

how precious on the mountains

Pescadores Progreso

georgia mountains
tres dias

are the feet of him who brings good news

March 2011

Meditation

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In my Bible Study group, we are currently studying the book of Jonah. We were challenged to find the "Ninevites" in our own lives – finding those we least like to minister to and let God show us how to minister to them. I told the group that Cuba was my "Ninevite" group. God called me to go there three years ago and I didn't want to be disobedient but going there my first time was my "Ninevite" experience. I didn't really want to go to Cuba of all places and had never had a desire to. For crying out loud, it's a communistic, third world country and it scared me. I do believe the Lord wanted to show me that "His grace was sufficient for me." I admit that I was truly intimidated on the first trip. But, I wanted an adventure and had to learn to truly trust in the Lord with all my heart.

On my first trip to Cuba, what I discovered about the people is that: people are the same everywhere you go and my Cuban brothers and sisters in Christ are so friendly, sweet, loving, and truly on fire for Him. What God showed me about Himself is that He is the same everywhere I go. (We cannot escape His presence). On the Sunday we were to leave, some of us attended the church service there at the church where

we were staying. Although I did not know much Spanish that first trip, I knew when they were making announcements, voicing their prayer requests, and when they entered their time of prayer. I truly sensed God presence and power at work. One particular little old lady prayed with such power and seemed so full of the Holy Spirit that I began to think she was in the wrong church. This was a Presbyterian church and she sounded rather Pentecostal compared to the others.

What I marvel at is that God seems to enjoy calling us to do things we never expected we would do. Yet, I find that in His strength, "I can do all things." In our study on Jonah, we covered the part about his initial disobedience, the following consequence of that disobedience, and then his total willingness to obey God when He gave him a second chance. I have not always been eager to obey God in everything but I said, "yes" to His call to go to Cuba for three years in a row. I don't like bad consequences. If it is truly not His will for me to follow-thru, I believe He will close the door. Sometimes, I think He desires to just test our willingness to be obedient. This was true for the first trip and my third trip.

The best part is that when He does call, He equips, strengthens, imparts wisdom, grants creativity, relieves pain, and

blesses us beyond our expectations. Before I left on this last trip, I received several emails and messages on Facebook saying "be blessed as you bless others." Well, that is exactly how it goes. I saw God's provision, miracles performed, experienced His strength in me, enjoyed sweet fellowship and even improved my Spanish a little. (Mi espanol es mejore) God is always amazing.

I visited a country so devastated by their government that their living conditions are horrendous for the most part. Yet, in those who choose Christ, I see their hope in Him and the passion they have to live for Him. How convicting for me when I have so much.

I must share briefly the most wonderful blessing that I experienced at the closing. I had been stopped in the Cuban airport with the trumpet I was carrying down. Elaine Doering had purchased it for Jaime Green's son. As it passed through the security scanner, they pulled it aside and asked me if it was an instrument. I said "yes." They then took my passport. They came back and asked me what it was for. I forgot to lie telling them it was mine for the music at the seminar. Which it really was mine at the time. I said it was for a little boy, which was my biggest mistake.

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GMTD #59 Men's:

June 2 - 5, 2011

Rector:

Dwayne Watkins

Send-off:

Thurs., June 2 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 4 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 5 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #59 Women's:

June 9 - 12, 2011

Rector:

Gail Drake

Send-off:

Thurs., June 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 11 • 6:30 p.m.

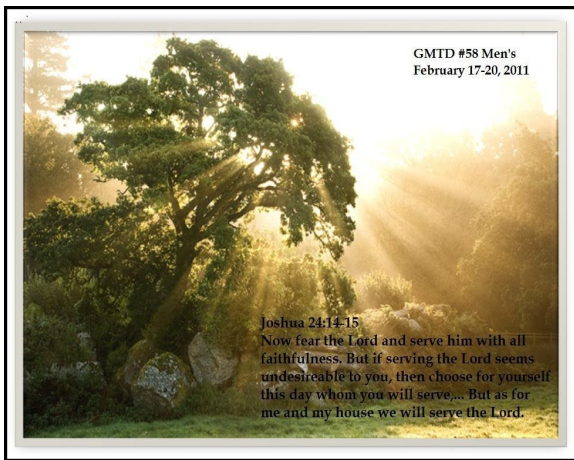
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Closing:

Sun., June 12 • 5:00 p.m.

