



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Message from our Director of Missions

Upcoming Events

Dear fellow servants of Christ,

While continuing doing research in the area of evangelism I found some good articles that offer interesting ideas for us to think and draw some conclusions. First, evangelism is not easy as a piece of cake. Salt Church's pastor Dan Godden in Australia points out the three main blockages he has come up against when it comes to Christians sharing their faith. They are 1/ Not convicted enough; 2/ Not equipped; and 3/ Not connected. Regarding the first blockage, Dan reckons plenty of churches have people who aren't convinced of the exclusivity of Jesus's claims upon our lives. That's a significant blockage to someone then seeing the need to share Jesus with someone else. The second type of blockage takes the shape of a person who is "convicted about the gospel and I know I should tell my friend about Jesus, but I just don't know how I do that." The third type of blockage takes the shape of a person who is "convicted" and "equipped". They would "love to share the gospel of Jesus but just don't know anyone." This sounds like a cop-out excuse. For me, the most significant reason for a "dare not witness" believer is that this person has not experienced the love of Christ in his/her life. That believer may be equipped with lots of evangelistic tools and has the long list of non-believing family members, relatives, and friends. However, without the love of Christ that a Christian truly absorbs into his/her heart the willingness to share the Good News can hardly reveal. Just as the Apostle Paul declares, "For Christ's love compels us," (2 Corinthians 5:14.). Therefore, I strongly believe that as preachers and shepherds of God's people we need to find various ways to express, describe, analyze the love of Christ so that all believers will move their faith from their head (basic understanding) to their heart (emotional feeling) and then to their



hands (personal witnessing). Many years ago, I came to the hospital and visited my mother who was waiting for heart open-heart surgery. From afar I saw her making friends with another patient who shared with her the hospital room. I was so surprised since my mom did not speak English at all. Approaching to the room door I saw her taking out a blank piece of paper and drawing a house with a question mark. That means "what is your home address?" That kind of conversation finally ends with my mom's sketch of a big heart that contains a cross and a question, which means "Are you a believer?" Later I asked my mom, "How could you do it like that?" She answered, "Because I love the Lord."

I pray that as preachers and shepherds of God's people, we need to find various ways to express, describe, and fully explain the love of Christ so that all believers will be able to move their faith from their head (basic understanding) to their heart (emotional feeling) and then to their hands (personal witnessing).

As I have shared in the previous newsletter, I am inviting several pastors to start the regular meetings through video conference so that we can carry out the plan of "iron sharpens iron" to each other. If you are interested in joining this cohort, please let me know.

Let us start the right actions for the expansion of God's Kingdom.

Will keep you informed,

Your fellow servant of Christ,

T. A. Nguyen

Conferencia de Parejas

El pasado sábado 9 de febrero la Iglesia Bíblica Berea y el Ministerio hispano de la Asociación Bautista del Sur del Valle de San Fernando, llevaron a cabo la Conferencia de Parejas Berea 2019; en donde 57 parejas estuvieron alabando y glorificando el Nombre y la Palabra del Señor, a través de cantos, conferencias, talleres, y compañerismo.

El Equipo organizador encabezado por el Pastor Dr. Roberto Sánchez (Director Ministerio Hispano de la Asociación Bautista del Valle de San Fernando), Agradece a Dios por permitir ministrar a las parejas a través de este ministerio, gracias a la iglesia local por abrir sus puertas a dicho evento y por el apoyo financiero; gracias al equipo ministerial, que estuvo organizando este evento por meses; gracias por la hospitalidad brindada a través del ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos de Iglesia Bíblica Berea, gracias a los pastores conferencistas y sus esposas (Pastor Ramiro y Rocío De La Riva, Pastor Rodrigo y Kathleen Smith, Pastor Imer y Anita Serrano, Pastor Roberto y Enza Sánchez), gracias a Dr. T. A. (Director de Misiones de la Asociación Bautista del Valle de San Fernando) y su esposa por su valiosa asistencia y testimonio que nos brindaron; gracias a los pastores que animaron a las parejas de sus congregaciones locales, realmente fueron usados cada uno en su lugar para alabanza de la gloria de Dios.

Al final del día podemos celebrar la gloria y la fidelidad de Dios, por haber permitido llevar a cabo este evento, que al final solo tiene el propósito de Exaltar a Dios, Edificar a las Parejas y Evangelizar a los perdidos con la predicación de su Palabra.

¡Gracias y que Dios les bendiga!

Berea 2019 Couples Conference

On Saturday, February 9, Berea Bible Church and the Hispanic Ministry of the Southern Baptist Association of the San Fernando Valley held the

Berea 2019 Couples Conference; where 57 couples were praising and glorifying the Name and Word of the Lord, through songs, conferences, workshops, and fellowship.

The Organizing Team was led by Pastor Dr. Roberto Sánchez (Hispanic Ministry Director of the San Fernando Valley Baptist Association). Thank God for allowing couples to minister through this ministry, to the local church for opening its doors to said event and for financial support, to the ministerial team, which was organizing this event for months. Thankful for the hospitality provided through the Young Adults Ministry of Berea Bible Church, to the Pastors and their wives (Pastor Ramiro and Rocío De La Riva, Pastor Rodrigo and Kathleen Smith, Pastor Imer and Anita Serrano, Pastor Roberto and Enza Sánchez), to Dr. T A (Director of Missions of the San Fernando Valley Baptist Association) and his wife for their valuable assistance and testimony that they gave us, to the Pastors who encouraged the couples of their local congregations to attend.

At the end of the day we can celebrate the glory and fidelity of God, for allowing us to carry out this event, which in the end only has the purpose of Exalting God, Building Couples and Evangelizing the lost with the preaching of His Word.

Thank you and may God bless you!







Happy Birthday!

Blessings to you on your special day!



Robert Cooper - 8

Imer Serrano - 9

John Byun - 12
Gideon Dignadice - 19
Roberto Sanchez - 29

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