



"Proclaiming  
the praises of Him  
who called us out of  
darkness into His  
wonderful light"

1 Peter 2:9



**DEAR FRIENDS,**

The Word of God is suitable for every season and this verse in John 1:5 makes me think in a few different settings. First, as we transition from the celebration of Christmas into the New Year, we are thankful for God's provision, sending Jesus to be our light, the light of the world. In a very personal encounter, Jesus brought us out of darkness into His wonderful light and there is nothing that can separate us from Him. Praise be to God!!

As we go to different countries and provide training in the intrinsic value and dignity of human life, we see the Lord shining His light expanding and increasing the hearts and minds of Christian leaders to embrace the calling to be life-givers, people who display the grace and truth of God to their flocks. His life was given for us, for humanity, so that we will bring praise and honor to Him forever.

And finally, perhaps in a more personal way, despite the trials and tribulations we face, there is an unending hope found in His light. It renews every morning and through every season because God never changes, He is always loving and on time, and His plan is perfect for each of us. May we take courage and rest in Him as we trust Him with our deepest, heartfelt needs.

Last year, Jim and I were able to work together in two trips to Colombia that were very intense and rewarding. I am thankful that Jim came with me, working and sharing the load of ministry is a blessing. On the first trip in March, we worked with 25 pastors and church leaders. Our discipleship curriculum on the Sacredness of Human Life was well received. Our team members Anne and Dave Nelson say, "Sacredness of Human Life is a phrase that sounds like a verb in the present continuous tense. It's not a one-time action so that after training, all is done. In a real sense, those being trained must train others. The Kingdom of God is about giving Life. (John 10:10). None should take life."

When we provide this training, one of our goals is that personal transformation will happen and from there, rivers of living water will flow into families, churches, and communities.



Another outcome is to identify areas where we have been wounded because of past decisions in our lives. The second trip we made to Colombia provided an opportunity to: 1) train the trainers to become multipliers of the message 2) provide healing and restoration after abortion and 3) train the trainers that will facilitate abortion recovery in their churches and circles of influence. There were two intense weeks where we testified of the presence and guidance of God in small details and big healing among the participants and facilitators.



During the first three days of training, we equipped 13 participants to be able to reproduce the Journey of the life-giver curriculum. This will allow multiplication of ministry in Pereira and other places in Colombia.

Following this first event, we went to a retreat center to have the first abortion recovery retreat. (This is the one where our participants were pastors and leaders who participated in our first event in March). Here are a few testimonies:

*"It was beautiful, the activity with the bear (where they can have a tangible object to mourn the loss of their babies) was very significant for me, it took a heavy weight from my shoulders and helped me to heal my heart" (female participant).*



*"We have received so much!!! And we are equipped to give to others. We should not be quiet" (male participant).*

*"Many pieces of the puzzle have fallen in its place" (male participant).*

*"I have seen a model to be a life-giver towards others" (female participant).*

*It has been an unforgettable experience. I had the vision of a little girl and God impressed on me her name, Maria Paz" (female participant).*



*"The Father Mantle was a powerful teaching. I understood better how God endorses our role and gives us a position of authority as parents" (male participant).*



*"I am grateful to God. There has been a lot of war going on for me to be able to be here. Today I was able to let go of things that I have kept in secret for a long time" (female participant).*

The following week we equipped a group of 5 people from this group to become facilitators for abortion recovery. It was a two-day training followed by a retreat with 6 ladies who came from the community. It was a very special and sweet time as we saw these ladies open their hearts to the Lord and trust us with their pain. I wish I could tell all that goes on, on a retreat, the fear, the tears, the smiles, the change of their countenance, finding peace. It is a beautiful experience to see God working and healing their lives and souls. We are thankful for lives that were restored and found freedom from the pain of sexual sin and abortion.

Our new facilitators finished well with our participants expressing joy, freedom, gratitude and peace in the Lord. Please pray that the seeds of truth that have been planted will take deep root in their lives, that the healing continues, and that they will give testimony of the work of the Lord in their lives.

This new year presents some fresh opportunities. In March we have been invited to go to Ecuador for a Journey of the Life Giver. At the moment of this writing, Ecuador is under a nationwide state of emergency which affects the safety of citizens and visitors. We are considering postponing this trip. Please pray for my country.

In June, we have an invitation to go to Cuba to provide abortion recovery. We are praying and preparing for this trip.

Receive my wishes for a blessed New Year. May His peace be a source of renewed hope throughout the year, whatever circumstances we may face. I am thankful for your prayers and financial support.

*With a grateful heart,  
Catalina Tate*



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