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Merry Christmas

Lina's Congress was very successful



Many lives were changed at Lina's womens congress

Many of you were praying for Lina's Women's Congress. There were 733 registered for the three days and more than a thousand attended daily as it was open to the public in the evenings. She wants to thank the churches and individuals who gave so generously, so many could attend who lived outside of Santiago. It was a great event and greatly blessed by the Lord. The speakers were very good and there were also many Pastors and Bishops who attended the event. One of the Bishops, Edito Espinozo, said, "This was the best women's event in history of Chile." Many women have continued to be in contact asking for help and

also offering to be part of this ministry. One of the highlights was a speech given by the Government's Minister of Women, Mrs. Cecilia Pérez. Although she is not a Christian, she said, she was very thankful that there are Christian organizations like ours who are interested in helping the family. Lina is now sending out many follow-up letters encouraging women. The future plans are to have a leadership training seminar in April 2005.

Lina and I are greatly excited to what the Lord is doing and our days are filled with activities to further His Kingdom; whether it be sharing Christ, building the body of Christ or sending the message to the nations.

I recorded three large Christian events during September and October. Lina's three day woman's congress kept us busy recording from 9 AM until 10 PM every day. It has taken us several weeks after each event to do the editing and duplicating. The messages that were recorded are now on the internet and people around the world are being blessed by them. Another large event recorded was Evangelist Dr. Luis Palau speaking at a large missions congress in Bellingham. Some of you who were there, I am sure, found his messages very up lifting and inspiring. His final message, in English, is now on the internet. Paul, my son, and I made a quick trip to Mexico where we recorded the Arpa Awards. This is the Christian Academy that gives out the awards for the best Christian music for the Spanish speaking world. We have now posted that on our web site. Our web site was up for an award at that time also, but it was given to a site in Miami. Maybe next year.

We are in preparation of making an evangelistic Christian TV program based on music and interviews to reach out to youth ages 14-26. Once we have a number of them done, we plan to offer it to TV stations throughout Latin America.

Internet site brings blessings

Here are excerpts of some of the letters we have received this past November

"Brothers of Integridad. The Lord bless you and give grace for your Christian web site which for me is so interesting and educational. Thank you for the task of informing and educating the body of Christ. The article by Brother Fikri Youssef was excellent... Salvador Ventura, Van Nuys, California."

"The reason I am writing is that I read in your site an article about sex and how to educate your children. This article made an impact and greatly affected me. In my adolescence I acted just like you said with no brakes on sex, but I praise the Lord that He brought along my wife Carmen and with her I have felt closer to the Lord especially when we are studying the Bible and assisting the church. I hope you can give some advice on how I can educate my daughter and my family in the ways of the Lord. We live in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico. My wife and I are architects and I work in the government."

We are happy to announce that in October, three important people were added to our Internet ministry. Dr. Josh McDowell and Dr. Luis Palau agreed to be part of our reference board and Mr. Jon Hansen, a youth pastor, was added to the Board of Directors. We are very happy to have them on board.



Expanding the Ministry



Our new Internet computer server system is just about functional and should be up and running by the time you receive this letter. With the new servers, it will allow us to greatly expand the ministry. As you know, Gospel Com has allowed us to use their large servers free of charge for our text and graphics, but we needed to pay to have the videos on their site. We were hampered by being charged for band width use; this meant that our video costs were greatly increasing monthly. In simple terms, the more people that come into our site and down load the videos, the more money we needed to pay. The decision was made to buy and set up our own servers in Chile just for the videos, since the Internet connection companies only charge a flat fee for bandwidth usage. With this, we can put all our videos on our server at the same time and have hundreds seeing them. We are very thankful for one of our new financial partners who allowed us to move into this new area.

Family news:

Paul continues to help in the ministry especially in the production area of his speciality; filming, writing and editing. He is an expert on doing recordings, DVD or CD's. He is my right hand man in the ministry.

Steve my second son, along with his family are still in the USA and living near Philadelphia. Steve and his wife Leyna were very happy when their oldest son, Jordan, celebrated his eleventh birthday and their other son, Joshua, just turned seven. Steve is the CEO and the brains behind our web sites.

Mary Jane on Dec. 15, finished her third year in the University and plans to graduate Dec. 2005. She has just formalized her relationship with her boy friend of 4 years and they plan to get married in 2006. Her boy friend is a computer engineer and helps part time in our ministry as our Web Master.

We praise the Lord that both Lina's and my mother are well and healthy.



Prayer and Praise:

1. For Lina's health as she has not felt very well recently. The doctor has said she has pre-diabetes.
2. We are looking for ways to make the internet ministry self supporting as everything we have tried up to this moment has not been successful. Since the ministry has grown so much, we need people to help out part time and we don't have the money to do it. Pray with us to find at least 7 people who could invest \$100 per month to help pay for the 3 part time workers working now in 3 different cities and for two more needed ones.

We were very thankful for a Chilean company who donated to us 400 master video tapes. Pray with us as they are thinking about another donation of 1000 tapes. The tapes are not new, but have only been used once. To buy 1400 new video tapes would cost us around \$63,000 dollars. We praise the Lord as this keeps us rolling.

An evangelist wrote recently, "While our newspapers are filled with stories and pictures of storms' reign of terror, many people across the USA and the world are experiencing storms that are just as devastating, yet not as obvious: Storms of divorce, disease or death. Storms of betrayal, bankruptcy, or blindness. Storms of abuse, adultery, or addiction. Storms that leave shattered lives and broken hearts and shredded hopes. Storms that turn dreams into nightmares. What storms have swept through your life—or the life of someone you love? As devastating as they are or have been, could it be that God has allowed them to break out for the greater purpose of giving you a fresh vision of Jesus?"

These are our thoughts too. Let's pray that in 2005, the Lord will give us a fresh vision of Jesus. That we will have our priorities straight; that we will pray more, study the Word more, and allow the Lord to work through us expecting the expansion of His Kingdom during 2005.

We want to thank the President of our Mission Organization, Russ Swank and his wife Ardis, for all their faithful and hard work in the Son of Man's Mission for many years.

Thank you for your prayers and love for us. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please note
Son of Man's
new mailing address



Love,



Jim and Lina

Focusing on Latin America, but reaching the world