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# IN HIS STEPS

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



## *The Time is Now*

Jesus' direction to His disciples in Matthew 24:14 is the foundation for evangelizing the world today. He calls us to take the gospel around the world individually and as His church.

"The plan of holding Bible readings was a heaven-born idea. ... By this means, the word of God has been given to thousands; and the workers are brought into personal contact with people of all nations and tongues.

"Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls." *Christian Service*, 141

"There are few means more effective for fixing His words in the memory than repeating them in song. And such song has wonderful power. ...

"It is one of the most effective means of impressing the heart with spiritual truth. How often to the soul hard-pressed and ready to despair, memory recalls some word of God's ... and temptations lose their power, life takes on new meaning and new purpose, and courage and gladness are imparted to other souls!" *Evangelism*, 496

"The best work you can do is to teach, to educate. Whenever you can find an opportunity to do so, sit down with some family and let them ask questions. Then answer them patiently, humbly. Continue this work in connection with your more public efforts. Preach less and educate more by holding Bible readings, and by praying with families and little companies." *Pastoral Ministry*, 137



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“In the Spirit of Christ, with a heart all aglow with His love, seek to win the hearts of those in the family. Give faithful admonitions and instructions from the word of God. ...

“The missionary spirit must be kept awake ... unselfish, consecrated workmen should enter into families who have already accepted the truth, and yet have not worked for its advancement. ...

“Read the word, and follow the Lord’s plan.” *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 6, 246, 247

“The gospel of Christ is to be proclaimed by the voice. With the talent of speech we are to communicate the truth as we have opportunity. It should ever be used in God’s service.” *The Voice in Speech and Song*, 23

“Canvassing for our publications is an important and most profitable line of evangelistic work. Our publications can go to places where meetings cannot be held. In such places the faithful evangelistic canvasser takes the place of the living preacher.” *Reflecting Christ*, 253

“How can the great work of the third angel’s message be accomplished? It must be largely accomplished by persevering, individual effort, by visiting the people in their homes.

“One of the most effective ways in which light can be communicated is by private, personal effort. In the home circle, at your neighbor’s fireside, at the bedside of the sick, in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth. Thus you may sow precious seed that will spring up and bring forth fruit.” *Welfare Ministry*, 97

“I was shown that God would accomplish a great work through the truth if devoted, self-sacrificing men would give themselves unreservedly to the work of presenting it to those in darkness.” *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, 210

“We are nearing the end of this earth’s history, and the different lines of God’s work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrifice than they have yet been. The work for these last days is not a work for display but of consecrated service; it is a

missionary work. Present truth, from the first letter of its alphabet to the last, means missionary effort. The work to be done calls for sacrifice at every step of advance.” *Manuscript Releases*, Vol. 7, 323

For more than 35 years, Steps to Life has committed to following God’s plan for ministry.

- **Broadcast media**—television, radio, and online.
- **Printing the gospel**—the *LandMarks* magazine, books, literature for distribution, and Bible studies.
- **Evangelism**—For more than 35 years, the Steps to Life Bible Study program has been televised in South Central Kansas. Each Sunday, viewers can call in and receive a free book about the program’s topic for that day. Bible studies are available by request through the Bible Correspondence program. Each year in the fall, the ministry maintains a booth during the Kansas State Fair and smaller local fairs, for book and literature distribution.
- **Missionary projects around the world**—Africa, Mexico, South America, North America, India, Panama, and Puerto Rico.

Over all these years, many of you have faithfully supported this ministry with your prayers and donations. Your donations to missions have made possible the construction of facilities that do and will serve as the headquarters—in Mexico, South America, and Africa— from which evangelistic materials and supplies can be distributed throughout a country or region. Through your donations, Steps to Life has also helped finance the construction of several church buildings and an orphanage in Africa. Training programs are conducted as part of these projects so that men and women will be educated to teach and preach the gospel in and around their homes.

Friends, the Lord is coming soon. There is a world to warn, and now is not the time to slacken our resolve to spread the three angels’ messages everywhere. Your continued support in keeping the ministry of Steps to Life working is much needed and



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greatly appreciated. But the day is coming when, no matter how much money we may have, it will be worth nothing. Whether it be general operating expenses, evangelism, or missions, it is expensive to run a ministry. Now, while there is yet time, please ask the Lord for guidance in donating from the talents God has placed in your hands to help broadcast the message of salvation throughout the world.

