



COME TO ME...

In *Matthew 11*, Jesus says, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." What a beautiful invitation and especially in our world today. The most common response I hear when I ask someone, "How are you?" is, "Good but busy".

At times, I find myself saying that as well. This response and lifestyle of being busy often leads to exhaustion. How about you? How are you doing?

When we travel to Honduras and Cuba, or when we communicate with our missionaries on the ground in between trips, we often ask them how they are.

The response is usually, "I am well. God is so good. God bless you for asking." In the midst of chaos and turmoil that exists in Central America right now, the missionaries and the evangelists that work with us have realized that only Jesus can provide rest for weariness, and they are grateful.

What an example to us as we seek to serve those around us! As we make our trips to Cuba and Honduras, please keep us in your prayers, that God would grant us the energy and spirit that we need to get the work done and the wisdom to take a break when needed to find rest in the presence of Jesus.



FROM THE BOARD:

Charitable individuals who are at least 70½ years old with tax-deferred Individual:

Retirement Accounts (IRAs) or other retirement accounts should consider the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The tax code has allowed workers to make pre-tax contributions to retirement accounts for many years. Those invested funds have grown tax free, often resulting in significant balances to supplement Social Security and other retirement income.

When the worker reaches age 70½ (or 72, 73, or 75 for some younger individuals), the tax code requires the worker to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) every year. The amount distributed from the retirement account has to be reported as taxable income on the recipient's annual tax return, and the failure to take the required distribution amount can result in significant tax penalties.

The QCD rules allow individuals who are at least 70½ years old to direct distributions to qualified charities

such as churches and other 501(c)(3) organizations. These QCD distributions are not included as taxable income on the taxpayer's income tax return, but they do count toward the required annual minimum distribution.

Gifts made through QCDs cannot be listed in the itemized deduction schedule for the tax return, but they may result in significant tax savings by lowering taxable income.

For 2026, the maximum QCD for an individual is \$111,000. It is important that the QCD be paid directly from the retirement account to the charity. Distributions deposited into the taxpayer's bank account followed by a check or other transfer to the charity do not qualify.

Many donors make gifts throughout the year including weekly contributions to their church. Those donors should consult with their financial and tax advisors early in the year to take full advantage of this great tool to reduce taxes and benefit their favorite charities like the Herald of Truth.

MESA CONTINUES TO GROW:



45 PLANTS



14 IN PROCESS



55 IN PURSUIT

REMEMBERING JIM CREECH

The world is a better place because of Jim Creech. I (Chase) was blessed in a great way as he and his wife Mary encouraged me to serve as the President of this ministry. They have collectively served on the board of Herald of Truth for the last 15 years and have been a champion for our cause. Jim even spent 8 years raising money for the ministry from 1991-1999.

On March 15, 2026, heaven gained a servant. After battling health issues for a few years, Jim received his reward. Mary and many family members continue serving the kingdom in a variety of ways. Join us in praying for the family as we honor the legacy of love, humility and service.



Jim Creech
1942 – 2026

OUR LATEST EDITION: ZANE PERKINS!

This past February, we were blessed to have Zane Perkins join our staff as the new Executive Vice President. Zane comes to us from Sunset International Bible Institute, where he worked for the last six years after returning from the mission field of Chile.

Zane brings new energy and excitement for helping us reach out to the Spanish speaking world in Cuba, Honduras and the U.S. which has been our primary focus since 2023. Please be praying as we work together to continue growing the Kingdom all over the world!

"I am genuinely honored and excited to have joined Herald of Truth as the new Executive Vice President. The vision and mission of the MESA initiative, Mission: Evangelize Spanish, America, align deeply with my values, my passion, and a culture I dearly love.

Latin America—specifically Colombia and Chile—was home for nearly half of my life, and since, returning to the United States, I have felt a deep longing to remain connected to that, community. The mission of MESA—to equip Spanish-speaking ministries to share the hope of Jesus, Christ—has been close to my heart since I was a teenager. Having the opportunity to continue, that work here in the United States brings me great joy.

The dedication and passion of the team, inspired me to join Herald of Truth as we seek to become a leading partner in empowering Spanish speakers for Kingdom

work across America. I have a deep passion for equipping and training leaders, ministers, and volunteers to serve in, God's Kingdom.

I am grateful for the opportunity to combine my love for the Latin community, my ability to speak Spanish, and my passion for developing Kingdom workers within one organization. I believe that by embracing innovative approaches and leveraging technology, we can connect, more effectively with people who need spiritual support and guidance.

My commitment is to, help MESA grow in both its reach and its ability to transform lives, ensuring that our mission, continues to thrive and inspire. I look forward to collaborating with our team, supporters, and, ministry partners as we work together to evangelize, equip, and empower Spanish America and, fulfill our shared vision."



Zane is a 1999 graduate from Sunset International Bible Institute who has spent seventeen years with his wife, Tae, and four children in Santiago, Chile, as part of a church-planting effort through Great Cities Missions. While in the mission field, Zane continued his education, earning a master's degree in organizational leadership. The Perkins family returned to the United States to be closer to family in 2019.

Zane has developed multiple seminars—spiritual renewal/burnout recovery, interpersonal relationships skills, marital growth—to help those in ministry and their churches. After several years of traveling the country, working with churches in these areas to build up the kingdom and partnership with SIBI. Zane is transitioning to Herald of the Truth as Executive Vice President. His new role will focus on MESA, providing resources for the Spanish-speaking in the US.

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

What an incredible blessing to go back to Cuba this year and spend some time with Tony. Although a short trip, it made a huge impact as we were able to help with some farming techniques using drip irrigation and to give a few lessons for the annual missionary conference.

Please check out the video in the QR code below and enjoy a visual recap of the trip. Thank you for believing in this great work and please continue praying for Tony and the church as it grows across the island. There were seven baptisms during our short visit!



CUBA UPDATE
VIDEO



RISING INTERNSHIP INTEREST

One of the greatest blessings is to help the next generation get involved in ministry. In 2025, we started something new by giving college students an opportunities with our growing MESA ministry. This year, we already have three interns ready to work with one of our bilingual churches across the US:

Sydney Smith is a junior at Harding and will be working either in Green Bay, WI or West Monroe, LA to help teach ESL classes and other tasks as needed by the leadership.

Enoch Perkins will be working with one of our MESA churches in Nashville, TN, and **Miriam Gallagher** will be working with the Chisolm Hills Iglesia de Cristo in Florence, AL.

Please be praying as these experiences and opportunities will shape these young people and help the church grow into the future!



MESA INTERNSHIP
VIDEO

PARTNER WITH HERALD OF TRUTH!

We are so grateful for your partnership! As we go into the field, we're taking gospel symbol bracelets to share with everyone we can. These bracelets are a simple way to invite the story of Jesus into a conversation.

Everyone that is going to Honduras with us will get two bracelets—one to keep and one to give away—so we can have a domino effect with the gospel. Our focus for the upcoming months is our MESA church plants and interns. With growing interest comes growing costs. Does your congregation have a Spanish outreach in need of an intern? Let us know and we will do our best to find someone for you.

Can your congregation sponsor an intern to share the good news in a different language and culture here in the US? Let us know how you are able to financially help this work and we will make it happen!

Thank you again for your partnership in the gospel!



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