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A Word from Director Joe Campos



For many years my family was involved in a children's ministry in Brazil, called Project ABBA. This ministry targets, for the most part, kids from underprivileged and dysfunctional families. However, a real concern of ours has always been to reach out to the parents as well or the cycle is never broken. We need to minister to the whole family.

It has been noticeable over the years that it requires a lot less effort to find collaborators when ministering to innocent children than when ministering to their parents, incarcerated or not. Our hearts seem to be more deeply touched by the needs of children. Nonetheless it is vital to recognize that the best way to have a long term impact on children is to reach the parents with the Gospel.

In this issue we would like to encourage you to see that for over 50 years PMA has been committed to breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect in the lives of many individuals and their families. As you read this letter think about how your prayers and gifts can be utilized not only to save a person, but an ENTIRE family. Thank you for your faithful participation in this crucial ministry!

Time Served

A Testimony from the Selfor's Spanish Ministry

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Berean Bible Studies (Spanish Arm of PMA),

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to Him be the glory and praise.

The reason for this short letter is to tell you that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, heard my prayer, my petition about my court case that I was fervently asking, and on October 24 for my sentencing. God touched the heart and mind of the judge and the authorities gave me "time served." I will be deported at any time, for I am illegal. I am so thankful to the all powerful God for what He has done in my life, for my family that are outside of this country, for He has blessed them and helped them while I was sitting here. They lacked nothing which has helped me pass this terrible time with more ease. I had to put all my trust and confidence in God and in His Word, as Psalms 91:1-2 say: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty, My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust." Pray with me as I return to my country, that I might be a testimony of His love and Grace.

I am also so thankful, so grateful to all you brothers in Christ, for not only sending me your lessons, but praying for me. How blessed to keep my mind "stayed on Him" during these days. Thank you and may God bless you abundantly,

Ruben Salazar Gutierrez.



AHEAD

From time to time, we share with you about a specific project or projects that will enable us to be more effective in the ministry and move forward, that is why we are calling it **Project AHEAD**.



One of our biggest needs at the moment is a **CAR** for Joe to continue his travels as he represents PMA before churches and friends, encourages our national volunteers, and visits new and existing ministries in many jails and prisons. It is our desire to buy a slightly used mid-size vehicle for him.



Arnie and Sally Selfors from our Spanish division are in need of **TRACTS** and **BIBLES** for their ministry. As they visit jails and send our lessons to various students they include tracts and Bibles to the ones that need them.

Please consider investing in one of these projects, as an individual, family or Church. Together we can move AHEAD !

- Vehicle - \$5000
- 2 Boxes of Bibles - \$140
- 300 Tracts - \$100

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Se if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
—John 8:36

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A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN

As you read in Ruben's story, his time has been served and it has been served well. Ruben had the hope of coming to the US and meeting his physical and financial needs. Little did he know that God was going to use his illegal status to make him a *citizen of heaven*. Halleluiah! Now, he is leaving with his deepest needs fulfilled and committed to sharing this blessed hope with friends and family. The Lord can surely use every situation to conform us to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:28-29).

PMA Expansion

God has been very active in our midst and we praise Him for His work in and around us. Through my travels and other contacts God has provided us with three more PMA outreach possibilities. Ken Potts from Berean Bible Church in Shoreline, WA, is going over our DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM and he plans to start using it along with the chaplain at the correctional facility where he works. Mike Shadle from High Pointe Community Church in Puyallup, WA, has expressed a desire to begin a prison ministry through his church using our program. And lastly, Ronald Racines, who works with Muslin inmates in Cotabato City, Philippines, is partnering with PMA, and will be using our material as well.

Our ministry continues to expand abroad with new students being enrolled. Our most recent student, G.S. Bhalla, is from India and is being discipled through PMA via e-mail, and another three from Africa are about to begin, including a denomination leader from Nigeria. The student from India contacted us and requested to do our discipleship program online. Here are his reasons for that: "This shall be easy, efficient and fast, besides being economical." Yes, Bhalla you are absolutely right! And for those reasons we are planning to completely re-do our website by the end of March 2012 to effectively reach more people in the US and overseas.

In order for us to fulfill our vision of restoring families, we need your partnership! We have included a PARTNERSHIP SLIP, where you can prayerfully decide how you would like to be involved in what the Lord is doing through PMA. To make your life easier you can now set up a recurring gift, so you sign up only once and we take care of the rest. May your "TIME SERVED" here on earth have an eternal impact on the lives of others!

Have a Wonderful Christ-Centered Christmas!