“All around us are souls perishing in their sins. Every year thousands upon thousands are dying without God and without hope of everlasting life.” *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, 445

“I am deeply exercised in regard to our present position, realizing how far down we are in prophetic history, so near the close of time, and so much work undone that must be accomplished to prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. The end of all things is at hand. Our time to work is short, and there is a world to be warned. There is need of more thorough missionary work. ...

“There are hundreds of millions of men, women, and children who have never heard the truth, and multitudes are constantly going down to the grave without any sense of their accountability to God. ...

“When Jesus ascended to heaven He committed His work on earth to those who

had received the light of the gospel. They were to carry the work forward to completion. He has provided no other agency for the promulgation of His truth. ‘Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.’ ‘And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.’ This solemn commission reaches us in this age. God leaves with His church the responsibility of receiving or rejecting it. ...

“Preparation is now being made in heaven for His reign in glory, and the message must be proclaimed to all nations, tongues, and peoples. Many seem to rest perfectly easy, as if heavenly messengers were to come to earth to proclaim in an audible voice the message of warning; but while angels have their work to do, we are to do ours in opening the word of God to those who are in darkness. ...

“Brethren and sisters, God calls upon you to redeem the time.” *Historical Sketches of the Foreign Missions of the Seventh-day Adventists*, 287, 288



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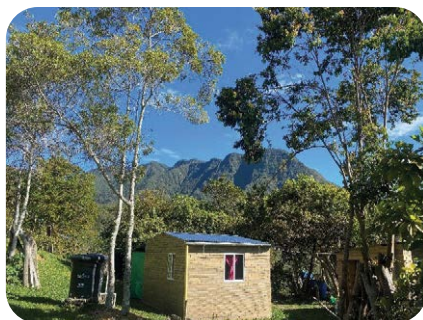
# Foreign Mission Project Updates



Colombia

## El Arbolito Mission

By Benjamin and Rosana Cortes



**Far left top:** Cabins being built using bio-construction processes.

**Far left bottom:** Brick making machine.

**Left top:** The cabins are built in a beautiful mountainous setting.

**Left bottom:** Canning is essential in country living.

**Top:** Organic agriculture.

The Lord left us a great lesson in Enoch's life. While he was fulfilling the responsibilities of this world, he had the Lord as his constant companion.

A one-hour walk up the mountain near the town of Socorro in Santander State in Colombia will bring you to our ministry, *El Arbolito* (The Little Tree).

### Printing

For the last 17 years, *El Arbolito* ministry has been involved in several areas of the Lord's work, including printing books on organic agriculture, mental health, country living, natural remedies, vegan cookbooks, and Spirit of Prophecy books. It was a small beginning, but the printing office was recently built and is fully operational. Now, thousands of books, pamphlets,

and leaflets have been distributed to different ministries in Colombia. Free literature is available to any ministry's outreach program.

### Organic Agriculture

*El Arbolito Mission* also practices and teaches organic agriculture. Non-toxic and organic compounds are used in the vegetable gardens. Cover crops are a must in the vegetable gardens. A six-week compost process from all green, fresh, dry plants, and wood enriched with fulvic and humic acids restores the soil and feeds the plants. Agricultural classes are recorded and posted on our YouTube channel as *Ben Cortes*.

### Bio-Construction

Bio-construction utilizes a mix of soil and cement—prepared and pressed—in

the adobe-making machine. The resultant adobe bricks are used to build the cabins. The technique is simple and easy to assemble the walls. The soil is sifted and brought to the place of construction. Other materials—whatever is at hand—are also used.

### Vegan Cooking/Canning

Vegan cooking is taught both at the farm and on mission trips. The vegan cookbook is very useful in demonstrating how to prepare tasty vegan meals. Both wheat and gluten-free recipes have been developed. It has been a challenge, but the various dishes are very delicious.

Canning fruits and vegetables is an excellent way to preserve food. Due to a mild climate that allows monthly



**Very top:** *A typical Colombian terrain, which is mountainous with moderate climate where agriculture flourishes all year around.*

**Top left:** *A Sabbath service.*

**Top Right:** *The ministry publishes many books and educational materials for the community.*

**Bottom Left:** *Teaching the community how to prepare vegan food is an important part of the outreach.*

planting, a variety of fruits and vegetables are harvested all year round.

