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Update on Our Year of Recalibration

We have not yet traveled internationally, although we are hoping that can happen on a limited basis in 2027. We are little by little testing possibilities for auto travel within the US as we visit churches, friends, and mission contacts, focusing on how we can travel greater distances. A logical next step will be domestic air travel.

Update on Jan's Journey to Recovery

Jan's recovery and rehab journey continues—more and more home exercises and activity, increased gym time, outpatient physical therapy, with increasing stamina and endurance. We pray that God will see us through to our new normal, whatever He provides, as we pray about resuming some level of work and travel even as we slow down.

We cannot say often enough how grateful and blessed we are by the prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Thank you!

Coaching and Encouraging from a Distance

Even though we have not been able to visit personally the multiple international mission points where we are actively involved, lots of things are happening and the works continue forward. This has been the goal of LALD from the beginning – to train others to continue the spread of the gospel, training in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development.

Haiti: taking care of the children. Those of you who regularly read these reports will recognize that Haiti is a new mission field for us. We have been blessed by the generous involvement of **Liberté Ministries** in our work near the Dominican-Haitian border, and God recently opened a door for us to share in the needs in Haiti. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we were able to serve as a conduit for a gift that will provide food for the Christian schools overseen by **Liberté Ministries**.

Spanish Video Series: Developing a Methodology for Bible study. This project, mentioned briefly in a previous newsletter, is now complete and available online and on YouTube. I am grateful to **Henry Yanez in Ecuador** for taking the lead in making this possible. The series is part of Henry's work in *"Estudiemos La Biblia" (Let Us Study the Bible)*. Topics covered in the podcasts include the nature and importance of the Bible, exegesis, hermeneutics, homiletics, and rhetoric.

Dominican Republic VBS Teams. In July, a group of Christians went to the Dominican Republic to host VBS activities in several of the churches we work with (picture left, Vista al Lago VBS). We are grateful to **Joel Boone** and others for their work in this project.

Dominican Republic Construction Team. The details are in place for the October construction team which will be building a new church building in Jimaní, right on the Dominican-Haitian border. I hope to have pictures and a report available for the next newsletter. The Dominican workers are diligently evangelizing in the area in preparation for the launch of this new facility with new challenges and new opportunities. (Picture right, the VBS at Los Cocos in the church building constructed through the partnership with **Liberté Ministries**.)

Raúl Chumbile, Chimbote, Peru. This work, now being supported by the **Main and Oklahoma church in McAlester** continues to make a difference, both in the work in Chimbote and also in various parts of Peru. Chumbile is actively involved in Peru mission work—another example of a national worker who is capably advancing the gospel in various locations. Chumbile is a Baxter graduate who worked for a number of years at IBI (Interamerican Bible Institute) in Lima.

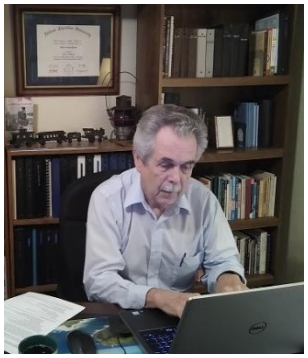
Putumayo, Colombia. This relatively new church plant-renewal continues to advance. As always, there are challenges. Please pray for the legal process to receive official government recognition. This is an important next step to being able to move forward with land and construction of a building. In the meantime, the work is facilitated with regular mission-ministry visits by Colombian national workers. Thank you to the **Holmes Road church of Christ in Lansing, Michigan** for making this possible.

Jairo and Andrea Mármol, Túquerres, southern Colombia. Jairo and Andrea continue to spread the gospel and provide ministry support for numerous congregations in southern Colombia and northern Ecuador near the border. Thank you to the **Springbrook Hills church of Christ in Dewitt, Michigan** for helping with Jairo's support. Both of these two works in southern Colombia are being facilitated by the **Fort Gibson church of Christ** in the receiving and sending of funds.

The mission work continues—in the places mentioned above and around the world. I receive regular reports from numerous locations—Chile, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, and various locations in Central America. Continue to pray! Pray for workers, pray for those who are ready to hear. Pray for open doors and connections!

PRAY FOR THE ADVANCE OF THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

Recalibrating Missions and Ministry



In this year of recalibration, I am learning the rhythms of a new normal as I reshape my level of involvement in various works around the world. I am expanding my online efforts, both in English and Spanish. Writing and producing materials means more study time, along with regular online postings and updates.

Whether we can be personally present or not, God is at work to accomplish his eternal purpose. That mission is much greater than our dreams and

imaginations. What God continues to do excites and energizes us, sending us forth with the Good News of the Kingdom. Thank you for your prayers, partnership, and encouragement.

Partners Update

Through our host congregation (Main and Oklahoma, McAlester, OK) you can make tax-deductible gifts payable to "Church of Christ," memo line "Latin American Leadership Development" [LALD]. **ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE TULSA ADDRESS** (10704 S 89th East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133).

Dios le bendiga (God bless you),
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The picture at right was taken during our 2025 mission trip, after an evening seminar with the church in Pasto, Colombia. In the churches we visit on international mission trips, our brothers and sisters are hungering for the Word of God.

Latin America Leadership Development works within an international 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.