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### The Greatest Work on Earth

Regardless of one's occupation or vocation, whether we are retired or continue in the work force, if we are one of those who is passionate about sharing the story of Jesus, we are participating in "the greatest work on earth." Without realizing it, culture has influenced the noble calling and commission to share the gospel with the lost. As the culture changes, our methods must adapt, as well. But we must always keep in mind, that although the methods change, the message stays the same: Jesus died to save sinners. Paul, as he described the preaching of the gospel, stated: "it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew then to the Gentile." (Romans 1:16) It is the power of God. We do not have the power to bring salvation, but we do have the power to lead them to God who does. That's why I get excited when I think about the goal of Herald of Truth to plant 100 Spanish speaking congregations by our 100th anniversary. That's why I am excited every time I see brothers and sisters make sacrifices so the story of Jesus can continue to be told. That's why it excites me to have you join us as we unite in participating in "the greatest work on earth". May the Lord bless our efforts as we work together to take the love of Jesus and the salvation He offers to those who so desperately need it.



### **MESA**

MESA churches are continuing to grow faster than we ever thought possible.
God is moving in great ways and we are in a battle to keep up with all He is doing. Check the report on page 3 to see how He is using our first intern, Madaha, in Nashville!



## **Board Report with Rick Elam**



Tony is doing amazing work! Through the Abriendo Caminos (Church Planting) program, he has helped plant more than 50 churches across the island. Each Sunday, he travels extensively to minister to many of them, starting early in the day and returning late at night.

Our team — Chase Turner, Tim Archer, Steve Ridgell, and myself from Herald of Truth, along with Mike Kellett, Robert Ables, and Kyle Gilmore from One Kingdom — witnessed several hundred Christians gathered in celebration and worship. On Sunday alone, 11 people were baptized...and that's a normal Sunday!

Tony continues to connect with thousands of individuals originally reached through Herald of Truth's radio outreach. The Youth Conference, which Herald of Truth supported for many years, is bearing lasting fruit — including a new generation of preachers growing in unity and maturity.





#### Santa Ana, Honduras – Serving with a Team of 60

In June, my wife Kathy and I joined a group of 60 on a mission trip to Santa Ana, Honduras. The team helped build 2 large classrooms for a school/church, 3 houses for families in need, provided dental and medical clinics, distributed food, clothing, and Bibles, and shared our faith.

Not only did we serve those who received homes and school classrooms, but we also went into nearby communities to share the hope of the gospel with others — including many children.

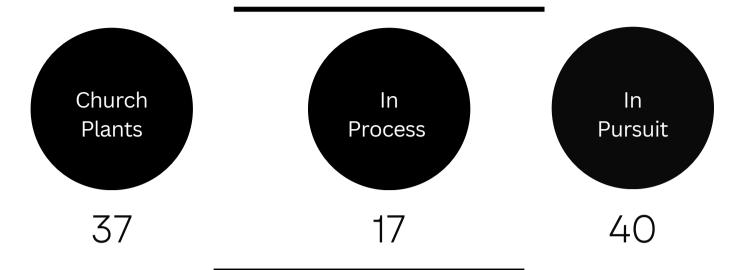
The Honduran people are incredibly warm and welcoming. While they need basic necessities like food, clean water, clothing, and medical care, they are also deeply hungry for God's love and grace. Their gratitude was overwhelming.

The teamwork we experienced this week together was inspiring — Christians of all ages and backgrounds united with one purpose: to serve and to share Jesus. Many of us formed lasting friendships with people we had just met.

If you've ever considered going on a mission trip, I strongly encourage you to consider this one in 2026, it is truly life-changing — not only for those being served, but for those serving. Dios le bendiga!

-Rich Flam

# CURRENT RESULTS WITH MESA



If you are keeping up from newsletter to newsletter, you have noticed the change in numbers above. In the last 3 months, God has increased our network and growth in a significant way. The greatest increase has come in churches that have been recommended to work with us or churches that we have found that need our help. In total, there are now 94 churches that we are working with or pursuing to start helping share the story of Jesus in the Hispanic communities across the U.S. Thank you for your partnership in making this possible!!



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What a blessing to work with college age men and women who want to serve and help grow the kingdom in the U.S. In the picture on the right, Madaha is being introduced by the preacher at the Tuscalem Church of Christ as the new summer intern. She is a third year student from Lipscomb University. On the left, they are praying for her as she commits to helping with the Hispanic outreach for the summer months. We are excited to see what God does through His people on the south side of Nashville as MESA continues to expand the borders of the Kingdom in the Spanish speaking world. Among other responsibilities, Madaha will be working with Hispanic female members one-on-one to learn about their challenges of being faithful females with a focus on better understanding the generational challenges they face and the trauma they have experienced or witnessed within the Latin community. Join us in prayer as God uses these efforts to grow His church!

# **UPDATES**

Promotional Video

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### **International Ministry**

God continues to bless the international ministry of Herald of Truth. In Nicaragua, Bruno Valle doesn't limit himself to the media production that he does for Herald of Truth nor to the trips he makes to Honduras to teach in the Biblical Institute of Central America. While continuing to preach for the church that meets in his own neighborhood in Managua, Bruno has established a new congregation in the Oscar Turcios neighborhood of the same city. He has also committed with the church leaders of a church in a nearby town, Ruben Dario, to aid them in the establishment of another new congregation.





In Cuba, Tony Fernandez continues forward with his work despite overwhelming obstacles. At present, the city of Matanzas, where Tony lives, spends more time without electricity than with it. Food is in short supply. The water system has suffered numerous outages. Plus many other church leaders have left the country, moving to Brazil or Uruguay or Spain to try and find a better life. In the face of it all, Tony continues preaching and teaching, baptizing and discipling. Tony works with contacts across the island, supplying them with Bibles and study materials. And Tony keeps up with his official job as a professional musician, giving concerts and teaching classes. In March, the local TV station did a program focused on Tony's work as a musician and as a church leader; that's something that would have been unheard of in Cuba just a few years ago.

God continues to bless our ministry, thanks to your generous support!

## Let's Get Together!

Don't forget....We will be at the Harding Lectures (Inspire). On Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we have been invited to participate in a panel with the Christian Chronicle to discuss church mergers and bridging ethnic and socioeconomic divides. The panel will be at 2:00 PM and we are hosting a dinner that night at 5:00 PM in the Founder's Room. Please make plans to join us for the panel and dinner!

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