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Reaching Across Ministries

Financial Report

Our last newsletter reported a decrease in ministry income for the last quarter of 2016 and we are pleased to report that the 1st quarter of 2017 has already begun to bounce back. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Local church from San Antonio moves to assist border church

Wayside Chapel has used the border information from RAM to proceed to recruit and plan a July project to assist a church just outside of Laredo. Approximately 30 will participate in the project. The team will work doing church maintenance and also neighborhood evangelism. Congratulations !!

Welcome to our new ministry coordinators in McAllen, TX.

A recent meeting was held in McAllen with a few pastors (including 3 more not on this picture), who will coordinate workshops with 2 alliances of churches in the city. This is an exciting development as it will bring approximately 20-30 new pastors from various denominations to attend the discipleship training workshops for the first time in McAllen.

During this planning meeting, the new coordinators also secured samples of various RAM study manuals to share in their monthly alliance meetings. The first workshops are scheduled to begin within the next 45-60 days.



For your Info

It is always encouraging to share how God opens the doors for RAM to continue serving the churches at the border. The months of April and May were very busy, with workshops serving approximately 40-50 attendees from the cities of Laredo, Del Rio, and McAllen, Texas. Thank you Lord!



Encouraging comments from pastors



I am beginning to use the Journey of the Disciple studies to create small study groups in our church and look forward to great results.

Pastor Leopoldo, Acuna-Mexico.



Our church in Del Rio reaches out to other churches in Acuna, Mexico and the material received has been very helpful as part of our evangelistic efforts there.

Pastor Julio, Del Rio-Texas

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A mutual agreement for the edification of the church along the border

We are pleased to share that World Radio Network, a Christian radio ministry with 14 stations along the border, has made available their station facilities in each city for RAM to conduct its workshops. This will not only provide RAM with a “neutral” facility to bring pastors from various denominations to the workshops but also permit the pastors to be better exposed to the radio ministry in their communities.



Shown in this picture is the main office of WRN located in Pharr, Texas which will also be where the workshops for the new RAM groups from McAllen will take place.

Reflections

I was in high school, in the Canal Zone (Panama) when HCJB, one of the largest Christian radio stations in the world based in Ecuador, planted a station in Panama named HOXO. My father became a board member, president, and managed the finances — something I did not really value since I was not a Christian.

So why this story? Well, at age 33 I became a Christian and many years later met a missionary living in Pharr, Texas who invited me to see the radio station he worked for. To my surprise, as I walked through the building I saw pictures of missionaries I had seen at the radio station in Panama and quickly discovered that the station from Ecuador that planted the one in Panama had also planted this station in Pharr. Wow, wow, was all I could say!

Now, I find myself excited about conducting workshops in the stations along the border and ask myself: is there a blueprint behind all this

that started when I was in high school? I could spend much time talking about radio stations but this story is significant only because it has helped see what the Lord has done in my life.

You see when we finally meet the One who made us and then proceed to examine the lifelines he has sent us through along the way, we will at last understand how every detail made sense in the twisting realities of life's blessings and threads. Clearly, what we are able to see then is that through every experience beginning with our childhood and the testimony of our parents and missionaries surrounding us, God's transcending love was flowing towards us. He was at work preparing "our way" while we were looking "away from Him"

What about your lifeline, what has it revealed about God's love for you?

Rick