

# Herald of Truth

August 2024 Newsletter

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## HERALD OF TRUTH

**Herald of Truth Ministries, Inc.** began serving the Lord in 1952. Now, 70 years later, we still have the same mission and focus: EVANGELISM!

Look inside to see what we are doing and how the Lord is using this ministry! You can also learn more on our website at [www.heraldoftruth.org](http://www.heraldoftruth.org) and find out how you can partner with us in these evangelistic efforts!



## GOD IS WORKING IN CUBA!

In May 2024, Tim Archer, Director of International Ministries for **Herald of Truth**, and board members Faires Austin and Wes Cunningham traveled to Matanzas, Cuba. Our Cuban representative, Tony Fernandez, met the group at the airport and led them through a whirlwind week of activities. Despite shortages of many goods and frequent power failures, the group successfully hosted a conference for church planters, met with and encouraged several congregations, and visited a children's home where the Matanzas church ministers.

While Archer, Austin, and Cunningham were there, hundreds of Bibles were distributed to attendees at the Sunday church service. In addition, at the request of the Cuba Council of Churches and the Cuban Bible Society, Austin presented a workshop on biblical archaeology that was well attended and well received.

Archer returned to the island in July, traveling this time with a group from the University Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas. The group carried medical supplies and food, helping the church serve its community during this time of great need. In addition, the group participated in the annual national youth conference in Matanzas, where more than 200 young Christians from across the island united

for praise, spiritual growth, and fellowship. Several young people were baptized during this event.

The church in Cuba is thriving during this difficult time, and **Herald of Truth** is honored to play an active part in the growth of the kingdom that is occurring there. Led by the tireless work of Tony Fernandez, **Herald of Truth's** ministry is touching lives in Matanzas and across Cuba.

Photo: Tim Archer and Tony Fernandez in Cuba



## Upcoming events...

We are excited to host a dinner in the founders room at Harding University on September 30 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The theme will be Old Stories and New Beginnings. It will be a night of remembering our past and looking to the future. You won't want to miss this fun night of fellowship. We would love to see you there!

SOAR (Seniors Overcoming and Recharging) is coming back in 2025 to Pickwick Landing State Park! Mark your calendar for April 29 thru May 2, 2025. Come meet our staff, some of our missionaries and ask questions about all the work God is doing through **Herald of Truth**. Enjoy a great opportunity to be with fellow soldiers and heroes of the faith just like you!

We are celebrating 30 years of our commitment to Cuba in March 2025! More details coming soon on this trip!

## Still going strong at home and around the world...

Steve Ridgell and his wife Marcia recently spent two weeks in the Philippines as part of an elder/evangelist team from the Hillcrest Church of Christ where they attend. They were in Cebu City where Hillcrest supports Caleb and Vanessa Callari in their work with house churches.

While there, **Herald of Truth** and Ripple of Light Ministry, along with the house churches, were able to co-host a seminar on how to study the Bible. There were a number of visitors and resulted in several Bible studies and visits to house churches. They were also able to preach in the local prisons. Several ex-offenders are involved in the house churches. There continue to be reports of baptisms from this ministry.

Steve continues to be active in the **Herald of Truth** domestic ministry here in the States. He recently spoke at the Fredericksburg, TX Church of Christ and at the Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene, TX. about reaching the lost. In the next few weeks, he will be sharing what God has been doing through the **Herald of Truth** at his home congregation in Abilene. He will be speaking at the Equip workshop hosted by the Brown Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie, TX. September 6-7. The topic is *Developing Evangelistic Leaders*. He will also be doing *Can I Tell You a Story* seminars at Cardinal Drive Church of Christ in Chicago September 14-15, and at Linder Road Church of Christ in Meridian, ID. on September 24-25. He will be speaking at the Church of Christ in Huckabay, TX September 13 on *Lost Sheep Evangelism*. **Herald of Truth** continues to provide seminars, books, events, videos, and leadership consulting on evangelism. God is at work.

As we continue to work with churches across the US and the Spanish speaking world, God is doing amazing

We are going to Honduras in June and July 2025. We will be sharing the story of Jesus, building houses, feed hundreds of families, and planting a church. We would love to bring you, your family or a group from your church on these trips. It is a great time to serve in a way that can change the trajectory of your life and the lives of generations to come!

We are available to do zoom meetings if you have any questions about how **Herald of Truth** can help your congregation with evangelistic outreach.

Our calendar for 2025 is filling up quick so if you would like for us to come visit, evangelistic seminars, leadership training or help with your vision in Spanish speaking ministry, let us know soon!

things with our outreach. Our new vision is to plant or enhance 100 churches before our 100 year anniversary in 2052. Thank you for your continued partnership as we labor in the field of evangelism. You are a great blessing!



# Looking to the future...with excitement!

**Herald of Truth Ministries** is excited to introduce our new President and CEO, Chase Turner. After graduating from Freed Hardeman University in 2006, he began working in Spanish speaking ministry. For the last twenty years, Chase has been working in the mission fields of South and Central America as well as the United States.

