

LATIN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Developing Healthy Churches and Church Leaders in Latin America and Beyond

Mission and Ministry Newsletter

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HEADLINES SUMMARY: TOP 20 STORIES IN 2020

At the end of a year, it is customary to look back and think about newsworthy events. I share the "Top Twenty LALD Stories in 2020," summarized from 2020 newsletters.

◆ **Sabbatical Announced**

A plan to step away from this mission effort for a time to work on related projects

◆ **Details of Virtual Classroom Project Finalized**

With planning complete, details are being shared with churches across Latin America.

◆ **Video Production to Be Expanded**

Arrangements have been completed and planning has begun for professional video production

◆ **Professional Consultant Assists with Website and Social Media Evaluation and Update**

◆ **Mission Trip to Dominican Republic Results in 10 Baptisms**

◆ **Digital Evangelism Campaign Launched in Dominican Republic**

After a year of planning, this evangelistic campaign resulted in 1000s hearing the Good News of Jesus.

◆ **Coronavirus Puts Sabbatical Plans on Hold**

◆ **Online Bible Class Format Initiated – First Online Class Studies Gospel of Mark in Spanish**

◆ **Plans Developed for Online Seminars and Conferences across Latin America**

◆ **Online Bible Classes Premiere in English**

◆ **New Projects for English-Speakers Reach Hundreds Every Week**

◆ **Digital Evangelistic Campaigns Initiated across Latin America**

◆ **Eye Surgeries Completed -- Vision Update**

Vision is now stable, but challenges remain after a vitreous detachment

◆ **Baptisms in Latin American Churches Increase during the Pandemic**

◆ **Summer Zoom Bible Class at Park Church of Christ Will Study 2 Corinthians**

◆ **Production of New Video Evangelism Series Completed and First Baptisms Reported**

◆ ***Dwelling in the Word* Published**

The pandemic provided an opportunity to complete work on a book of New Testament devotionals

◆ **First Effort to Provide Mission Reports by Video**

◆ **Director Speaks at Mission Emphasis Days in US Churches**

◆ **Increased Video Production**

One measure of the increased video production during the pandemic is that the YouTube channel has had 8393 views totaling almost 600 hours, with 132 new subscribers and over 200 videos produced



Thank you for your help!

Doors continue to open. Funds to facilitate the evangelistic efforts of national Christians have been sent on schedule throughout 2020. I am grateful to donors who continue to give in times of uncertainty. Decreased travel has made it possible to use some travel-work funds to help with special projects.

Thank you for your interest in this mission. Through my host congregation (Main and Oklahoma, McAlester, OK), your gift is tax-deductible (checks payable to "Church of Christ," memo line "Latin American Leadership Development" [LALD]). **PLEASE MAIL ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MY ADDRESS** (10704 S 89th East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133) to assist with accounting.

Thank you for your support, love, involvement and prayers. This work would not be possible without your partnership.

Dios les bendiga (God bless you),
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[An elder in the Dominican Republic teaches a small group Bible study in the backyard of a member. Plans call for a church plant in this sector. There were about 30 members, friends, and neighbors present for the study.]

Will you pray for the churches in Latin America that they can effectively share the glorious gospel of the Son of God who is the light of the world.

Multitudes are receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christians hunger and thirst for the word of God and want encouragement and training in evangelism, discipleship, healthy church development and effective church leadership. Thank you for helping us make that happen as we seek to fulfill God's purpose in this world – to save as many as possible!

When you support Latin America Leadership Development, you are part of a network of Christians committed to taking the gospel to Latin America. Through evangelism, discipleship, and leadership training, spiritually healthy and mature Christians and churches are developed, capable of reproducing themselves. A primary goal is training those who will train others (2 Tim. 2:2), recognizing that the most effective kingdom workers are national Christians who understand the culture and language, are known and trusted, and easily develop friendships and relationships that carry the gospel to their own nations.