

Dear Friends,

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### **Vision 2017!**

*“Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.” Habakkuk 2:2*

Greetings in the powerful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God has a plan, and He has made it available to us (Mt. 28:18-20). Let us together go out into the world and put to use the gifts and the talents He has given us to make a difference in the people He has placed in our path. Time is short! Hell is hot!

In 1998, as LAMA began to aggressively move toward the construction of a new state-of-the-art youth camp in Costa Rica, we wrote down a 20-year plan that we aptly named, LAMA's 20/20 vision. In it, we put on paper future projects and expansion goals for the first 20 years of the ministry. As I look over that document today, I am amazed at how much the Lord has allowed for us to accomplish for His sake! We have developed a camp with 3 separate campuses dedicated to evangelism (“Bosque Real” with a capacity for 350 kids), to leadership development (“Timothy and Arenal Lodges” with a capacity of 20 and 100 respectively), and to discipleship (“Rancho Mirador” with a capacity for 100 campers). All together, La Montaña can host 3 separate groups simultaneously with a combined capacity over 550 campers. To date, we have reached over 130,000 kids for Christ! This is nothing short of miraculous when you consider that when we received the call to build a camp in Costa Rica there was no bank account and no land!

Our commitment to develop a premier camp remains. Our focus now is on the later part of that initial vision: To take the effectiveness of the La Montaña model, and expand it to other camps and conference centers across Latin America. Our vision for 2017-2018 is to perform a complete refreshing of the ministry in facilities, equipment, staff and program. We are focusing on more sustainability projects aimed at reducing costs and developing income generating programs like raising beef and chicken, generating electricity, growing our fruits and vegetables and other cost saving strategies. We are committed to trimming costs and to finish a “reproducible” model that can be shared and understood by other interested parties. Our goal is to invite leaders from other countries to come, see and live the L.M. model and take it home where it can be implemented and put to use for the expansion of God's Kingdom! La Montaña was never developed to be a one-camp ministry! It is time to take this model to the uttermost parts of the world!

For this we need your prayers and your support. We need your help spreading the word and to invite more people to get involved in what we are doing. Share it with your churches, small groups and businesses. Encourage folks to visit our site ([www.lama4youth.org](http://www.lama4youth.org)). We update this site often with current projects and needs, prayer requests and news on what God is doing through camp ministry. Please put us in your prayer chains and share our desire to help other camps become more strategically equipped to reach the youth of their countries.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your generosity in giving to this life-transforming ministry. We covet your prayers as we continue to look for new ways of reaching young people with the message of Christ. Pray with us as we seek God's direction in reproducing the La Montaña miracle in other camps and conference centers throughout Latin America! To God be the glory!

Joseph Pent  
Executive Director

“There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit.” **Ronald Reagan**