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God uses His people letter from the president

t's hard to believe we are already nearing the close of another great year. As the days grow shorter, I'm looking back on all the Lord has done. I'm so grateful for His faithfulness. Once again, God has exceeded our expectations. He has given us more than we could ever ask, think, or imagine. And I'm struck by the beautiful truth...in His grace and generosity... God chooses to use PEOPLE to accomplish His purposes. He's done it all throughout biblical history, and He's still doing it today.

Through people, He has opened doors of opportunity for festivals in hard-to-reach places. Through people, He has given us an ever-greater ability to connect online spiritual seekers to a decision for Jesus, and to local churches. Through

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)

people, He has provided beautiful ways for us to equip and empower emerging evangelists. Through people, He unites churches and moves entire cities for the Gospel. None of this would be possible without people...like you.

God brings people like us together to embody and enact His love in the world—to participate in making the kingdom of Heaven visible here on earth to share the Good News. Together, we become the vehicle for *His* will to be done in this time and place. And the whole team, as well as our family—Mom, Andrew, Wendy, Keith, and I—couldn't be more thankful to have you joining with us. Your support means the world to us, and I'm so excited to share with you some of the amazing things God has done this year.

Just this past month, we held a massive campaign in Kenya, including six citywide festivals and hundreds of surrounding events. *In total, we had the joy of leading 69,980 people to Jesus. Praise God with us!* (You can get the full story on page 24.) We were also able to play a huge role in an Evangelism Master Class, helping to shift the posture of the U.S. Church toward a focus on winsome, compassionate evangelism. (Be sure to read more about it on page 16.) And God has even paved the way for an upcoming campaign in China—because our God is the One who makes a way when there seems to be no way! We can't

wait to tell you all about it. (Read more on page 30.) And that's just the beginning—there is so much more!

I hope that as you read this issue of Proclaim!, you feel personally encouraged about all the ways God has used your life for His glory. To welcome prodigals home, and lost sheep into the fold. To declare the Good News of Jesus Christ far and wide. To bring many sons and daughters into glory. To bind up the brokenhearted and set captives free. Your personal story is forever intertwined with the story of God's mercy for all people. You received it yourself, and you're doing the God-honoring work of extending it to all. It is a true privilege to work alongside God as His co-laborers, and we are tremendously humbled and grateful that you've chosen to walk this path hand in hand with us. From the bottom of our hearts—from our family to yours—thank you. And let's keep going! The best is yet to come.

BY KEVIN PALAL

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he Luis Palau Association exists to proclaim the Good News, unite the Church, and impact cities worldwide. We believe this is not only our mandate as an organization, but our greatest joy. And together, through Festivals, Digital Evangelism, City Gospel Movements, Global Network of Evangelism, radio and our Bible Institute, we're excited to use our experience, network, and talented team to reach farther, dig deeper, and *impact more lives for eternity*.

"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION."



We take this command seriously, through in-person events and online initiatives we have presented the Gospel in EVERY nation except North Korea.



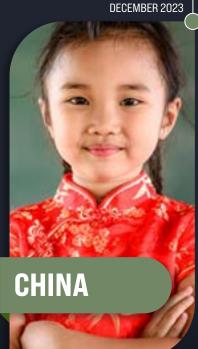
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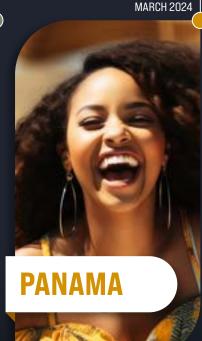
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ALIVE

his past year, I haven't been able to stop thinking about all the people in the world who are out there wandering. Men and women. Boys and girls. Young and old. So many—harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Sheep who don't know how to avoid tumbling into a ravine and breaking their leg. Sheep who get stuck on the edge of a cliff and become too frightened to move. Without a shepherd to guide them back to where they're supposed to be—to keep them safe—the wilderness is a dangerous place with potential hazards around every corner. We are just like those sheep. And thankfully we have found the care of the Shepherd to guide us home every time we stray.

But, what about those who haven't found Him? What about those still stuck on a cliff or in a ravine? Those still stuck in the wilderness.

Just as the Bible says in Proverbs 14:12, "There is a path that appears right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death."

You know my story. I personally went down so many wrong paths with the desire simply to be happy. It wasn't a bad desire, just the improper means of filling it. J.R.R. Tolkien wrote, "Not all those who wander are lost." But let's be real...most people who wander, as I did, are lost! Given my upbringing, it's hard to believe, but I wouldn't accept then what I know now—that there is only one path to a truly fulfilling life, and His name is Jesus.

The past few months, I've felt a specific burden for young men. Those who find themselves in the same endless cycle of despair. I feel moved to tell

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them—you don't have to keep searching! You don't have to make the same mistakes I did! And it applies to older men as well. At some point in time, nearly all of us experience the disappointment of goals gone awry. We have that scary feeling of waking up and thinking, "How did I get here? This isn't how I wanted my life to turn out." And let me tell you, where you are now is far worse than you think. The opportunity before you in Jesus Christ is far better than you could ever imagine.

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JESUS...

My heart aches for all men to know the gift of LIFE Jesus offers—they can have His hope, peace, and joy—no matter where they are on the road of life. Even for those who've ventured FAR down the wrong path, God redeems everything for our good and His glory. Men need to know that with God, nothing is wasted. He doesn't want us to drown in regret. It is never too late to start again.

These are the thoughts that drive me to keep going, confirming each day...there's no better way I could spend my life than spreading

the Good News. And I'm sharing this with you because...we're alike. I know these same thoughts can circle through your head. Be encouraged! These are not the ideas of man—this is the heart of God, overflowing in you. That's why so many friends like you have chosen to walk this path with us, devoting themselves wholeheartedly to proclaiming the Gospel to the whole world. I couldn't be more grateful.

I'm thrilled to tell you that after almost a year of prayer and coordination with the team, I'll be sharing this message of hope through a new Gospel Campaign that specifically targets men. It's called "Fully Alive." These six video messages will be sent out across the world through a social media Gospel campaign to reach millions of men.

