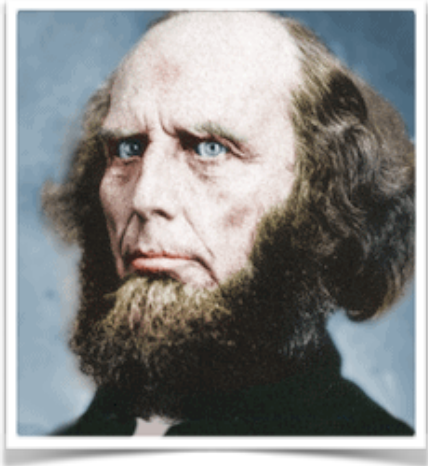
## Latest Happenings

Where did this past month go? I've been extremely busy this past month. The kids started school again, and all four are in school now. Our day from 7am to 1:30 pm is so peaceful and quiet here in the house. It is very strange right now having silence and peace, lol. The orphanage project is still on hold. I did an update [video](#) on that project explaining about what happened. Dusti's wife Deanne got robbed the day that we had the meeting with the orphanage so I was with here translating for the police report. In a nutshell, the orphanage told us that the school year was beginning, and they wanted the dust to settle before they started the English/Technology/Bible classes. We've reached out a few times since then but still no exact date on when we start the project at the orphanage.

In the meantime, Dusti and Deanne Howell asked me about the elementary school in our village. I went and talked with the teacher, and she said a big yes. Dusti and Deanne are doing a pilot program at the Rio Duruy,



## Quote of the Month



*“Prevailing prayer is that which secures an answer. Saying prayers is not offering prevailing prayer. The prevalence of prayer does not depend so much on quantity as on quality.”*

— Charles Grandison Finney

pronounced Do-roo-ē, Elementary School in order to see how it goes. Hopefully everything will be fine-tuned by the time the orphanage gives us the go ahead.

Probably the most time consuming thing this past month was running here and there to do this or that paperwork, on the phone with graphic design, and building a website. There are a lot more details, but I will not bore you with them. I’ve been curious why only a few American companies were doing business in Costa Rica; I understand now why that is. I’ve never seen so many hoops and rings that you have to jump through. This process has been another good teaching lesson about Costa Rican life. :)

Captains Cocoa Co., the chocolate business that I’ve talked about over the past few years, is waiting on inspection, a few more paperwork items, and we are changing the location of the chocolate factory. Once these items are completed our chocolate will be arriving in the States for sale and consumption.

Mark Roth and I recently met with a few Cabecar Indigenous families about buying their cacao beans and shipping them to the States for wholesale to chocolatiers. In this meeting, it was brought up that there were more Indigenous in other villages interested in selling their beans to us. We are excited about this opportunity to help struggling farmers and families out by giving them an extremely generous price for their beans. I’ve mentioned this before but will mention it again for those new on the newsletter list. The Indigenous were selling their beans to one company that was paying them about 60% less than market value. Talk about a hardcore injustice!!! Mark and I will be buying their beans for over double than what they are selling them for now. This is one way we are striving to right a wrong. It has gotten the attention of a lot of the Indigenous who has cacao. I feel like this business has the opportunity to make a positive change in families. I also feel like the Creator is going to open many doors for ministry opportunities because it is a business doing ministry and not a ministry doing business.

Pretty soon be on the look out for Captains Cocoa Co. fine chocolate. As soon as we have all our permits, we

will start exporting our product to our shipping facility in Neosho, Wisconsin. I will let you guys know the moment this happens.

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

## Featured Article of the Month

In the creation of Captains Cocoa Company, I've learned a lot of new things spiritually and physically. A great friend and mentor told me in late 2017, "You need a new assignment and task in ministry." I took the counsel and put it prayer asking the Creator to make known which assignment that would be. Several months later, I'm starting to see it.

I've recently written several posts on my [Crucified Life MIn.](#) page about where I saw ministry going. Those posts were about engaging the culture and impacting people. This is what I've been learning while working with the Cabecar Indigenous. The methods that brought success in the past aren't guaranteed to do the same today. While our methods change, the mission shouldn't. This is what I would like to share about in this month's piece.

Individuals and fellowships need a clear mission, otherwise you have no clue as to why you exist! It is chaotic and disorganized when there is no mission. So without a real mission, how will you ever find the correct method to fulfill it?

Let me simply define mission and method as how I view them. Mission is why you do what you do. Method is how you do what you do, or a type of approach that helps you fulfill your mission.

We have muddled method and mission. I've personally seen how you can easily make your method of doing ministry into something holy, set apart, and in some cases untouchable. Especially when it works well and everyone else sees it and rewards you for it.

