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"The Name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.." Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)

Connecting People, Nations, and Continents for the Great Commission

Thank You!

Jane Ann and I are grateful for your love and support of Gateway Missions. Our mission has always been to Train, Equip and Encourage pastors and church leaders around the globe. Even though we have not traveled overseas during the past three years, we have been able to fulfill our mission via social media, zoom meetings, Messenger, Google Translate, etc. We thank God for the technology which gives us the ability to navigate the globe electronically.

Your prayers and missions gifts enable us to be a point of contact to many dedicated servantleaders, and God's goodness and mercy have sustained us. THANK YOU for your diligence to pray on our behalf. We know that our purpose is not finished. We are in this race to win it!

It is our privilege to pray for you as well. Know that whatever circumstances you are facing, God is with you and He won't forsake you. We don't always understand why we face physical trials and emotional challenges, but we do believe the Word of God is true. Be of good cheer, Christ has overcome the world!

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will <u>himself</u> restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." 1 Peter 5:10

<u>Cuba 2024</u>

It is very difficult to say, but our Cuba Pastors Conference that was scheduled for April has been postponed indefinitely. After much prayer and counsel with our team and Cuban leaders, we believe God is saying <u>NOT NOW</u> on the timing, and that the best path forward is to reschedule the event. This is due to some conflicts with procuring the proper Cuban Visas and other contributing factors in Cuba (extreme food shortage, dangerous rise in crime and a lack of transportation.)

Another major concern for the decision is a heightened surveillance by Cuban Officials of U. S. citizens entering Cuba. We believe it is unwise to compromise the safety of the Cuban pastors and our team in any way. Please keep us in your prayers as we monitor the situation and make plans for a more favorable time to go.



Pray for our friends who serve faithfully in Cuba:

Adrian & Yailyn Saborit Octavio & Angelica Rodriguez



Columbia September 2024



Community

We are pleased to inform you that we will join Pastors Royce and Jennifer Riggin, with Water Hose Ministries, in Medellin, Colombia. We have ministered extensively there in the past and are looking forward to reuniting with our many friends. We will spend two days doing an Encounter the Cross meeting for young adults to help them understand their identity in Christ as sons and daughters of God and to impart Holy Spirit power into their lives. Then our time will end as we share and teach pastors and leaders by training and equipping them to grow deeper in their walk with the Lord.

In these busy, hectic times it is imperative that we remain grounded to maintain a balanced life and continue to be viable witnesses for Christ. In our decades of international ministry, we have observed solid evidence in almost every ethnic people group we have worked with, that there exists a strong sense of community connection. The value of **community** is in supporting and strengthening one another by doing what we can to help each other. Our experience has led us to the awareness that to need and depend upon one another is a very healthy mindset. Without exception, we have found that in our most difficult experiences, there exists the greatest need for community. Friendship is one of the greatest gifts that God gives us in life. In our friends, we find trusted companions who know us and love us for who we are, no matter what. Too often, in our Western way of thinking, *community* has taken a back seat to keeping ourselves comfortable, instead of serving others. Thankfully, the way back to community starts with a return to God's plan to love our neighbor. It is a way to restore a peaceful and prosperous life. As I have prayed and sought God as to what our priorities should be in 2024, I sensed a strong impression that we are to focus on four areas. Hopefully these will help you as well. First of all, we need to be more active with our faith. It is easy to become disillusioned when we pray and don't see immediate results. Hebrews 11:6 declares that we must believe in God and diligently seek Him; and when we do He will draw near to us. Secondly, we must renew our hearts toward our families. Over time we have lost family members whom we loved dearly, and we face the inevitable fact of losing more, as do you. We want to be engaged and appreciative of the value and joy our family members bring to our lives now. Thirdly, we want to show our love and gratitude for the important part our friends play in our daily lives. We are here today because of you! Fourthly, our responsibility is to be a light to those who are without hope. We are surrounded with opportunities to minister life and show the love of Jesus to those who are in need. A few days ago, a friend and I were eating lunch at a local restaurant, and I felt impressed of God to bless our waitress with a small financial gift above her tip. We shared with her how much God loved and cared about her. Before we left, the young lady returned to our table to say that she had run out of money and couldn't buy diapers for her baby, and that our gift would allow her to buy this necessity. We don't share this story for what we did, but for the impact all of us can have if we just open our hearts and ears to heaven. It is the little things that we do that can have a huge impact in the lives of others. Wherever you are, you are in a mission field, so go reap your harvest! Jane Ann and I trust this is an encouragement to you. Don't grow weary in doing good. GOD HAS YOU AND YOU'VE GOT THIS!

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