These Gospel messages use Psalm 107 as a guide to examine some of the most common traps we fall into as men. The world tells us that... to be fulfilled as a man, we need to be strong and independent—make our own way in the world. We need to numb away any inner pain we might experience, and pretend like it doesn't exist. We can't show weakness. We need to excel at a career so we can acquire money, power, and security. And if we fail at those things, a disappointing, pathetic failure is all that we are.

What a pack of lies! And the world broadcasts this deception daily, through media and even, sadly, passes it from one generation to the next. It's like there have been road signs and billboards posted all along the highway of our lifetime, pointing men directly onto those deadly paths. I know you've seen the effect of those lies, too. They are all traps that lead to emptiness and spiritual death.

I can feel Jesus' heartache for all the men and even little boys who truly believe they are

worth nothing more than what they achieve.

Do you feel it? There are so many whose spirits have been crushed under the impossible expectation to have it all together. So many have been running, searching desperately for the full life God has been offering to them all along.

They are longing for something more—and that longing is there for a reason. You and I know who put it there, and we know there's only one way to fill it. That's why it is so urgent that we share the Gospel. We have found the One our souls longed for—the One all souls long for, whether they know it or not. We know the path of life—Jesus—the light of the whole world, and we just have to share Him.

We should feel compelled to extend Christ's offer of life, not just because of the stirring of our own hearts, but because of God's great compassion. He doesn't want anyone to perish! He wants everyone to know...there is another way to live—a path that leads to thriving. The adversary wants to kill, steal, and destroy, but *Jesus always offers abundant life*. He longs for each wanderer to cry out to Him for help. He is poised, ready to rescue them from death and show them a new way forward.

My prayer is that many men would hear these messages just as they're at a crossroads in life—ripe for change. The Lord says in Jeremiah 6:16, "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."

Let's pray and believe that God will use this Gospel series to give many men a fresh start. That He would help them experience the deep, life-changing love of God. That He'd save them from death and bring them fully alive in Jesus Christ.



Pressing on a note from Pat Palau

t's been quite the summer. As I write this, I'm just days away from moving into a new place. New season. Downsizing. Simplifying. Always adapting...learning.

I'm saying goodbye to the last house Luis and I shared together. It's too much house for me. (Not that it was all that big in the first place.) But it's just me these days. I'm moving closer to Andrew and Wendy. That will be nice—although they're on the road constantly. So many open doors for the Gospel. Luis would be thrilled.

Things that are keeping me busy these days...I still play the piano, and I fancy that I'm good at it. I'm still knitting. I find it calming. Soon I will have a stack of caps or sweaters to give away. I'm still reading—not as much as I used to, but I'm trying to keep up with new authors.

New skills I'm working on...making friends of my own. It feels odd to say that, but Luis was always the social one. He was so good at it. I depended on him for friends and connections. Now I'm realizing I need to make a community for myself. That's not the most exciting of thoughts at my age, but I can't be lazy. And I know I need it.

I'm also trying my best to not be cynical of all things "new." I feel like us in the "older" category can be quick to dismiss the younger generation and their ideas. I have found that I often just need time to get used to it. And honestly, many

times the "new" is really just the "old" in new packaging. Not something to be so fearful of.

Speaking of new—it's been an eventful year. We've had two new additions to the Palau family. Daniel (Kevin and Michelle's son) and Laney welcomed their first child, a son, earlier this year. Ezekiel Luis Palau. He is a healthy, sturdy little fellow. And he officially puts me in the great grandma category.

We also had a wedding in the family. Andrew and Wendy's son Jonathan. It was on August 5th, what would have been Luis and my 62nd wedding anniversary. Bittersweet. Healthy nostalgia. Clear and accurate memories of the past, with no regrets. It was a good run. And now the younger generation takes the baton. Jonathan's new bride, Lydia, is a perfect fit—for him and our family. She already feels like family. It couldn't be more clear. And a good Norwegian! Much of the Palau clan made it out to Minnesota for the wedding. A very happy occasion.

All this "new life" has me thinking about my role these days. I picked up this quote from Elisabeth Elliot some years ago: "Our responsibility now is to stand on God's side on behalf of our grandchildren." I feel that acutely.

Maybe that resonates with you as well. As we age, we still have a role to play. And it's an important one. But it often looks more like an encourager and supporter. We are called to be positive





Slowing down these days—here I am in 2018 with Andrew in Bogotá, Colombia



and to listen. Slow to critique. The younger generation has a long road ahead. Many challenges. They need our support. As you can imagine, I've been thinking a lot about finishing well. It was a major focus of Luis in his final years. I thought you might be encouraged by these thoughts I have been compiling on the subject.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE WHO FINISH WELL....

- They had *perspective* which enabled them to focus—not easily distracted.
- They enjoyed *intimacy with Christ* and experienced repeated times of inner renewal—not relying on "old truths."
- They were *disciplined* in important areas of life—but found balance as well.
- They maintained a *positive learning attitude* all their lives—re-invention was key.
- They had a network of meaningful relationships and several important mentors during their lifetime—surrounded by those who would inspire.

How are you doing? I know I have several areas to work on. Little by little. We can pray for one another as we press on, so that, as the beautiful worship song says—"May we be singing when the evening comes."

Who knows what the future will hold—how much longer we have on this earth. We must press on—making the most of each day. And there's no better use of that time than sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Thank you for faithfully standing with me, with our boys, and with the Lord.



have experienced the truth that God never fails to show up and move in powerful ways.

"I think it's time we

gathered the body of Christ together again in person," a local pastor recently shared with us. It wasn't a passing thought or a flippant suggestion. This pastor had a good understanding of the unique context and needs of Portland and knew the amount of work it would take to pull something like this together.

A NEED FOR UNITY

All of the division that has grown over the last few years was the context in which the pastor was inviting us to consider doing what we hadn't done in a while—putting together an event in our hometown where we would come together as one Church in Portland. Setting aside our differences to focus on what we do agree on: that Jesus died for us, and that is Good News—not only for us but also for our city. Together, we could choose to not dismiss the many needs of Portland, but to step up and meet them—worshiping our good God—publicly, and with one voice.

he COVID-19 pandemic feels far behind us, but the churches in the Portland area have still been feeling the impact. Many never returned to pre-pandemic attendance. Pastors are still processing the effects of the polarization around masks, vaccines, and politics. Relationships remain unhealed and for some...there is a sense of distrust, even between people who have Jesus in common. The brokenness in Portland feels more visible than ever, leaving even people of faith wondering where the Church is in all of this, hoping God has a plan but not seeing clearly what it is.