In 2019, Chase authored the book "T.R.I.A.L.S. : A Journey from Anxiety to Peace." It has since been translated into Spanish, Portuguese, French and German. Over 7,000 copies of the book have been distributed world wide and Chase has given seminars on the book in Europe and all over South and Central America. With the proceeds from the book, he founded TRIALS Global Inc., a nonprofit ministry that helps provide mental, physical and spiritual health solutions where resources are limited in the third world.

He brings his experience and passion for kingdom growth to HTM in order to carry on this work established in 1952. For seventy-two years, HTM has had one goal: Share the Story of Jesus. As we embrace the future of our current culture, there has never been a better time to enhance this mission. Digital platforms and opportunities are being used to share Jesus both domestically and around the world. Chase is excited to share a new vision to carry out this mission. His aim is to plant one hundred churches before the ministry's one hundred year anniversary in 2052.

The vision: 100/100

Equipping others to plant or enhance 100 churches by the 100 year anniversary in 2052. This will be both domestic and international and we will work with churches and individuals.

Mission:

Helping others share the story of Jesus in their communities and around the world.

Strategic Plan:

Creating and sharing Christ-centered content and providing marketing tools/expertise to help our partners share content in their communities through our ministries.

The task has been set to plant or enhance Spanish speaking ministries across the U.S. and Spanish speaking world. Mission: Evangelize Spanish America (MESA) has had a great start to this initiative. Since Chase's beginning with HTM, there have been 11 ministries that have benefited from MESA and several have already had multiple baptisms. The online Spanish training program he developed has 145 students and the Spanish videos are reaching hundreds of thousands of people each month. Please be praying as God continues to bless all of our efforts. The future is bright!



## Mission: Evangelize Spanish America

God is doing great things as we plant and enhance Spanish speaking churches across the US. Three churches in the Ripley, MS area have come together to begin planting one centralized church as a part of MESA. ESL classes are underway and they are joining the other 10 works that are a part of MESA.

There were three baptisms in Green Bay in one week in July! From Florida to Green Bay, Colorado to Texas and many places in between, evangelizing our Spanish speaking neighbors has never been more fruitful and exciting. Hundreds of thousands are being reached through our digital platforms, and ESL classes are being filled by our evangelistic partners.

There are also 145 enrolled in our Spanish Bible courses online! The future is bright for outreach!

We are always looking for more ways to help so if you need help or have ideas to help, let us know!

All of our MESA church partners receive customized websites, phone app, customized commercials and geofencing to give recognition to the local church for all they are doing in their community. Our partners in Virginia Beach have received hundred of contacts with just a few ads!

For more information, check out:  
[www.heraldoftruth.org/mesa/](http://www.heraldoftruth.org/mesa/)

### A note from the President...

I imagine we have all heard the term “generational wealth.” While I don’t know of anyone in my lineage who has experienced this idea, we all know what it means. Years ago, I was teaching a class on finances and the thought occurred to me that we should be looking to create a different kind of legacy.

At the time, I had never heard of generational generosity. While the concept seemed foreign, it occurred to me that my parents were living this out as I grew up. They were always eager to help others, especially during the holidays.

I don’t want to get the cart ahead of the horse, but the holidays are right around the corner and the giving season will be upon us. Have you thought about the legacy you are leaving for your kids and grandkids? How will our generation pave a path for the next one?

I would challenge us all to consider the impact our generosity can make in this life and the life to come. The longer I live in ministry, the more I realize the most generous people I know are Christians! I am grateful for the Godly and generous example of my parents and now I have the opportunity to teach my kids the same principles that have been instilled in me.

As we transition from summer to fall, then fall to winter, may we have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of people and ministries around us.

Let us all pray for the guidance of our Heavenly Father as we move from season to season. If you are in a transition and want for us to pray for you, please let us know. My email is [chase@heraldoftruth.org](mailto:chase@heraldoftruth.org) and my cell phone number is 501-339-3339. You can call or text any time and I will always respond as soon as I am able. I will make sure our entire staff is praying for you.

As we transition into the future, crossing cultural barriers, fighting the evil one, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that God will open doors that have not opened before. Pray that God gives us wisdom to be effective in the way we communicate the gospel of Jesus with those who don’t know Him. As we travel, pray God would keep us safe as we share the story of Jesus abroad. Pray that we find and utilize all the resources we need to carry this ministry into the future.

Because of your generosity, God has been able to do so much through the **Herald of Truth**. May He bless you in the richest of ways as you continue serving Him. We are grateful for you and your partnership in the grace of our Lord. If you are in a position to help us reach the lost through giving, please donate at [www.heraldoftruth.org/donate/](http://www.heraldoftruth.org/donate/) or scan the qr code below.



Because of the cross,  
- Chase Turner