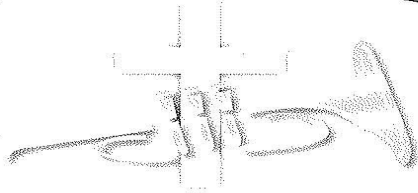


THE TRUMPET



"The great trumpet will be blown, they will come, who are about to perish" Isaiah 27:13 (NKJ)

Southern California Spanish Mission

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ,

Greetings from Southern California! My name is Pastor Ruben Sernas, and I primarily serve the Spanish ministry at Ontario URC. I want to take this opportunity to provide you with an update as well as give you a brief overview of the history of the Spanish ministry at our church.

More than five years ago, the consistory approached me with the idea of beginning a Spanish ministry in Ontario. The pastors and elders are well aware of the need for a Spanish Reformed church given the heavy influx of immigrants coming from Mexico and Central America. In the city of Ontario, over half of the population speaks Spanish in their homes. There is a thriving subculture of Latino businesses, clubs, restaurants and churches. It is almost like an international mission field right in our back yard, quite literally!

In terms of the spiritual landscape of the Latino community, the vast majority have grown up with Roman Catholicism. For those who have left the Roman Catholic Church, they have either joined Pentecostal churches or the cults (i.e., the Mormon Church or Jehovah's Witnesses). In my conversations with Latinos, it is apparent that they have not been catechized in the essential truths of Christian doctrine nor have they been taught basic Bible knowledge. Thus we sense a greater urgency to be one of the three confessional Reformed churches available to the over 8 million Latino inhabitants in Southern California dedicated to bringing the Reformed faith in the Spanish language.

Since several of our members are experiencing economic hardship as well as personal tragedy, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is providing a great source of comfort in these uncertain times. One of our families experienced nearly Jobian trials when they lost their twenty-year old son in a car crash, a beloved mother to sickness, and a job in the same year. Another one of our members,

a former missionary in Mexico, was laid off just 5 years shy of retirement. This has placed him in an unusual predicament before prospective employers who will find out he is only able to work a few more years. Finally, we have another member, a former Pentecostal minister, who runs a construction company which is down-sizing from the effects of the recession. He juggles the demands of his company while trying to raise 9 children. It is a testimony of God's grace to see how the LORD has sustained our members through these very difficult times.

Our comfort in Christ as well as the promises of the Gospel are what we desire to share with our neighbors. In terms of evangelism, we are focusing most of our efforts in intentional prayer and in following up with friends and family of our church members. Throughout the year, we invite friends and family to our home for potlucks. Food and social gatherings are culturally important to Latinos. These have helped to build a greater sense of community within our own church family and given us more opportunities to meet other members of their intimate circle. This has produced great fruit as Latinos are more willing to come to our worship service or Bible study from someone who has been personally recommended.

The LORD has now blessed us with a Bible study in the nearby city of Fontana, with potentially as many as forty participants. Every Sunday evening we gather together to study Derke Bergsma's overview of redemptive history titled "Redemption: The Triumph of God's Great Plan." Two of the participants are adult

siblings who, with their families, are regularly worshipping at our church. These two siblings have six other grown siblings who are married with several children. Many of them are regularly joining us for the study.

Currently there are three people seeking church membership. It is exciting to see them grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we instruct them using the Three Forms of Unity. Even one of our regular visitors, a former CRC ministry associate, recently resigned from his position so that he could worship at our church. Many Latinos like him are hungry for the doctrines recovered in the Reformation. Learning about justification by faith is truly good news for people who have listened to years of Roman Catholic homilies or cultic presentations of a salvation dependent on Man's works.

As much as there is a great spiritual need to bring the Reformed faith to Spanish speakers, there is also a great need for financial help. Members losing jobs, experiencing deaths, or moving to another city have decreased our church's overall income. This has forced us to sell one of our parsonages and shorten my job contract to the end of 2012 unless our financial situation improves. There is simply not enough money to sustain our work. We implore you to consider helping us for the sake of Christ's Spanish-speaking flock.