The heart of Palau is to unite the Church...in cities all around the world... to reach everyone with the Good News of Jesus. Through unity grounded in Jesus, we have seen how light can shine through even the most divided groups. Working together to share hope with the lost, we





THE PASTORS IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE FLOURISHING OF THE CITY SINCE THE 2008 LPA FESTIVAL AT WATERFRONT PARK.

The movement is now known as *TogetherPDX*, which exists to see our community flourish by uniting, connecting, strengthening, and serving local churches, pastors, leaders, and community members of the Portland/Vancouver Metro Area. TogetherPDX regularly convenes pastors and church leaders, but it had been a while since they did an event to engage every single person in the pews.

ServePDX created a Summer of Service with specific, clear invitations for churches to get involved with nonprofits who work with people experiencing homelessness

PrayerPDX developed a three-month prayer strategy including in-person prayer and worship nights,neighborhood prayer walking, and praying in agreement over set topics.

PastorsPDX spread the word to make sure as many pastors as possible were aware and excited.

SharePDX, our evangelism team, made sure that we didn't miss the opportunity to proclaim the Gospel.



The Palau team has built a reputation in the Portland Metro area as a trusted neutral convener with the experience to facilitate unified events. TogetherPDX is a ministry of LPA, but it is so much bigger than us—the real champions are the diverse

team of local pastors and leaders. Everyone on the team was on board with the vision and began to work toward a July 23rd night of worship and Gospel proclamation.

The impact was beautiful. As the word got out, more than 130 churches signed up to be involved in some way. Hundreds of people participated in prayer activities leading up to the July 23 gathering, 35 churches put together projects through the Summer of Service, serving a nonprofit they wouldn't have otherwise partnered with, and a TogetherPDX team member pulled together a worship team from 9 different churches to lead the unified gathering.

People were hungry to be part of something bigger than themselves or their individual church. They wanted to experience being part of The Church, and Together 2023 gave them one way to do that.

When July 23rd rolled around, more than 1,000 people showed up to Waterfront Park, the place that started it all back in 1999 with the first-ever Palau Festival. There were food trucks, lawn games, a prayer tent, and more. There was excitement in the air to be with this many people—most total strangers—worshiping together. The diversity in the crowd felt like a little glimpse of Heaven.

When Andrew and Wendy Palau shared the Gospel, local volunteers scattered throughout the crowd to pray over people responding—many of whom were moved to tears.

One man said that he had just moved to Portland the day prior to begin a recovery program. He saw the event and decided to check it out. When he heard the Gospel, he knew this was something he wanted to give his entire life to, and he prayed to accept Jesus right there. The TogetherPDX team was able to connect him to a local church that is a three-minute walk from his new apartment, where the pastor is so excited to begin discipling him.

Another person who responded for prayer was a young man visiting from China, living with a Christian host family. He had gone to church with them before, but when he heard the Gospel with clarity that night, something started to click in his mind. He let his prayer partner know that he wasn't ready to give his life to Jesus yet because he still had some questions, but he wanted God to guide him as he sought truth. The TogetherPDX team was able to connect with pastors from the church his host family attends, catch them up on his situation, and invite them to mentor him as he explores.

As one pastor reminded us, "There are no Godless places. God is in this city and was here far before we were. We, as believers, have the opportuni-

ty to be a part of what He is doing, if we are willing to step out in faith."

Together 2023 was an act of faith...following where God led us despite the disunity within the city. And He blessed us through this work as we saw more than 130 churches unite together under the greatest purpose we have...bringing the light of Christ to not only Portland, but the whole world.



DO YOU LIVE IN PORTLAND AND WANT TO GET INVOLVED? Scan the QR code or go to togetherpdx.org





AN EVANGELISM MASTER CLASS

The story behind the **most substantial evangelism equipping resource** we've ever created

BY: EVA NAPPIER

verywhere He went, Jesus extended love and pushed past the cultural barriers of the day. He wasn't afraid even though He knew... the ultimate consequence of His compassion would be death on a cross.

When the woman who'd been bleeding for 12 years pressed through the crowd to touch Jesus, He could've ignored her. But instead, He ignored the social stigma of speaking with an unclean woman. He turned and called her... "daughter." He healed her. She got her life back because *compassion stopped Jesus in His tracks.*

What would happen if ALL OF US let Jesus' compassion direct our choices *over and* above anything else?

We are taking bold actions to move the American Church toward this audacious goal.

Here at LPA, we have a habit of praying for open doors, and God graciously provides them. You know we care deeply about powerfully equipping believers everywhere to be salt and light—through friendship evangelism training in festival cities, through Evangelism Teams, and through our Global Network of Evangelists. *Now God has opened the door for us to pull together the biggest equipping resource in our 60-year history!*

And here's what happened...

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ave you heard of the *He Gets Us* campaign? It's been the biggest Christian media campaign EVER attempted in history and it's all aimed at introducing not-yet believers to the character of Jesus. Through He Gets Us, over 30,000 churches in the U.S. have joined a first-of-its-kind online platform that connects spiritually curious people with local churches—and provides resources to equip these churches well. This year, this online platform (known as *Gloo*) and the He Gets Us campaign asked LPA to bring together the brightest voices in evangelism to create an *Evangelism Master Class*.

The momentum of the He Gets Us campaign has created a critical moment of opportunity to reignite the flame of evangelism in the American Church.

We feel honored and humbled that our team played a massive role in steering the direction of this brand new *Evangelism Master Class.* It's an 8-part video series, full of actionable training and timely cultural insight to equip today's Church. This is our chance to shift the rudder of the Church in America—a small movement with big impact—to realign believers with the compassionate heart of Jesus.

We're seeking nothing less than a fundamental shift in the posture of the Church toward evangelism a shift that leaves us looking a lot more like Jesus.