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Georgia Mountains Tres Días #58

Men's: February 17 - 20, 2011

Rector: Fletcher Holliday

Joshua 24:14-15

Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourself this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Greetings my dearest brothers and sisters in Christ,

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior grant each of you Grace and Peace. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for the prayers, the palanca and to all of the beautiful women that serenaded the team and candidates on Saturday night. You truly sounded like angels singing praises to our Heavenly Father.

The weekend was amazing! There were seven salvations,

glory be to God alone! I saw and experienced God do things that I could have only imagined. Chains were removed, walls were knocked down, relationships and marriages were strengthened, and homes were restored. Our God is astounding and should at all times be praised! These men certainly had an encounter with Christ and will forever be changed by God. I am extremely humbled and honored that God would give me the opportunity to be involved with the miraculous things He accomplished on this

weekend. I truly feel that God was with us and His will was completed for the men of GMTD 58.

The men of GMTD 58 have realized as the Apostle Peter has written that they are living stones of a larger spiritual house, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord, our house encompasses much more than just our immediate family, it includes the body of Christ. We are to represent Christ

together, through our lives, through how we love one another and through serving others. And so, we have been called and are being sent by God as one body of many to serve as living stones, a chosen people, a royal priesthood.

Now let's go and Serve our King!

Decolores,

Fletcher Holliday
Rector GMTD 58

Georgia Mountains Tres Días #58

Women's: February 24 - 27, 2011

Rector: Tammy Teasley

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God, Our Father, is faithful. Thank you all for your prayers for the candidates and team of GMTD #58 (Women). It was an amazing weekend! I was blessed and humbled.

The ladies were in eager anticipation of what the weekend held for them. Those married talked about the change in their husbands from the very moment the weekend began on Thursday. One of the phrases was, "If God will do that for my husband, what will he do for me?" It was evident that they were all open to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

There were seven salvations on the weekend!!!!!!

We all knelt prayer in the Rollo room as the Holy Spirit came and visited us. He healed our broken hearts, set us free from bondage, and renewed our minds. For one candidate in particular, the Lord gave her a deeper and stronger desire to return to the mission field. She hadn't laughed or even smiled until Sunday morning. She was truly renewed in the spirit. She glowed with JOY!

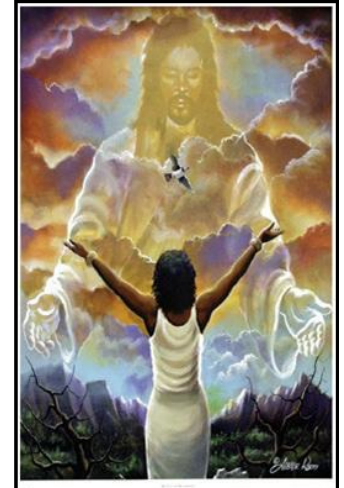
I saw ladies gain freedom to worship and praise God. No one had to wait on the other one. The candidates ministered to each other with words of encouragement as they sat at the table and with heartfelt hugs of love. The Love of Jesus was so evident. The team represented the Lord as His true

ambassadors.

"Leave the results of the weekend up to the Lord," "Just be a vessel" were two phrases that continually stayed with me during GMTD #58 Women's weekend. To God be the Glory for what He has done for us. We all left with an assurance that we are vessels of the Most High God.

We are crucified with Christ, nevertheless we live, it is not us who live, but this life that we live in the flesh, we live by faith in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We have given ourselves away to Him.

Decolores, My brothers and sisters in Christ,
Tammy Teasley



Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Meditation (Continued)

You do not bring gifts into the country of Cuba without paying a price. They wanted me to pay \$400 tax for the trumpet. Well, after being held up for sometime, my traveling companions went on outside leaving me alone. Fortunately God sent us a little guardian angel named, Amado. He was doing his best to help us and came to my rescue and stayed in contact with the group outside waiting. I waited while the customs agent filled out the paper work informing me I had five days to retrieve the trumpet. Long story short, Juana and Jaime were able to get the trumpet back for \$250. A few of us chipped in some money to help cover this cost. At the closing, Jaime introduced his fourteen year old son, Hector, explained a little about the incident in the airport and shared how glad they were to have retrieved the trumpet. Then, Hector played the trumpet with such finesse displaying an obvious talent that I realized just how worth it all it was. My heart soared and I ran up and hugged him after he finished. I cried through the whole thing. God showed me that even in a desperate experience, His grace will be manifested and He will be glorified. I was able to bless someone else who then in turn blessed me beyond my expectations. Obedience has its rewards.