First, please consider praying regularly for our ministry. Add us to your list of prayer requests in your bulletin or prayer meetings. We know that LORD delights in prayers that seek His glory in the advancement of His Kingdom among all

peoples. Secondly, we ask you to consider joining our ministry financially. Your support is critical to the continuance of the LORD's work here. We need your prayerful and financial support. Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Him,

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All Saints Reformed Church

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HEIGHTS, IL ~ Spanish Outreach

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It is under the supervision of the Faith
URC in Beecher, IL.

CHURCH PLANT:

CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

URC of PEI (Organized)

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Consistory: Orthodox Reformed Church,
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The Lord's Day: 9:30 AM—Morning Service, 11:00 AM—Catechetical Service

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<http://southocreformed.blogspot.com/>

Rev. Jonathan Moersch

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URC MISSIONARIES / CHURCH PLANTS

In this issue we have listed all the URC missionaries and church plants that we are aware of. If we missed any, or have incorrect information, we apologize and ask that you send us updated information so we have a complete list.

Please pray for, and support our URC mission efforts. **The Trumpet staff**

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In our work here, we continue to see God's faithfulness. Here are some of the highlights:

Miguel, a man who we have known and worked with for over ten years, has asked to do **profession of faith**. He was one of the first men that we had Bible studies with when we came to Tepic over 10 years ago. He had left Tepic to work in the States for several years, but now has found a permanent job here in the city. Since his return he has been attending regularly, even though his wife remains in the Catholic church and attends only sporadically.

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Our elder **Martin Castillo** continues to take courses with MINTS and is greatly enjoying them. He continues to be involved in leading worship services and teaching the adult Sunday school. Please pray for his home situation and for his son Jorge, who continues to be rebellious.

This summer we look forward to having **Mr. Matthew Van Dyken** interning with us. He a second-year student at Mid-America Reformed Seminary and is interested in foreign missions. He will be in Tepic for the months of June and July. Please pray that God would use his time here as an encouragement to the mission.

We have had a couple of new families that have been visiting the mission the last few months. One of them is **Irving and Marianna** and their baby. They have been attending the church for the last six months or so, and have shown a real desire to grow in their faith. Irving has come out of a background of drug and alcohol addiction and has been a leader in a group helping addicts. He is very bright and seems eager to learn. Please pray that they would grow in the home Bible study that we are having with them.

We look forward to having a **young people's evangelism team** here from the 3rd to the 12th of July. Please pray for safety in all of our activities and that God will use their time here as both a blessing to the church and in outreach into new areas in Tepic.

Attendance at our Wednesday night Bible study at the church has dwindled in recent months largely due to conflicting schedules. Here in Tepic a "siesta time" from 2-4 PM is still observed by most so they return to work at 4:00 PM till 7:30 or 8:00 PM. Also, many of the schools have two

shifts, both morning and afternoon, in order to accommodate all of the children. This has made it difficult for people to attend a church activity during the week. For this reason we are going to begin **two or three regional Bible Studies in members' homes** in different parts of the city. We are praying that more people would be able to attend, as well as to reach out to extended family, friends, and neighbors.

Our **young people group** has been very up and down in the last few months. Please pray that God would give the youth here the strength to stand against the powerful negative influences that they are fighting against.

There are a number of people who have expressed interest in joining the church, and because of this we have begun a course in our adult Sunday school class **preparing people for membership**. Please pray that this will be of blessing to the church.

We thank you for the concern many of you have shown for the safety and well-being of our family in the recent months. We are happy to report that we are doing very well. The children are busy with their home schooling, and swimming and piano lessons. Jessica and Christianna are both fluent in their Spanish and have no trouble making friends. Joshua, Jacob, and Rebekah-Leigh also speak well enough to socialize and engage our members and visitors at church. Jacob is attending a pre-kindergarten for three hours each morning in order to improve his Spanish. He loves being able to communicate more, and has made a lot of "amigitos" there. We thank the Lord for the special home life that we can enjoy as a covenant family, and opportunities it gives us to show in practice
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what a Christian family looks like. God's grace is sufficient for all our needs. We marvel at how graciously He teaches us this every day.