And this isn't just a how-to program. As we thought and prayed about what truly motivates people to move beyond their fear and discomfort—to actually engage in evangelism—one answer stood out. And it trumps the effectiveness of any step-by-step process or 3-point sermon: Jesus.

HIS LIFE!

The way He gave Himself!
The way He reached out
to the hurting, the rejected,
the accused, and the sinners
of the world...His compassion
fuels
OUR COMPASSION





You and I were saved from our past and the sin in our lives, but also to something....now, to BE AN AMBASSADOR OF THE KING! His representative to the world. Out of you will flow rivers of Living Water. That's a fact—let it strengthen you and fill you with joy!"

WE BELIEVE THIS COULD BE THE TURNING POINT.

od is moving right now, calling us to remember why He sent His one and only son: *not to condemn the world, but to save it.* People are not the enemy—Satan is. Like Jonah, many are too apathetic and fearful, choosing to bypass God's command to herald the Good News to what seems like a hopelessly secularized world with a wicked agenda. And it's easy to understand why. Fear, division, weariness, and discouragement can easily cause us to shrink back from the hostility we see in the world. But all people in America, whether they realize it or not, are longing for the hope only Jesus offers. And just as Nineveh did, they will respond!

Spiritual openness is steadily rising in the U.S., and we believe the time to act is *NOW*. We have been given the sign of Jonah—Jesus Himself—risen from the grave after three days. *This is not the time to be quiet about our faith.* It's time for the Church in America to rise from its defensive crouch and run full speed to join God in His mission.

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GET EXCITED WITH US!

ur 8-part video series will be distributed to the 30,000+ churches who have come onto Gloo's platform, along with many more churches served by the Palau Association's galvanizing work in City Gospel Movements across the country.

Our goal is to equip tens of thousands of church leaders and laypersons across America to respond to spiritually curious people with cultural sensitivity—and catalyze them to seize every opportunity to connect people to Jesus. Through keynote messages from accessible yet authoritative voices in evangelism, and practical, rubber-meets-the-road conversations with pastoral leaders, we desire to warm the heart of the Church toward those outside its walls.

Kevin Palau and Ed Stetzer host the series, and there are 16 other amazing contributors... Christine Caine, Mark Mittelberg, Nona Jones, Greg Stier, Rebecca McLaughlin, our very own Andrew and Wendy Palau...and more! These are people who've devoted their lives to reaching the people Jesus loved. And these are the people we want shaping the heart of evangelism in the U.S.A. Each of them brings unique ministry experience, expertise, and passion that can move us to action.

This series calls Christ-followers to reconnect with their God-given compassion that may have eroded over time due to weariness, cynicism, or defensiveness. When we look at Jesus, He reminds us of the great compassion each one of us has received. While we were still sinners, He died for us. He would have our hearts ache for the lost—just like His does. That's what sets our priorities straight so that we can't help but tell people about Jesus. We all need this kind of personal revival at some point to return us to the existential priority of sharing the Gospel. This is our chance to let the heart of Jesus inform a revived era of evangelism!

of Christians say that thay do a good job at evangelism We aim to change that

Jesus came for me, just as He came for the sick and the broken. We all

NEED HIM DESPERATELY.

And that fuels my desire to spread the goodness of God."













JOIN JESUS IN HIS MISSION

with Ed Stetzer and Nona Jones Letting Jesus' compassion inform our priorities.

MEET CULTURE'S BIG QUESTIONS THROUGH COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

with Lisa Fields and Tyler Staton Adopting a listening posture toward culture.

LET LOVE SPEAK LOUDER THAN FEAR

with Christine Caine and Wilfredo De Jesús Letting our own salvation stories fuel our burden for the lost.

FIND YOUR AUTHENTIC EVANGELISM STYLE

with Mark Mittelberg and Carrie Headington Freedom from prescriptive evangelism techniques.

START A GOSPEL CONVERSATION

with Rebecca McLaughlin and Jay Kim Removing imaginary prerequisites for evangelism.

SHARE THE SIMPLE GOSPEL

with J.D. Greear and Josh White Getting clear on the Good News.

THE JOY OF AN EVANGELISTIC LIFESTYLE

with Andrew + Wendy Palau and Hosanna Wong Unveiling the personal benefits of evangelism.

ENGAGE THE NEXT GENERATION

Greg Stier and Shelbi Shutt Reaching a spiritually open generation.



WHEN YOU SAW THE CROWDS, YOU HAD **COMPASSION ON THEM.**

You saw people, harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. You saw suffering and did not turn away.

Give us Your grace to do the same. Imperfect as we are, You can use us as Your harvest workers.

We believe, Lord, that no one is too far gone. Your arm is not too short to reach and rescue. Send us, God, to our neighbors and to the ends of the earth.

Stir our hearts for what breaks Yours! Where we've been hardened by the burdens of life, soften us.

Let Your compassion move us—and Your whole Church—to see people as You see them and invite them to know **YOU**.

Amen

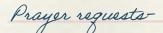
When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

(Matthew 9:36)

Let's Pray

YOU ARE INVITED TO PRAY WITH US...

Each quarter, we gather on Zoom to thank the Lord for the amazing ways He's rescuing people around the globe—and to pray over our Gospel ministry in the coming season. Everyone is invited! Your prayers mean the world to us and make a tremendous difference.



-2024 Festivals-

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SXSW-Aristin, TX Kingston, Jamaica

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Lusaka, Zambia Mendoza, Argentina

-Christmas Outreach in China (pg. 30)

-Andrew's Online Gospel Campaign to Men (pg. 8) worldwide

-Prayer for God's protection and guidance over the millions of people who have accepted Christ through our ministry this year!





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There Is Hope Here

Love Nairobi Festival with Andrew Palau reaches **more than 130,000 people** as the Good News saturates the city through 160 evangelistic events

BY: JAY FORDICE

t's midday in one of the more run-down neighborhoods of Nairobi. Standing behind the crowd that has gathered, I watch as a group of young Kenyan believers—all of them in their early 20s—step forward to share the love of God with the crowd. It's a rough group. There is pain here. There is sadness. You can tell from the faces in the crowd. Men and women. Boys and girls. Homeless. Helpless. Doing their best to cover a multitude of pain. If you pay close attention, you can see it. The rags hidden in the hands of many—soaked in some sort of substance. Inhaling. Numbing. Others smell of alcohol—holding bottles just out of view. It's eleven in the morning. An older gentleman wanders the crowd. Clearly intoxicated. Disrupting the group—unintentionally, yet intentionally.