The temptation is to take that method and make a sacred cow out of it and not be willing to change it to keep up with the fast pace change happening all around us. In other words, the method becomes so sacred that this takes precedent over the mission. On the other hand, the mission is 'holy' because it is the reason why you or a fellowship exist. When you aren't willing to change your method, the mission eventually dies and you lose your ability to remain relevant.

It is very important to have a clear mission and stick to it. At C.L.M. our mission is to impact and influence people in the area of recognizing, understanding, and achieving their calling in life. Our mission isn't working at an orphanage. It isn't working with the Cabecar Indigenous. It isn't working with the HRTWAM camp. It isn't going to various churches or fellowships and teaching. It isn't taking care of widows and orphans. It isn't doing social projects for the needy. Even though C.L.M. is invested in all those areas mentioned

previously, adapting to the fast change happening around you can make your head spin sometimes. I understand that, but you can make the proper changes when you are committed to doing whatever it takes to impact and influence people in the area of recognizing, understanding, and achieving their calling in life. It isn't that our methods aren't important. C.L.M.'s methods, the orphanage work, the Cabecar Indigenous work, the HRTWAM teen camp work, the work with various churches and fellowships, the widows and orphans work, and work with the needy actually reinforce our mission.

Having a clear mission helps making changes to your methods a little easier. When you know what you are called to do and see gain for the Kingdom up ahead, you will change your method in order to move forward the mission. When a possibility comes along to reach even more people than you are reaching now, you will make the necessary changes to make progress towards your mission. Why? Because you are committed to taking the necessary steps in order to fulfill your mission. If you or your fellowship doesn't have a written mission, I urge you to get one because it is very important.

Since I touched on method and mission, I would like to finish out by talking about being engaged. Many times in ministry we look to numbers or attendance to gauge success. I'm not one to focus on numbers because Messiah Y'shua changed the then known world with twelve regular people. I'm not against big numbers but see something greater than just having and keeping a crowd.

A majority of ministers are focused on attracting and converting people to make their churches and fellowships grow instead of engaging folks. Engagement is where it is at. I've experienced this from working at the HRTWAM camp, my time directing Tiendas de los Hijos de Yosef here in Costa Rica, and the start up chocolate business.

I don't think there would be as many dissatisfied people or people leaving fellowships if leaders were putting their effort into engaging folks in the mission of the fellowship. In engagement, folks find purpose and have a sense of belonging to something that is making a difference. This is why fellowships who engage their people in the mission of the fellowship are seeing spikes in attendance. When you engage folks your mission will grow and expand and there will be more folks available to serve rather than the same 4 or 5 people who are always serving.

Having a crowd was never the goal. Y'shua didn't go into ministry to have a huge fellowship. I haven't read anywhere that he told the crowd to come attend His fellowship. He said, "follow me." He went to where the people were at. Because He engaged people, multitudes not only came to see Him but followed Him. His engagement was so impactful and successful that after His death and resurrection, His followers picked up right where He left off. Even the religious leaders accused His followers of filling their city with His doctrine.

Acts 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."



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It takes engagement to fill your city with your doctrine. Doctrine meaning your actions that come forth out of your faith in Y'shua the Messiah. If you read Acts 2-5, you will find that thousands were coming to belief in Y'shua. They didn't sit on their hands in pews or on sofas in living rooms waiting, hoping, and praying for something to happen. These believers took the initiative to go out where the people were and engage them. The fruit from this engagement equaled numbers. Engagement equals numbers or attendance. The more we are engaging to accomplish the mission the more it will encourage those around us to join. When people begin to find their purpose and walk it out, it is contagious to those around them. It's inspiring and motivating. It's LIFE. That is what Scripture is all about. Going through life ministering LIFE to those around us. That's engagement.

Now we've come to the reality of the matter of engagement today. I would love to hear your story of how you or your fellowship is engaging those around you. Please write me to tell me; I'm not joking. I'm curious to see what methods you all are using.

I'm not suggesting that we try and re-create the book of Acts. I'm suggesting that we find ways to impact our generation and culture for the Gospel just as much as they did in the First Century. In the end, it's about producing fruit for the Kingdom. Folks are looking for an alternative. An alternative to plain ole everyday life. Most of these folks aren't attracted to a church or a commandment keeping fellowship. This makes it a great 'mission field' right in our backyard. If you would like to engage these folks and grow your numbers, I'll suggest my two cents worth.

Come up with a mission that adds value to people's life. Commit to doing whatever it takes to fulfill that mission. Use methods that give people meaning and purpose. You do that and your ministry will grow and be fruitful because you are making an impact in and on people.

Don't engage people only to preach to them about your beliefs. Engage people by involving them in the mission. Involvement creates passion and passion invites others to join in and do their part in the mission. Blessings.