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Son, go work today in my vineyard... *Matthew 21:28*

Be Encouraged!

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As I visit people in different parts of the country, both in person and on the telephone, I find that many of God's people are discouraged. I am compiling the following inspired statements to give these very people a word of encouragement.

A discouraged person always has a depressed immune system. He is always more vulnerable to the latest communicable disease that is going around and we do not know when the next epidemic or pandemic is going to strike, but many scientists believe that it is inevitable that we will have one. It is of vital importance that all of God's children have a positive frame of mind before the next event of this kind strikes. We often emphasize the physical when addressing these issues so some people believe that getting fresh air and sunlight and proper exercise and diet and adequate water intake is the way to be prepared, but that is not enough.

Notice the following inspired statements:

- “ Many of the diseases from which men suffer are the result of mental depression. Grief, anxiety, discontent, remorse, guilt, distrust, all tend to break down the life forces and to invite decay and death.
- “ Disease is sometimes produced, and is often greatly aggravated, by the imagination. Many are lifelong invalids who might be well if they only thought so. *My Life Today*, 151
- “ Sickness of the mind prevails everywhere. Nine tenths of the diseases from which men suffer have their foundation here. *Ibid.*, 149

May the following inspired statements be an encouragement to you.



A discouraged person is more susceptible to physical ailments.

- “ The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be firm and well established, but He can overthrow the strongest of these plans, and in His own time and way, He will do this when He sees that our faith has been sufficiently tested and that we are drawing near to Him and making Him our counselor.
- “ In the darkest days, when appearances seem so forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day. His understanding will be placed at their service, that they may not err in the carrying out of His purposes. *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, 10, 11
- “ Turn to the Lord, ye prisoners of hope. Seek strength from God, the living God. Show an unwavering, humble faith in His power and His willingness to save. From Christ is flowing the living stream of salvation. He is the Fountain of life, the Source of all power. When in faith we take hold of His strength, He will change, wonderfully change, the most hopeless, discouraging outlook. He will do this for the glory of His name.” *Ibid.*, 12
- “ Christ made full provision for the prosecution of the work entrusted to the disciples, and took upon Himself the responsibility of its success. So long as they obeyed His word and worked in connection with Him, they could not fail.
- “ The lapse of time has wrought no change in His parting promise. He is with us today as truly as He was with the disciples, and He will be with us ‘even unto the end.’ ” *Ibid.*, 17
- “ May the Lord help His people to realize that there is earnest work to be done. May He help them to remember that in the home, in the church, and in the world, they are to work the works of Christ. They are not left to labor alone. The angels are their helpers. And Christ is their helper. Then let them labor faithfully and untiringly. In due season they will reap if they faint not.” *Ibid.*, 18
- “ God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts. ...
- “ It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.” *Ibid.*, 19
- “ Let Christians put away all dissension and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the promised blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was ‘the former rain,’ and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant. What is the promise to those living in these last days? ‘Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee.’ ‘Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.’ Zechariah 9:12; 10:1.” *Ibid.*, 21
- “ The world is a theater; the actors, its inhabitants, are preparing to act their part in the last great drama. With the great masses of mankind there is no unity, except as men confederate to accomplish their selfish purposes. God is looking on. His purposes in regard to His rebellious subjects will be fulfilled. The world has not been given into the hands of men, though God is permitting the elements of confusion and disorder to bear sway for a season. A power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama—Satan coming as Christ and working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who are binding themselves together in secret societies. Those who are yielding to the passion for confederation are working out the plans of the enemy. The cause will be followed by the effect.

“ Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.”
Ibid, 27, 28

“ If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his works?”
Proverbs 24:11, 12.

Postscript

If anyone in your family or any of your acquaintances have been vaccinated and are now having symptoms (out-of-control diabetes, blood clots, arthritis, etc.), please notify me (John J. Grosboll at Steps to Life Ministries). Some people have asked me to obtain information for them since they have been vaccinated and now are afraid of the possible symptoms from the spike proteins that are in their bodies as a result of the vaccinations. We have some material ready to send out, but only to those who ask for it in writing. This is a very controversial subject, so we are only responding to people who believe they are having trouble. Interestingly, there is a lot of research that is being done on this subject.



Article by
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Closing Out the Year 2023

Report from the *La Verdad Presente* Radio Broadcast in Guadalajara, Mexico

By Jediael Rosales Aguilar, *Radio Director*



In our final broadcast in 2023, we wanted to turn the thoughts of our listeners to the Second Coming of Christ. We opened by listing the fearful facts of the year's natural disasters, wars and threats of wars, and the social and economic conditions of nations. These happenings were predicted by Jesus Christ himself as signs just before He returns for His obedient children and the end of the world.

Since it is a matter of eternal life and death, we need to know Jesus Christ better through the study of His word. In John 17:3 Jesus said, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” What does Jesus want us to know about Him? He shared with his disciples in John 14 where He was going after His resurrection and what He was going to do before He returned for them. He said to His disciples “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (verse 6), and later in verse 15 said “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” Jesus will never leave anyone in the dark about how

to be saved. He has left us His word so that all could be prepared and none could say “I never knew.” Matthew 24:44 says, “Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man will come when you least expect him.”

One listener, Mrs. Rosario, contacted us after the broadcast, requesting the Bible and book offers. We delivered a Bible, *The Great Controversy* and *Steps to Christ* to her home in Tonalá, where she received us kindly and expressed her appreciation for them, which she said will help her to know more about Jesus and prepare for His soon coming. She said that the radio program has been a great blessing each time she listens in with her family. She congratulated us for the broadcasts that are Bible-based studies where folks can learn more about the Scriptures and salvation.