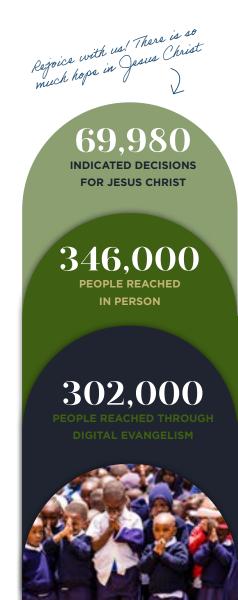
With more than 20 years experience with the Palau Team, traveling around the world with Luis and now Andrew, I've seen few places this rough. Every day, the team of missionaries visits a new part of the city. A different slum. Different faces. Similar stories. Yet as I look at the faces in the crowd...as I look at those ministering...I am struck by one thing I can't ignore—there is hope here. There are smiles.

There is laughter. There is rapt attention as the team shares about the love and forgiveness of Jesus. And there is great response when asked, "Who would like the hope Jesus offers today?"

This gathering is one of *160 taking place during a two-week* period throughout the capital city of Nairobi, home to more than 9 million people. It's the only way to truly saturate the region. From medical clinics to prison outreaches, school assemblies to gatherings with business and civic leaders—the team worked with local church leaders to orchestrate the mass effort to reach as many people as possible. And with more than 2,000 local partnering churches, representing every denomination, the results were truly God-honoring.

But the effort didn't end there. In fact, for several months the team was working to not only saturate Nairobi, but all of Kenya, with the Good News Gospel...

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Love Kenya— A Nationwide Effort

In an effort to maximize the impact of the Love Nairobi campaign and reach even more people with the Gospel, Palau's Global Network of Evangelists (GNE) took on the task of spreading throughout the nation to host five regional festivals from May to September.

The campaign focused on the cities of Nanyuki, Karatina, Embu, Murang'a, and Machakos. The effort was used to train up and encourage the local Christian community as well as give on-the-ground experience to partner evangelists from five continents.

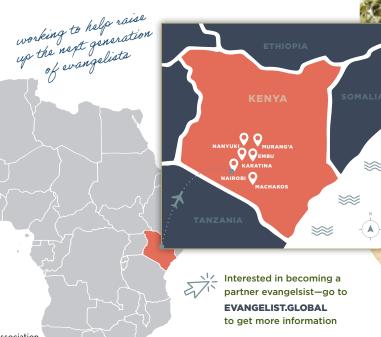
In total, the Love Kenya campaign reached an astounding *216,000 individuals in person, with more than 28,500 recorded decisions for Jesus Christ.* Added together with the 130,000 people reached during the Love Nairobi campaign, as well as the decisions from the two-week effort in the capital city, the total reach was truly astounding!









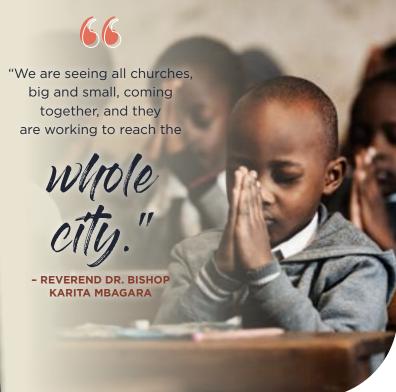




Extending the Impact Online

In addition to the plethora of on-the-ground events that took place in Kenya, our team also spearheaded an innovative digital evangelism strategy, sharing the Good News of Jesus through targeted social media ads. At the time of reporting, more than 302,000 people had been reached with the Gospel ads throughout Kenya, with 3,685 indicated decisions for Jesus Christ.

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Three Days of Festival Evangelism in the Heart of Nairobi

Celebrating the culmination of the months-long nationwide campaign, thousands of people gathered in the capital city of Nairobi for the capstone event. Led by Andrew Palau, the festival weekend included a kid's area and children's stage performance led by evangelist Duggie Dug Dug from the United Kingdom, an action sports show with professional BMX and FMX athletes from the United States and South Africa, performances from local favorites Evelyn Wanjiru, Pompi, Christafari, Jabidii, Moji Short Babaa, Sovereign, Eko Dydda, Mercy Masika, King Kaka, and more. The high moment of both evenings was a message of biblical hope given by Andrew, followed by music from internationally acclaimed worship leader Don Moen.

"It is the heart of God to see men, women—young and old coming to the kingdom."

- REVEREND DR. GRACE MANJAU

In total, Love Kenya encompassed more than 200 evangelistic events and reached more than 648,000 people with the Good News. And best of all, more than 69,980 individuals responded to the message of Hope.









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"This festival has come at the

right time

for the right purpose, and for the right group of people."

- BISHOP STEPHEN MUTUA







"THERE IS A GRACE THAT IS UPON THE PALAU ASSOCIATION AND OUR BROTHER ANDREW PALAU.

Not all of us can do what this great ministry is doing. This is our time—our Kairos moment. God's appointed time for us to come together as the Church of Jesus Christ to rally behind this great work and see what the Lord will do through us."

- BISHOP KEPHA OMAE

Return to China

BY: LEVI PARK

or more than 26 years, the Palau Association has built relationships and planted seeds for ministry in China. Since Luis first visited Hong Kong in 1997, new doors of opportunity have opened to share the Good News. From the city of Harbin in the north to Hangzhou in the south, we've been given the clear blessing and authorization to share the Good News in many ways. We've spoken in churches, to business leaders, at concert halls, in seminaries, at universities, and to entire groups of government leaders.

Every time we minister in China, there is tremendous fruit, overflow crowds, and exuberant faith. And the response to the Gospel is overwhelming. Even more, after each successful trip, we are met with one question from both government and local church leaders—"When will you return?"

