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Latin America

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Dear friend:

This is funny. I am in the US, writing this newsletter. Ivonne is back in Honduras. I decided to come to the US to administer the Summit, so I could be totally focused on that. As an extra, I was able to spend a delightful Christmas with my family. Actually, I wasn't going to come, but I felt the Lord nudging me to. But this week Ivonne had to return to Honduras as her visa ran out. There is more news and exciting projects on the cooker than you can imagine. God has been so good to us!

50 years ago!

First, and foremost! Fifty years ago, I was walking down Main Street in Columbus, Ohio early in the evening, January 27th, 1971, with snow almost knee-high, dressed in only a short-sleeved shirt. I had walked from my Ohio State dorm, about four miles, in sub-zero weather, hoping I'd die so I could go to heaven. I was under the influence of a spiritual force that I believed was God, though the relationship came out of Brazilian witchcraft. And I was the most miserable person on the face of the earth. And God, in His grace, used John Rothacker, my spiritual father, to bring me to surrender to Jesus. As I prayed, guided by John, a spiritual presence that had always been there with me, was lifted up, and I was bathed in indescribable peace. God had forgiven my sin! I was now his child. The exquisite goodness of God!

There are two things I can say after 50 years. The first, you and I have an extraordinarily crafty enemy. Just as he had me walking down streets in agony, crunching snow, seeking to die, he is doing the same with anybody who will give him an ear. I wasn't crazy, I had listened to him. He'll change the story for you as long as he can sell his goods, whatever will work. Don't go down that road! The second, after fifty years of following Jesus, I can say that you will not find a better place in life than going where He leads. It won't be easy. There will be tears, doubts, mistakes, temptations. But it beats by far any other place where you might be able to go.

The Summit!

I just sent the recordings that will be transmitted this Saturday for the Summit! You cannot imagine the world-class caliber of conferences we have received! Our team has done a great job, they've worked hard on this in all of Latin America and Spain. We're praying for deep impact!

The after Summit!

This is the really neat part. We've got all kinds of crazy ideas about what to do once the summit is over. Amazing, off the chart possibilities. Like setting up John Lennox's conference to evangelize in universities throughout Latin America. But there are bunches more. Hold on to your seats, folks!

What is in store for this year?

I have no idea. Last year was all scheduled and arranged. It was meant to be one the richest ever as far as our work. It did lead us to the idea of the Summit! I need to make all kinds of trips and have work to do till the cows come home (and go back out again). But it's a play it by ear. Please pray for us!

In Jesus' love



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