We at Eternal Life Mission and our calling church, Hope Reformed Church of Toronto (URC), thank you for your prayers and financial support. What a privilege and blessing to labour together in kingdom work and to one day share in the harvest rejoicing. "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word." (2 Thessalonians 2:17)

Your Co-workers in Christ,

Pastor Richard and Angela Bout

Are you interested in supporting the work of Eternal Life Mission in Tepic? Please contact Hope Reformed Church at: clerk@hopereformedchurch.ca. We are on the Web! www.eternallifemission.com

Rev. Nick Lamme ~ Costa Rica

So, what are you doing in Costa Rica? That's a question that I get asked on a regular basis. The truth is that when most people think about missions, they think about Africa or Japan or China or Korea or the jungles of South America... but not Costa Rica. Costa Rica might as well be synonymous with "beach ministry" in most people's minds. It probably was in mine. That is, before I was called here. Over the last two years, it has been my greatest privilege and honor to serve the Lord's church here in this country. Let me just tell you a little bit about what the Lord is doing here in Costa Rica.

First things first. Over the last two years, I have had the honor to serve side by side with Rev. Bill Green in the work of CLIR (Latin American Fellowship of Reformed Churches: for more information about CLIR, see www.reformedmissions.org or www.pastorofprint.com). My primary responsibility is book design and editing. We publish solidly confessional, reformed and biblical literature in Spanish for distribution all over Latin America and the US. This year alone, we have published a training manual for elders and deacons, a book on spiritual warfare from a reformed perspective, and two books by Dr. Peter Jones. We are ready to publish a fresh translation of the Westminster Standards with full proof texts (a project which has been years in the making), Kuyper's *Lectures on Calvinism*, Clowney's *Preaching and Biblical Theology*, a children's catechism, and a series of tracts entitled, "6 Myths of the Watchtower" dealing with certain destructive heresies of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Even during the hard economic times, the Lord has granted his blessing to our labors. Recently, a book we published called *Red Alert: False Prophets Ahead*, which exposes the heresies of the neo-Pentecostal movement in Latin America, has caused quite a stir. Because of that book, a local Pentecostal pastor invited Rev. Green to give a class at his church. The class began with 80 people and finished with 50+ regular attendees. The pastor admitted after reading the book that he realized that all these years he hadn't preaching the gospel. Now he preaches the gospel.

I have also had the distinct honor of serving Christ's church directly as the pastor of a small church plant of about 50 souls. In the last year, the Lord has added 3 members.
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I am doing a membership class with one young man who has converted from Catholicism and I continue to minister to many visitors and interested persons. Recently, I was invited by a man named Carlos, a Pentecostal, to share about my faith with his family. His wife marveled at Paul's explanation of the gospel in Romans 6-8 and the perfect liberty of the Sons of God in Christ. In her church the gospel is not preached. God is working through the gospel of his Son. He is changing hearts. He is building His church. The ground here is thorny and hard, but the living water of God's Word by His Spirit is causing the growth. Pray for us as we labor as servants of God's people and of the lost who are yet to be gathered into His fold, all for whom the Savior gave His life. This year, by God's grace, this tiny church will see its greatest growth yet. I'm not talking about numbers of members (although, who knows what the Lord will do). I'm talking about the five officers-to-be. Currently, there are five men in training to be elders or deacons. These will be the first officers this church has ever had. Please pray for this church in Cartago (the stronghold of Catholicism in Costa Rica). Pray for her officers, her members, and her witness to a lost world. Pray for us also, for if the Lord does not build the house, those who labor, labor in vain (Psalm 127:1).

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