We've always made our intentions and message clear. The Good News of Jesus Christ is always proclaimed clearly and boldly. An opportunity to publicly accept Christ as Savior is almost always given. It hasn't always been easy. There have been setbacks. We've had to use a tremendous amount of wisdom. And God has been faithful. Now a new door has been opened to expand our reach this November.



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This November, we have the opportunity and joy to minister in four major cities in China—Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, and Huai'an. We're talking about dozens of gatherings. Clear Gospel presentations. Evangelistic meetings in churches. Gatherings with seminary leaders. And strategic planning meetings with top government leaders. The prayer is that this unique trip will help to build bridges, share the Gospel, and set the stage for even greater ministry in the future.





1987

Luis Palau ministering to thousands in Hong Kong.



2005

Luis Palau with President Bush, sharing the Good News at the Gangwashi Church in Beijing.



Discussions with Chinese officials around this trip began back in early 2020. We had taken part in several successful trips over many years and everyone seemed to be in agreement that it was a good time to visit some new areas. Then COVID hit and everything was put on hold.

As the world began to open back up in 2022, we were quick to reach out to our counterparts in China and share our unswerving desire to return to China and continue our outreach, whenever they felt the time was right. To our surprise, the Chinese leaders were overjoyed. "So many have forgotten about us. They have given up on China. You are the first to reach out and share your love and concern. That means very much to us. We would love to have you return as soon as possible."

With that, the wheels were set in motion. And now we are just weeks away from this strategic return trip.

The itinerary is exciting. Church gatherings in Beijing. Meetings with church leaders in Shanghai. Gatherings with seminary students in Nanjing. And more outreach in the city of Huai'an. Our prayer is that this trip, led by Andrew Palau, will not only be used to share the Good News of Jesus, but will also lay the groundwork for future ministry in the years to come.



Follow along for the latest updates and information on this upcoming trip at WWW.PALAU.ORG/CHINA.



in NYC promoting the book A Friendly Dialogue between an Atheist and a Christian.



preaching at an outdoor Christmas celebration in Beijing



Andrew Palau preaching a message of hope at Christmas.



Sixty-one Years of Ministry Impact

BY: JAY FORDICE

arking 61 years of ongoing ministry in the nation, this spring Andrew Palau led a citywide evangelistic effort in Costa Rica's capital city, reaching more than 150,000 people in person with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The citywide effort brought together more than 800 partnering churches and thousands of local believers to serve the city while also sharing the life-changing message of Jesus. In the end, more than 12,847 people responded to the Gospel message.

In addition to the major evangelistic festival in the heart of the capital city of San José on March 24 and 25, the team also led initiatives focused on reaching key groups throughout the region. These initiatives included two major gatherings for women, a business and civic leaders' dinner, two prison outreaches (one at a women's prison and one at a men's prison), meetings with several government officials, a pastors' conference, and the festival itself.

Added to the many live events, the Good News also went out through live television broadcasts of the festival, radio interviews, and a far-reaching social media campaign.

The Palau Association's history in Costa Rica goes back to 1962, when Luis and Pat Palau moved to the nation as a newlywed couple. They spent several months in San José—Pat attending language school and Luis beginning to develop his evangelistic team. Launching from there, the team began saturating all of Latin America through targeted evangelistic campaigns.

Since those first days in Costa Rica, the Lord has kept our team closely tied to the nation and the Church community. Major evangelistic efforts throughout the decades have helped to bolster the Church and lead many to faith. And we know that many of the converts from those early days are now active members—even leaders—in the Costa Rican Church community.

During the early days of our time in Costa Rica, the country had undergone dramatic upheaval, from political violence to social challenges. The spiritual climate was desperate as well, with less than 15 percent of Costa Ricans proclaiming the Christian faith.

Ever since our last campaign in 2006, local leaders have been praying for our return. And the



results from this recent campaign show the unity of the Church and hunger within the community. It was a beautiful picture of the lasting fruit and ongoing impact of a region-wide campaign, as well as the long-standing commitment to a nation.

REACHING A NEW GENERATION

One unique aspect of this festival was the age of the crowd. More so than most other festivals, the crowd was quite young. It's not uncommon for our festivals to be filled with young families and individuals of all ages. Yet for this festival, we were overwhelmed by the number of high school and college-aged kids who came out in droves. And not only that, they were especially responsive to the Good News of the hope of Jesus.



THE CULMINATING FESTIVAL

The two-day, evangelistic festival featured popular musical artists Ingrid Rosario, Redimi2, Kike Pavón, Lilly Goodman, and more. Andrew Palau shared a clear Gospel message and challenged those in the crowd—and those who tuned in online—to give their lives to Jesus.

Included in the festival was a children's zone with kid-friendly games, clowns, activities, and a special Gospel program for the youngest members of the family. Additionally, there were stunt demos from BMX athletes (in partnership with The Stunt Dudes). And best of all, there were multiple presentations of the Gospel throughout the two days.

Furthermore, there was a medical outreach that took place on the second day of the festival. A special place was set up for those in need of personal hygiene, clothing, food, haircuts, and barber services. On top of that, they also received care from doctors with specific specialties, all free of charge.

We praise God for how He moved in Costa Rica! More than 150,000 people were reached with the Good News in person through the week-long campaign. The crowd was amazing...the response was tremendous ... and the Spirit moved in the hearts of many.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership. You are helping spread the Good News of Jesus Christ across the world.



"Open your eyes and look at the fields! *They are ripe for harvest*." JOHN 4:35





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SOCIAL MEDIA

What's up next in Latin America? Check out our full list of upcoming festivals on pages 6-7. "On Friday, March 24, I received Jesus Christ while listening and watching Palau on Facebook, and through Enlace, I saw the call to salvation. I surrendered myself to Jesus Christ as the only Savior of my personal life, and I have been a happy person since that moment.

Many thanks to the Palau ministry for coming to Costa Rica to present that salvation. Thank you."

- DAVID, WHO WATCHED THE FESTIVAL ONLINE









KLAMATH FALLS FESTIVAL REPORT:

Catching the Vision

The Impact One Individual Can Have on a Region

BY: ALYSSA JAMES

ver the decades, the Palau Association has been committed to uniting churches in order to more effectively reach their city with the Good News. We go where we're invited, and by God's grace, that has taken us all around the world—sharing a message of hope, peace, love, joy, and redemption.

