Chiapas Chatter

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"Set up road markers for yourself; make yourself guideposts; consider well the highway, the road by which you went..."
Jeremiah 31:21 (ESV)

Relationships

- Our current Journey group online will end September 19th. It has been a wonderful group and amazing to see how the Holy Spirit works in lives, hearts and stories. We have laughed, cried and supported each other through 10 weeks of digging deep into who we are, why we do what we do, what we need to change, how great our God is and embracing His goodness.
- September 22-29, Nancy will be headed to Mexico City and the Cuernavaca area with her co-leader, Christina from Panama, as part of a women's retreat/conference "Grace in the Journey." We will be presenting the teachings and small group sessions on the themes of Spiritual Battles, Relational Styles, Communication, Conflict and Forgiveness. Pray that the Lord would bless this time in the lives of the ladies attending. They are estimating we will have 150 women.
- Our next online Journey group will start January 9th and run for 12 weeks. It is primarily for missionaries, pastoral wives and ministry leaders in Latin America to prepare them to deal with abuse & trauma survivors in their spheres of influence.

Financial Update

For the first time since we have been in the state of Chiapas, Equip International (our mission organization) was forced to drop our monthly salary in May, June and July because of low funding. In July, our pay was $375 after paying for health insurance, FICA etc. Thank you to our home churches who have responded with extra gifts during this season. If you would like to help, donations can be sent to: Equip International, P.O. Box 1126, Marion NC 28752. Tel. (828) 738-3891 with a note included that it is for Rach Support. Or visit www.equipinternational.org.

We will be back in Michigan October 16th to visit churches and individuals to give updates and work on support discovery. We would love to give you an update in person. Also, if you have a small group, we would love to share what the Lord is doing with our ministry. We have left the return date to Chiapas open at this point.

Please let us know if you would like to get on the calendar. Contact us at thodrach@hotmail.com for scheduling or WhatsApp +529631449072. After the 16th, we will be available at (269) 635-5029.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned -everyone- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)



I had a conversation with a lady in Argentina who needed someone to talk to about how hurt she felt in her church because someone criticized her ministry with kids. They told her that she asks too many questions. The truth is that her questions are very good, causing people to think about what God says about them and about God's grace. I told her that sometimes we need to be the "black sheep" of God's flock and just follow Jesus where He is leading us. God prepared her for that very ministry and for this time. To cheer her up, I started making AI cartoons of black sheep that I keep in a desktop folder of designs which I share with her. I print them as stickers to hand out (Spanish here, English in the US).

In Comitán, churches don't have ministries that target the counter-culture youth who are being sold wholesale lies from the pits of hell. No one reaches out to them here. Someone shouldn't be denied access to "church" because of being "different." Matthew 21:12-14 relates the second time that Jesus cleansed the temple and turned over tables. Why? Because they had once again filled the court of the Gentiles with merchandise and there was no place for Gentiles who came to seek God in prayer.

I was pierced too...



For YOU!

Jesus knew that referencing, ***"My house shall be called a house of prayer"*** in Isaiah 56 would cause His listeners to remember this portion about foreigners coming to the temple and the shepherds turning to their own ways and not caring for the sheep. As Christians, we ARE the church and WE need to be feeding His sheep. May we remember that Jesus saw the crowds as ***"harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"*** (Matt. 9:36). Our youth need to hear about Jesus!

"The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary."

(Isaiah 50:4)

Praising Jesus in the court of the outcasts, Nancy and Tom Rach

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"For the Equipping of the Saints and the Strengthening of the Body of Christ" Eph 4:12