

RESTORATION PROJECT COSTA RICA

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Featured



**Rolbin, Joel, and Elena
@ our training on
fermenting and drying
cacao**



**Captain's Cocoa Co.
buying cacao beans from
Indigenous families**



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LIFE
MINISTRIES**
proclaiming restoration to the lost sheep

Latest Happenings

This past month can be summed up in one word, work. Mark Roth and I have been working on improving our cacao processing facility in Costa Rica. Before returning to Alaska, Mark usually has a little over a month after we finish the HRTWAM teen camp to do things here in Costa Rica.

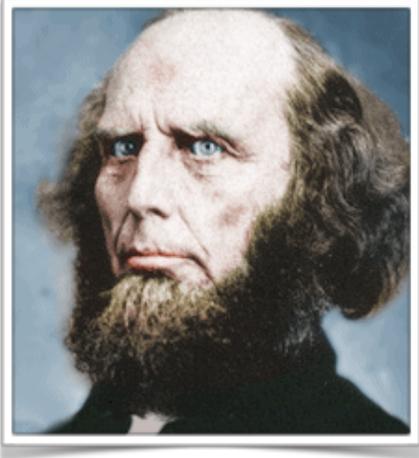
This past month we've really gotten after it with the chocolate project so we can become more efficient. We are building two greenhouse style drying areas, a fermenting area, and a storage area. The fermenting and storage areas are going to get a brand new roof because there isn't a roof currently.

Mark and I finished making the fermenting boxes and the middle table to go inside one of the drying areas. We lack two wall tables in order to complete one of



IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION
THROUGH HIS BLOOD,
THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR TRESPASSES,
ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.
EPHESIANS 1:7

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

the drying areas. It’s been a full time job and of course it started raining so that set us back some, but we have made really good progress on things.

In this past month, Captain’s Cocoa Company met with fourteen different families from the Bri Bri and Cabecar Indigenous to discuss buying more beans from them and different strategies to make their cacao production more successful. A few days after this meeting, Captain’s started buying beans from groups of families instead of an individual here and there. Now that we have a better facility, we can process a lot more cacao. Being able to buy cacao from more families equates to helping more families financially. That is one of the main goals of this project. *(faith, justice & righteousness)*

This past month Captain’s hired three new Costa Rican employees. This will help us better our production in Costa Rica. We almost have our license to sell in Costa Rica so these new employees will help us with that area also.

We’ve been processing the chocolate in Costa Rica and sending it to our U.S. kitchen in Wisconsin for tempering and packaging. Now that the U.S. kitchen is licensed, it also will be used to make chocolate from nibs. Since we are licensed in Wisconsin, we can sell online and to retailers now. We will soon have a campaign that will launch our online shop grand opening. This means you will not have to order through email anymore.

This project is going beyond what I even imagined and is making a real difference in people’s life. We thank Yahweh for all His blessings and help along the way. We also thank you guys who have helped us with this Indigenous project.

Joel Sanchez Director & Founder of Crucified Life Ministries

Featured Article of the Month

I would like to begin this month admitting something to you. Making disciples is tough but not impossible. Just

because something is tough, that shouldn't deter us from doing it. There is commitment and responsibility. It's not something that is done in five minutes then move on to something else.

It's very important in any endeavor you set out to accomplish begin right, as in correct, instead of beginning wrong. Because seeds of destruction are sown in the beginning. Things don't go wrong they start off wrong due to these seeds of destruction that are sown in the beginning. It just takes those seeds a little time to bear fruit. I was taught that by a good mentor named Tony Kemp but have experienced starting off wrong and the consequences that come thereafter. Make sure you start with the right foundation so you can build accordingly.

In order to start making disciples, it is imperative to have an outline. Make a plan and stick with it. Structure and order are your best friends. The first point in the outline is knowing how and where to start. Today many people aren't making disciples because of this very reason. Many believers don't know how because they weren't really disciplined themselves. In my experience this is the greatest barricade preventing people from making disciples. This is why mentors with experience are very important.

The second point on the outline is time management. Our fast paced entertainment driven culture will deplete every second from you leaving you less motivated to work at making disciples. Time management becomes very important in the disciple making process. It means more than likely some things you and I enjoy doing have to take a back seat in order to effectively disciple. Time management relies on structure and order and our willingness to stick to the plan and sometimes that is our greatest challenge.

The third point on the outline is investment. Who we choose to devote our time to is instrumental in the success of making disciples. One of the greatest frustrations in ministry you'll experience is investing time, energy, effort, finances, and life into someone only to learn you've invested in the wrong person! I've been there multiple times and have a few t-shirts from those experiences. If you aren't seasoned and mature, investing in the wrong people can cause you to feel like you are a failure. It can bring offense, bitterness, heartache, and other unhealthy problems into your life. The enemy will try and convince you to abandon your calling and purpose in life and ministry. We can't allow that because the Kingdom needs everyone of us.

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2

The moral of the story is invest in the right people. The big mistake I made with investing in the wrong people was just accepting them saying they wanted to be disciplined. Do financial investors normally go into a business deal without first knowing something about the investment? No they don't. When someone says, "I want to be disciplined and learn from your experience in ministry." It's not always the case. Personally get to know those who tell you they want your investment. Ask specific questions and pay attention to the answers. You can find out a lot about a person's character, attitude, and willingness to serve by asking meticulous questions.



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Effectively making disciples, in my opinion, is becoming one of the most important issues of our day. Every believer should be actively playing their part in some form or fashion. Freedom of religion in our post Christian culture will come under attack more and more as time goes on if we continue doing nothing to address and fix our problems. Complaining about the left, liberals, feminists, Democrats, alt right, Republicans, and such doesn't accomplish much other than venting a bit. I've been there and understand the frustrations, but this is our opportunity to capitalize for the Kingdom. The fields are so ripe now for harvesting. Again, we must stop adding to the problem with constant complaints about this or that and actually become the solution. Discipleship is the remedy to our immoral post Christian culture!

Gen Z is the generation born between 1999-2015 (ages 2-18). This generation is currently beginning to enter into universities while consisting of a population approximately 70 million strong. Here is just one example of why discipleship is so important. One of many reasons can be found in a new Impact 360 Institute and Barna Group study and book on Gen Z. In this study, about 3 out of 10 of Gen Z believe that abortion is morally wrong. That is a lower percentage than the previous generation. Add those numbers with Barna Group's recent study about the previous generation, Millennials, and you have a gap that is widening. Barna recently discovered that 97% of believers believed that being a witness for Y'shua was important. That number dropped tremendously when asked about the importance of evangelism. About 47% of Millennials believe it is somewhat wrong to share their personal beliefs with others of different faiths in hopes that one day they will share the same faith.

Those numbers are sobering to me and leave me wondering what our future will look like if we continue life and ministry as usual? ignoring the importance of making disciples will have great repercussions on our society, culture, homes, and faith. There is a lot of work to be done, but we have an awesome opportunity to push back the Kingdom of darkness and truly make a difference for YHVH's Kingdom. *To be continued...*