### Natural Remedies

In the science of restoring others to physical and mental health, natural remedies using plants, cleansing programs, and different natural techniques are practiced. The natural remedies booklet—developed over years of practice—is a wonderful tool for teaching and practical use.

### Country Living

El Arbolito provides accommodations for those who want to experience country living, to learn how to live by faith in believing the Lord's instructions, and to teach them the needed skills to operate a farm.

### Preaching

A group of brethren gathers together every Sabbath to preach and share the many blessings bestowed on those who obey God's word and to give a clear testimony of the mercies that the Lord rains down upon His children.

Those in Colombia and the surrounding countries of South America who wish to learn more about the second coming of our Lord, how to request Bible studies, how we are to reflect the holy character of the Saviour, and the work that is done at the farm can find us using WhatsApp.

Let us praise and glorify the Lord because we can trust Him and for all the blessings He bestows as we follow where He leads.

# HISTORIC LANDMARKS

OF ADVENTISM

in March



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

the magazine is available online at [www.stepstolife.org](http://www.stepstolife.org).

We live in a world of artificial intelligence that is flooding social media, YouTube, etc. No one knows what's true anymore. The time has come when we must be anchored and secured in the truth, or else, when every wind of doctrine blows, we will be blown away. Read more in the article "Will Your Anchor Hold?"

To be ready for the last days, we must be intellectually, as well as spiritually, anchored in Jesus Christ. Read more in the article "Immovable."

There is more. The article "Global Trends in a Prophetic Perspective" clearly demonstrates that changes are taking place in the world of politics and religion. Unholy alliances are being made. History is about to repeat itself.

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Mexico

# The Power of Prayer

By Jadiel Rosales



In October 2024, *La Verdad Presente* presented a study on the power of prayer. To introduce the subject, the well-known hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* was played to emphasize the importance of uplifting our prayers directly to God the Father. The object of the study was to teach that our Father God is ready to hear our prayers and promises to answer them when we implicitly trust Him and, more importantly, obey what He asks us to do. Praying should not be only for selfish requests. Our Father also wants to hear us express gratitude for the blessings He gives us every day.

The study focused on Daniel, a captive in a foreign land, well known for his faithfulness in maintaining a strong prayer life with his God. The record of Daniel's courage and faith when King Darius proclaimed that no one in his kingdom could pray or petition any god or man for thirty days except the King himself is very powerful. We explained how Daniel faithfully prayed three times a day, and this was one of the main reasons he was able to face with

such courage, even the possibility of losing his own life.

We shared how King Darius had come to realize that Daniel was a godly man, and consequently, he was reluctant to charge Daniel when he realized he had been tricked into issuing such a stern decree. But, bound by his own laws, he was forced to have Daniel thrown in the lions' den, secretly hoping that the God Daniel served would protect and deliver him! We believe many listeners went to their Bibles to read this wonderful story of God's love and care for His own.

One of our regular listeners checked in via *WhatsApp* and requested the free book offer for sharing. A week later, he sent a picture of his friend receiving *The Great Controversy, Steps to Christ*, and a paperback Bible. We praise God for the different avenues He uses and prepares, often far ahead of our own planning to reach souls waiting for the good news. May the Lord bless every opportunity and method to reach the precious convicted ones who long to know more about our Saviour.



East Nigeria

# 2024 Camp Meeting

By Michael Ugorji



Our December 22–28, 2024, camp meeting was one of the best, a true blessing. The topics covered were the foundation and pillars of the Christian faith, including: the new covenant, the sanctuary, Daniel 8:14, the immutable law of God, Creation, the fall of man, the non-immortality of the wicked, the atonement, and the first, second, and third three angels' messages.

Pastor Michael Ugorji presented the sanctuary studies. Other featured speakers were Pastor Ekwueme V.O., Elder Ujoatu I.E., and Elder Raymond Onyeulor.

In addition to our regular members, 53 brethren from the Seventh-day Adventist conference and five non-members attended the lectures. Many expressed their love for the Steps to Life Global Evangelism, its simplicity, and its spirituality.

Pray for these souls in their decisions to stand for the truth of the great atonement.

Thank you for your prayers and continuous support.

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