We've seen first-hand what happens when believers are unified under this one purpose...it doesn't matter the place, whether it's New York City or a small town like Klamath Falls, Oregon. In every city to which we have been invited, we experience the joy of seeing the Church work together to serve and bless their region. Through their efforts (and the power of the Holy Spirit), they catalyze a movement of God that reaches far beyond a Palau festival. Lives are changed and people are brought into the Kingdom of God, knowing the love Jesus has for them.

And it all starts when someone catches the vision...

It could be anyone...but for our most recent festival in Klamath Falls, Oregon, it was Doug Kirby. Doug is not in full-time ministry—in fact, he retired from a successful career in business and education,

but God planted a massive burden on his heart for Klamath Falls. Serving as an elder at his church, he and others began praying for revival in their community... they longed to see the Greater Klamath region changed by Jesus...to be transformed and impacted in every aspect—in churches, businesses, educational institutions, and local leadership.

During this significant time of his life, he felt the pull of the Holy Spirit and asked himself, "What would it take to get a movement of God in Klamath Falls?"

In July 2021, Doug attended one of our events. As he learned more about our festival model, he asked Andrew Palau what it would take to do a festival in Klamath Falls. Of course, Andrew responded with excitement, "Invite us!" Doug caught a vision and he worked relentlessly to make this vision a reality. Meeting with dozens of pastors, forming a Steering Committee, and doubling down when things got tough, he was determined to bring this festival to fruition.

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Doug Kirby speaking at the men's wents of many affinity events outreach, one of many affinity and outreach, one of many affinity and leading up to the festival



"Being an entrepreneur at heart, I started contacting other pastors and community leaders to gauge support and encourage their involvement," said Doug. "The Steering Committee reached out across the community and did the same. Frankly, the response was mixed: 'Tried this before'; 'Why an outside organization?'; 'We know Palau, but we don't know you'; 'Let's do it'; 'I want to get involved,'"

Doug shared it all with us. But he didn't relent. He, along with others in the community, held the strong belief that church unity was key. Only by bringing churches together in the name of Jesus would change come to their community.

"God kept us moving forward because of the desire planted in me, in my church elders, and in the few others who joined the Steering Committee," Doug continued. "A growing sense of revival prevailed. We knew if He was guiding us, it would happen."

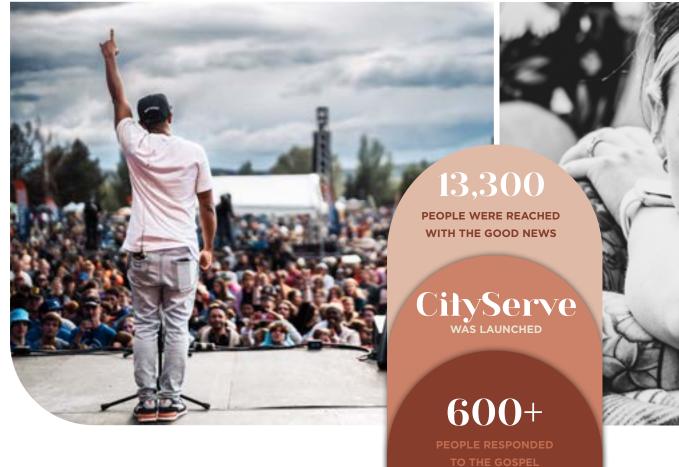
And God did not disappoint. He showed up and moved in Klamath Falls in amazing ways.

Festival week included prison outreaches, school gatherings, service to the homeless community, and special outreaches for men and women. While Andrew spoke at the men's dinner, proclaiming the Gospel to hundreds of men, Wendy poured out her heart at a luncheon and dinner for women, sharing her story and the Father's love for every person in the room. All this took place in the lead-up to the one-day festival on May 27.

People from all over the Greater Klamath region came out for the free, family friendly festival, which came to be known as CityFest.











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MOVEMENTS







Thousands enjoyed all the festival had to offer—including live music, food trucks, a family fun zone, and an action sports demonstration. Greater Klamath CityFest featured award-winning artists Newsboys, Ryan Stevenson, and Marisol Park. Through a special kid's outreach (in partnership with Kids Blitz), and one of the most extensive family fun zones we've ever seen—including a mechanical bull, carnival games, a petting zoo, a gaming tent, pony rides, and more—kids were reached with the truth that God loves them.

The Good News was also presented at the action sports demonstration (in partnership with The Stunt Dudes), which included BMX and FMX athletes performing their best stunts. In the evening, Andrew shared a clear Gospel message with those in the crowd. With much encouragement to give their lives to Jesus Christ, we saw more than 600 people accept that invitation and respond to the Gospel.

All in all, we are praising the Lord that more than 13,300 people were reached with the Good News of Jesus throughout the entire week of events.

With Greater Klamath CityFest acting as a catalyst, the movement has also

been providing opportunities for the churches of the Greater Klamath region to set aside differences and unite in service. In an effort that has come to be known as CityServe, the churches are focusing on several areas of need, including homelessness, youth and family, and cleanup and restoration. For more information about CityServe, visit www.klamathcityfest.org/cityserve.

There is nothing better than partnering with God where He wants to go, and we feel grateful to have been invited to partner with so many churches and leaders in southern Oregon to reach this region.

This festival in Klamath Falls isn't the only place where we've seen the Spirit move...God has opened doors for us all around the world where we are blessed to partner with local churches and leaders to proclaim the Good News, unite His Church, and mobilize communities to serve and share the love of Christ.

Doug saw what following the lead of the Holy Spirit looked like for his city... imagine what you can do for yours. Whether you live in a small town or a large city, God has a heart for your community and wants to see everyone come to know Him and be known by Him.

"Our volunteers are committed to seeing this as a new beginning.

Several of our teams have committed to continue meeting including,

Prayer, Evangelism, and City Serve. Currently, we are working together with
the church body to understand how that will operate across churches and
denominations. I am confident God has the right structure to give
oversight to the work He has begun and that will continue."

DOUG KIRBY



Giving to Palau is a...

