

From the Pastor

This week Mr. Cecil Maranville who oversees the Personal Correspondence Department (PCD) wrote “To all HQ ministers, we need to trigger the overflow team Mr. Franks set up in February of 2015, when our mail income exploded. Since then, we’ve built a team of 14 active writers. Although stretched at times, Team 1 has been able to handle everything. Not so at present! Everyone is maxed out and has a backlog.”

The responses to the Life Hope and Truth (LHT) website have been strong and thus encouraging. Remember Jesus gave instructions to his disciples to “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Through the LHT website the truth of God is, indeed, reaching into the entire world (“all nations”). All who have access to the Internet in all nations and territories around the earth have access to God’s truth. And, from those who read that message (up to over one million in a month) God calls some by giving them eyes that see and hearts that can understand spiritually what they are reading.

If God wants to call someone out of this world, He can lead them to the LHT website.

I remember the account of a man in the Philippines whom God called by having a scrap of the Plain Truth magazine blow across his path. He picked it up to throw it in a trash receptacle but noticed that on it a question was asked that he had always wondered about himself. The scrap of the Plain Truth also had an address to contact. The man contacted the Work and became committed to the truth he learned. He eventually became an elder in God’s church.

The point is: If God wants to call someone, He will see that the truth of His Word comes to them.

However, once called, each person must decide with his/her own free will whether or not to respond to what he/she learns. God gives each person the opportunity to see the truth. But, once that is accomplished it is up to each individual to decide what he or she will do with it.

If we choose to freely yield to God by believing and living by what we learn, God will lead us and give us the strength needed to succeed. God wants a family of sons and daughters. God wants us to succeed. But, He wants to see that we really want what He is offering by the choices we make with our whole heart.

On a personal note: We have moved into our home (without furniture). We are camping for the time being. Our furniture is to be delivered next Wednesday. As a result, I may not have time to write a personal for next week or provide bulleting or weekly update material.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Church of God South Texas

Victoria - Corpus Christi - Harlingen



July 9, 2016

Victoria

Sermon: Arnold Mendez

Corpus Christi

Sermonette: Mark Monsivais

Sermon: Steve Moody

Harlingen

Sermonette: Orlando Mascorro

Sermon: Gilbert Gonzalez

“Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

John 4:35

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Sunset Today in:	8:30pm	8:28pm	8:27pm
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Sunset Friday 7-15	8:28pm	8:27pm	8:25pm
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Announcements and Schedule

Sabbath 7/9	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria.
Sabbath 7/16	Regular locations and times for Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Harlingen, and Victoria. Mr. Moody will be in Victoria and San Antonio. Mr. Mendez will be in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

Foundation Outreach International's new Embark program:

Foundation Outreach International's new **Embark** program is ready for your participation.

We have an opportunity for all young people in their first career or those about to start their careers from college, trade school or high school—who want a *personal travel guide* to take them on seven journeys of travel to explore a world of *ideas and advice* built just for them—from thought leaders and cool programs at top universities, corporations, business consultants and life coaches—through a *totally free program* of awesome personalized success training for *work, family and life*.

But Embark is missing something ... YOU!

- Would you like to get a head start on skills that can benefit you for the rest of your life?
- Would you like to explore which jobs and careers fit you?
- Would you like to be personally advised by a person with years of work experience?
- Would you like to avoid unnecessary bumps in the road?
- And would you like to explore your world of opportunities?

Then join us for seven journeys that will change your life by signing up for **Embark**.

To sign up, go to www.embarkprogram.org and complete a Traveler application online.

Experienced adults: We also need qualified, experienced travel guides to

help guide our travelers thru the Embark program. If you would like to apply to serve, please complete a travel guide application on the Embark website.

An awesome future is waiting for you—it's time to EMBARK.

Upcoming Activities: Dates to Remember

San Antonio Potluck: July 9, 2016

Corpus Christi Picnic/Brown Bag Lunch and Bible Study: On the Sabbath of July 30th the Corpus Christi congregation will be having a Bible Study following services and then a picnic, brown bag social. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own food.