

# RESTORATION PROJECT COSTA RICA

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## Featured Picture



**Indigenous families from the Los Angeles community that Captain's Cocoa Company is doing ministry with**



**A view from one of our trips to the Indigenous reservation**



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proclaiming restoration to the lost sheep

## Latest Happenings

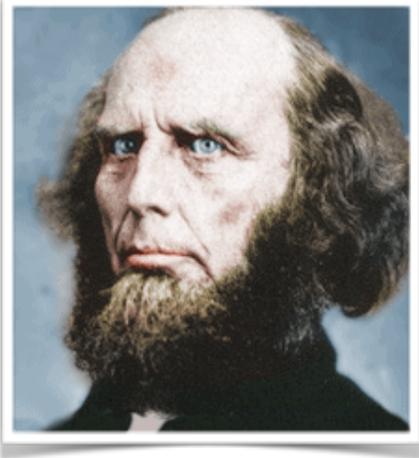
Greetings from Costa Rica. I finally made it back to my family and farm thanks to YHVH. I want to thank those of you who were praying and supporting us during this time. This fishing season in Alaska was the longest and possibly the toughest that I've been through.

It wasn't that great of a year as everyone was expecting. This was supposed to be a record year in the amount of salmon returning to spawn. It wasn't even close to what the government projected. :( I will admit it was very frustrating and hard to stay positive, but you do whatever it takes to get the job done. That is how I was raised.

Most of you know that I have a lot riding on my time in Alaska. What I do in Alaska pays our bills and supports most of the ministry we do. I get more grey hairs and less fingernails on years like this one.



## 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

😄 We have our plans and YHVH has His. I signed up for this so I’m by no means trying to be ungrateful to YHVH nor to the brothers and sisters who have financially helped the ministry. You guys are much appreciated and needed.

I made a decision many years ago to not become a career traveling minister. There were many reasons why, but every once in a while I’ve questioned that decision. I think it is because it could have been easier and profitable. Instead I took another path and while there have been ups and downs, one thing is certain YHVH has never let me down and has always remained faithful. Let us remain faithful and move forward with the Almighty’s plan.

Soon I will be doing some ministry updates about our work with the Indigenous cacao/chocolate projects. In the meantime, we could use your help. This ‘help’ doesn’t require any moola on your part unless you want to purchase some high quality Costa Rican dark chocolate.

Could you please help us out by sharing our social media pages [www.facebook.com/captainscocoa](http://www.facebook.com/captainscocoa) and [www.instagram.com/captainscocoa](http://www.instagram.com/captainscocoa)? If any of you know any whole foods stores or any other store that would be willing to carry our brand, please contact me [joel@captainscocoa.com](mailto:joel@captainscocoa.com).

We’ve created a new sampler pack that has all the chocolate we offer at a lower price so you can see which flavors you like before making a bulk purchase. We are also making a 60% cacao chocolate bar for those who have a sweet tooth and aren’t into dark chocolate. Even though this is a business, it is a business doing ministry instead of a ministry doing business! Your purchases bless others. Stay tuned for more ministry updates. Blessings.

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

## Featured Article of the Month

*Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of Elohim, and the earth was filled with violence. Elohim looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. **Genesis 6:11-12***

My purpose this month isn't doom and gloom or to point out everything wrong. In my opinion, there remains much to accomplish for the Kingdom of YHVH before Y'shua returns. We have to find solutions to our problems instead of just pointing them out. Most of us would agree that our wedding attire isn't quite the color, yet, that Scripture requires, so let us focus on what we can do individually and collectively to help clean up the mess.

This month I'd like to look at the beginning because what is happening in our modern society is nothing but a repetitive pattern since creation. Genesis 6 is the chapter where Noah is given the instructions on how to build an ark that would preserve Noah and his family while having to endure a world-wide natural disaster. While the focus mainly is on the flood, the catalyst is many times overlooked. When we don't study history, we inevitably will repeat it.

There are some interesting words in Genesis 6:11-12. Corrupt, shachet in Hebrew, means to be or become lacking in integrity or uprightness (New Testament calls it depraved see 1 Timothy 6:5). The image this word depicts is something in a state of decomposition. The next word is violence, chamas in Hebrew, means an act of aggression, especially involving physical contact. The image this word paints is lawlessness related to lacking moral restraint. I like to refer to this as an anything goes type attitude. If it feels good then do it. The word all, kol in Hebrew, means all of something including all its component elements or parts. The image this word sets forth is a totality of an object or mass.

*Then Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. **Genesis 6:5***

Genesis 6 shows us that corruption, violence, and wickedness sealed the deal for a worldwide flood. Mankind had reached such a point where the totality of society was so depraved that morals and righteousness no longer were trends for their day. In our post Christian society it is evident that we've been in decline for some years now. There are many reasons for this, but that doesn't justify us throwing in the towel. There is still time left for each of us to fulfill our purpose.

Purpose is a very interesting word. I'm becoming more convinced that there is a lack of identity and purpose in our society. Look at all the protests taking place around the world. Look at all the agitations and frustrations in people around the world. Social media has given everyone a platform and a voice to express themselves today. This is where many believe their purpose is at. Maybe it is, but what if it isn't?

I've been wondering about something for sometime. What happens to the purpose of a social justice warrior when the justice they fight for is rendered? What happens to the purpose of an advocate of the latest trend when the latest trend is replaced by another trend? Is their purpose over? Or is more noise created to keep the purpose going?



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The reason why I'm asking is because in our society there is a lot of noise out there. Noise meaning distractions. Noise, in many cases, is what I believe causes people to not walk in their true purpose. For example, the first mention of a Kingdom in the Scriptures is Nimrod and Babel. How did Nimrod get his subjects to build a temple to the heavens? Could it have been that he created such noise about the flood and not wanting his 'people' to go through something like that again, that he astutely propagandized his subjects until they found 'purpose' in constructing him a temple? Of course it was for the people and to keep people from dying from climate change. Politics 101, create such noise around something, or to say it in modern terms, create a movement around something..

Distractions keep us from walking out our purpose because our focus and attention aren't on what we are supposed to be doing but on something else. I can't tell every person what their purpose is. It's something that has to be discovered and walked out. Purpose begins by how you see yourself when you close your eyes at night. It's who you dream about becoming. It's what you imagine doing with your life. These are the first steps in recognizing purpose.

In the end true purpose is moving from dreaming about who you are to being who you were created to be. This is why it's so important to not get distracted by all the noise out there. Don't allow the propaganda from men of renown of our day, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter, to trick you into a false sense of purpose.

All of our society hasn't submitted to lawlessness and wickedness like in the day of Noah. This should give us hope and encouragement to continue to push back against the false purpose that the 'Nimrod's' of our day push. YHVH isn't defeated nor is He done with you and me. If you are struggling with finding your purpose may I suggest that you submit it to prayer and stay in the Scriptures.

What was Y'shua's response when the enemy presented him with propaganda to derail His purpose? "It is written...". Prayer and Scripture meditation are the 'ear plugs' that drown out all the noise around us. If you aren't using those plugs, there has never been a better time than now to put them in. You will find the more you listen to YHVH than everyone else around you, the easier walking out your purpose becomes. Shalom and blessings.