Win, Win, Win, Win, Win,

s I approach the completion of my 30th year as Vice President of Development here at the Luis Palau Association, I am reminded that giving to the Lord through the Palau team is always a win, win, win, win, win proposition. I know. That feels like a lot of "wins." *And it is. Here's why....*



The Lost

JOHN 1:12

First and foremost, giving to the Lord through the Palau team is a massive win for the person who was lost and finds Jesus. This is quite personal for me. Traveling the world with the team for the past 30 years, I have had the joy of seeing many come to faith first-hand through this ministry. I've even had the joy of personally praying with and counseling many. Each one has left an imprint on my mind. But there is one in particular that stands out above the rest, and that's my mom.

I met Christ as a 17-year-old high school senior and prayed for my mom for 21 years. After the first Portland Festival in 1999, my mom told me: "You tell Luis he did a good job and you tell him I prayed with him." I was thrilled. And she was a changed person overnight. A few weeks after the festival she told me, "Wow, I don't know why I waited so long. It feels so good to know I'm going to heaven."

For several years before giving her life to the Lord, my mom had really closed herself off from the world. She even stopped listening to music. I think it was because she was disheartened from past failed relationships and didn't want to feel any of the emotions that came with the music. After she met Jesus, she wanted and loved listening to love songs.

Mom had a serious cancer surgery about five years previously, and she knew that it was coming back. She was at peace and maintained a loving spirit once she met Jesus. She died two months to the day after meeting the Lord through the Portland festival. And I was proud and amazed when Luis shared her testimony around the world, illustrating that it's never too late to come to know the Lord.





The Church EPHESIANS 4:11-12

A second win is for the Church. There's something powerful when the body of Christ comes together in unity. Evangelists are a special gift to the Church, and the Church fulfills its purpose when evangelists exercise their gifts. When the Gospel is proclaimed by an anointed evangelist, there's an amazing expectation of fruit. People are saved, and that impact inspires the body of Christ and it models how God can use us to introduce others to the Lord.



I've seen a big win for cities time and time again around the world when the Palau team comes to serve and bring unity. I think back on specific ways that the Church in places such as Fort Lauderdale and Portland have come together to address deep community challenges like education, foster care, and refugee care. These concerns have been powerfully addressed as the body of Christ has mobilized and served. Cities experience lasting change and it's amazing and beautiful.



The Luis Palau team has a small, dedicated staff. And when people give, the team wins as we are enabled to fulfill our calling and accomplish enormous things around the globe. Reaching global cities like New York, London, Hong Kong, Buenos Aires, etc. is a way bigger task than our team could humanly accomplish on our own. But God's hand is on this team, and the team is empowered through generous giving. We give Him all the glory.



The next win is for you, the donor. Nothing happens through this team unless people like you are led to pray and give financially. I honestly think we undersell the impact and importance, and the essential role of people who simply give financially to further Kingdom ministry. And when you give, you reap enormous blessings, especially knowing you are changing lives for eternity. What could be better?

SEEK
THE PEACE AND
PROSPERITY OF
THE CITY...



The final win is that the Lord Himself is honored. Lives like Shirley Ogle, my mother, are changed forever. His redemptive purposes are fulfilled in the Church, in communities, and in individual lives and families. And He is overjoyed.



It has been an enormous privilege to lead the fundraising efforts at the Palau team for nearly 30 years. I've always felt like my job was to simply share the challenge to give to reach the lost, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leave the results to God. And He has truly blessed this ministry. I want to say thank you for standing with LPA to share the Good News of Jesus. Because of you... the lost are reached, the Church is lifted, the city is blessed, the team fulfills its calling, and you are used by God to change lives for eternity. And you have glorified the Lord!

In 1 Timothy 6:17-19, the Lord says, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."

You don't have to look far to realize that we are very rich in this world. Rich in blessings. Rich in favor. Rich in resources. And rich in His mercy. And so we commend each other, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to not put our hope in those riches, but in the One who provides and guides and blesses and gives, so that we may lay up treasures in heaven, and take hold of the life that is truly life.

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believe KNOWING JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

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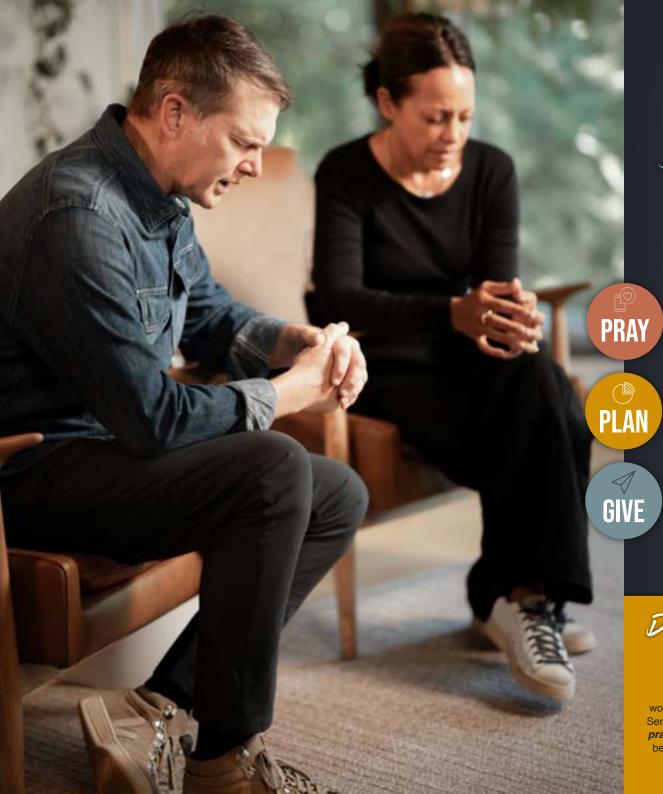
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NG UP EACH DAY TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT GOD WILL USE OUR ORDINARY MOMENTS TO HELP PEOPLE MEET HIM.

THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS TO ALL PEOPLE.

Together, we get to joyfully proclaim this Good News to know Jesus is the most loving thing we can do.







Join with us today

When we pray together, the Lord opens doors—and hearts—in ways we never could have imagined. Sign up to receive periodic prayer updates from the team.

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