The Life of Robert Simmons, Jr.

October 22, 1964 – March 1, 2011

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... A time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance.” Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

Robert Lee Simmons Jr.'s season began on October 22, 1964 in Yonkers, NY as the only son of the late Robert Lee Simmons Sr. and Lucy Simmons. Like the setting of the sun, Robert's season came to a peaceful close when he departed this life on March 1, 2011. Precious memories of his life will be cherished forever by his devoted wife Mary "Tina" Simmons, his precious little girl, Ebony Tyree of Bossier City, LA, and his most loving, caring, kind and devoted mother Lucy Simmons. Robert was blessed to have two brothers and three sisters.

Robert's service was held at Christ Fellowship Church on Sunday, March 6th, and Robert's eulogy was presented by Rev. Anthony Teasley, Pastor Dave Wehrstein, Kevin Barrett and Mike Underwood.

Robert and his wife Tina attended GMTD 58, the most recent GMTD weekend. Robert accepted Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior during his GMTD weekend.

Reminders from the Secretariat

Weekend rosters are confidential and are not to be used for solicitations or anything other than Tres Dias. The Secretariat would also like to remind you that it is inappropriate to bring children to a send-off, closing, serenade or secuela. Further, only those that have attended a recognized 3-day weekend may attend Tres Dias functions. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

Secretariat Openings

The following positions will be coming open on the GMTD Secretariat:

- Pre-Weekend Couple – for Term Jan 2012 – Dec 2014
- 4th Day Couple – for Term Jan 2012 – Dec 2014

If you or someone you know is willing to be considered, please contact any member of the Secretariat prior to May 6, 2011. All Secretariat positions are filled by nomination from the GMTD community and then election by the sitting GMTD Secretariat board.

For additional information on these openings and the requirements of those who will fill the position(s), please visit:

<http://gmttd.org/gmttd-secretariat-openings>



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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT typically meets the first Friday evening of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Cleveland Community Church.

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmt.org. Please mail to GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple, Ricky & Kathy Pruitt, 355 O'Kelly Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES – (Please be advised that burning CDs of copyrighted music is a violation of copyright laws, and burned CD's of copyrighted music cannot be accepted as palanca.)

Table Palanca – 6 tables, minimum of 65 individual items.

Bed Palanca – 45 for candidates, 75-77 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 117 place settings.

Oven Palanca – Please drop off at the Palanca room, not the kitchen.

Palanca Letters – Write the candidate's name on the letter and in the left upper corner write who the letter is from: sponsor, husband, wife, friend, etc. Letters from family and friends need to be at the camp no later than Saturday night. The earlier the better.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PESCADORE'S PROGRESS at www.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name and address to the return address at the top of this page.

SPONSORS Please remember to stay with your candidate until they have been completely checked in during their weekend and all information and fees have been provided.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO! If your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, please notify GMTD Database Mgr., Linda Alexander, at: records-database-manager@gmt.org, or 678-201-5550, or go to www.gmt.org/

PescadoreUpdateForm. The database is confidential and for GMTD use only to contact sponsors, team members, rector nominees, secretariat nominees, and for general GMTD purposes.

Bless a teenager— sponsor them to Vida Nueva! “Vida Nueva” means “new life” in Spanish. Georgia Mountains Vida Nueva is for teens age 15-20. For GMVN applications, contact Andy & Courtney Morgan, P.O. Box 1984, Ellijay, GA 30540, 706-636-1896 or 706-889-3884. www.georgiamountainvn.org.

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GMTD April Secuela

Saturday, April 2
 6:30 pm

The Torch

800 Cannon Bridge Road
 Demorest, GA 30535
 706-778-4063

Please arrive early. The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Sponsors, bring your candidates!

Childcare will not be provided.