Last year, many people were recipients of our book offers. We know that hundreds and maybe thousands of listeners were blessed by the radio program *La Verdad Presente* in Guadalajara. What would it be like if we had an hour a day of this powerful program where there are more than 5 million inhabitants? May our God continue to help us to fulfill His mission and proclaim the Gospel with great power in 2024.

Maranatha! Christ is coming very soon. Thank you very much for your generosity. I thank our God for the privilege of being participants in His work.

Foreign Mission Project Updates

 Central Nigeria

Camp Meeting



Daniel Terence spearheaded a camp meeting in Makurdi in January. He reported that “it was a time for a thorough reappraisal with a call for reawakening by all church members for the new year as events around us unfold.” Several children made a special presentation during the meeting.

 Zambia

New Ministry Building



Construction is complete on the ministry building. Henry Mwesa is looking forward to continuing outreach to Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique from this new center.

 East Nigeria

Ministry Building

Several factors have caused a delayed start in construction of the ministry complex in the eastern part of Nigeria. We will have a more thorough update in the next newsletter.

 Central Nigeria

Orphanage



The orphanage under Sisters Ruby and Mercy in central Nigeria continues its successes in training workers for the Lord’s army. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a complete report.

 Guadalajara, Mexico

Outreach Complex



The ministry complex (church, radio/TV studio, publishing center, training center) is complete and awaiting an occupancy permit from the local authorities, after which Jedrael will move his broadcasts and ministry from his home to the new building. It is one of the largest projects Steps to Life has ever undertaken.

 Tecuanapa, Guerrero, Mexico

New Church



Funds from your support enabled Steps to Life to help the church in Tecuanapa, Guerrero, to purchase new furniture for the sanctuary.

 Chiriqui, Panama

Church/Outreach Center



P. Domingo recently returned from dedicating a new church there which will be a center for outreach efforts throughout Central America.

 Ghana

Bible Correspondence School



The foundation has been laid for a new complex in Ghana that will be a great blessing to the successful Bible correspondence school there and outreach efforts to Accra, the capital. The Bible correspondence school has been ministering to students for over 25 years and has been in great need of more space as the workload has increased.



If you're a *LandMarks* subscriber, you should have the March issue in your hands already. If you're not a subscriber,

you can access the magazine online at www.stepstolife.org.

We all want peace and prosperity in our lives. What is that one ingredient to find the perfect peace? The good news is that God is waiting to give it to those who seek it. Read "The Hidden Ingredient that Brings Peace" in the March issue of *LandMarks*.

Where we must be more careful is avoiding the devil's road to deception. There is certainly "More Than One Road to Hell," which is also the name of one of the feature articles. Contrary to popular belief, religion is not disappearing, it's just not the religion we think of. We are witnessing the mutation of religion as faith is fused with magic, science, and occultism. It's not the Christian religion taught by the Apostles. Read a fascinating analysis in the article "Diabolical Deception."

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In His Steps *Orphanage*



Following are excerpts for the most recent report received from Ruby Terence, the matron at the orphanage in central Nigeria.

Special greetings to you all.

With joy and gratitude in my heart to our Almighty God and Father for the privilege and progress of the work so far, and much thanks to the brethren at Steps to Life USA for the trust, confidence, and much assistance—most especially financially—to carry out the God-given task successfully.

With this joy I write to inform brethren of the work progress so far here at the children's home.

Spirituality takes a center stage here. Apart from the normal daily morning and evening devotions that have been made mandatory, we follow the weekly activities designed by the brethren of the north central division which include Tuesday Bible studies. During these studies other children and youths from the neighborhood attend, also a mid-week prayer session.

Fridays are specially designated to the preparation of the Sabbath after a short extracurricular activity/skill acquisition class and by evening the vespa service is conducted. Sabbath worship

at the home is paramount. During worship the children are assigned duties of memory text presentations. A special time is allotted to a children's session where children are taught more moral principles and the way of the Lord. The day-pupils also attend weekly activities and Sabbath worship. After a Sabbath meal, at the end of the worship on every Sabbath-day, a children's session is again held where the children do recitations, learn songs/hymns, do Bible puzzles and so on to help their spiritual growth.

A youth session is also held at the home on Thursdays and also Sabbath evenings at the end of the children's session. The Sabbath usually ended with a thanksgiving service at sundown.

The children are fully involved in all religious activities and are learning to take lead.

We are very grateful for the financial provision made by the brethren over there at Steps to Life to help the smooth running of the home. Having two square nourishing and satisfying vegetarian meals for everyone at the home was quite challenging. The children transitioned from eating a child's portion of food to eating full meals quickly. Also the prices of food items quickly started increasing and

having to spend on detergents, toiletries, transportation and other maintenance made provision for feeding difficult and all previous expenditure updates were made with difficulty to stay within the funds available.

During Pastor Nunez's visit, the additional funds we were provided helped to give us a view of how our actual full spending capacity looks like. Since the harvest season was here, it was my decision to make provisions for food-stuffs that should last a couple of months to avoid buying at more expensive prices.

We are all grateful for the privilege to serve in the Lord's vineyard. May He find us faithful when He comes and the efforts for the children bear much more fruits.

Thank you.

Ruby

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