# Pescolores Pescolores Progress

May 2016

## Meditation

# By: Wilna Vinke GMTD Secretariat - Fourth Day

Back in the 1920's, two young couples from Sweden felt called to the mission field. They journeyed to the Belgian Congo facing many obstacles, sickness and opposition. With machetes in their hands, they hacked their way into the insect-infected jungle.

They reached two different villages that both rejected the couples living among them, due to the superstition of the villagers, saying that their gods would be mad at them if they allowed the white people to live with them.

The missionaries decided to build mud huts and settle in the middle of a mountain jungle. After many months of sickness, loneliness, and malnutrition, one of the couples decided to leave. They had very little interaction with many of the people from the other villages. The couple who decided to stay, David and Svea Flood, had a 2-year son, and she was pregnant with another child. Svea ministered to a little boy, who would come to visit them, who was from a nearby village. That little boy was their only convert, for the entire time they were in the Congo.

Shortly after giving birth to a healthy baby girl, Svea died. David Flood was deeply shaken by his wife's death. Bitterness and anger filled his heart. He asked God why He would allow his wife to die, after they gave up their lives in Sweden, to go to the mission field and serve Him. David thought their efforts and lives were wasted. Feeling overwhelmed by the situation, he left the mission field, and went back to Sweden. He gave up his baby daughter to the other couple, and took his son with him.

David told people when they went to Africa they were going to win people to Christ, no matter what the cost. Now, he was returning a defeated and broken man, and walked away from his faith in Christ.

Eventually, his daughter, Aggie, and the family who adopted her, moved to the U.S. She grew up and married a godly man, and they went into full time ministry.

After many years of efforts to find her father, Aggie and her husband traveled to Sweden to find him.

On their way to Sweden, they had a layover in London. While out for a walk, they came upon a church that was holding a missions conference. They went inside, and heard a black man testifying of the great works God was doing in Zaire - the Belgian Congo. After the meeting, Aggie spoke with the preacher, and asked if he ever knew David and Svea Flood. He answered, "Yes! Svea Flood led me to The Lord when I was just a boy."

Aggie was filled with great joy, to know that was the little boy who her mother had ministered to. The preacher told her that he had grown up to be a missionary evangelist to his own country, which now included 110,000 Christians, 32 mission stations, several Bible schools, and a 120-bed hospital.

Aggie and her husband found her Dad, David Flood in Sweden. His body was worn out, from years of alcoholism, bitterness and anger. She fell to his bedside, and said "Dad, I am your little girl - the one you left in Africa." With tears in his eyes, he said, "I never meant to give you away. I just couldn't handle you both." Aggie replied, "That's okay, Dad, God took care of me."

With anger and rage, David said, "God didn't take care of you! He ruined our whole family! He led us to Africa, and then He betrayed us! Nothing good ever came out of our time there. It was a waste of our lives!"

Aggie then told her Dad about the preacher they had met in London, and how the country had been evangelized through him. That was the little boy who Svea had ministered to.

The Holy Spirit fell on David, and he broke. Repentance came, and God restored him.

Nothing is ever wasted, in God's economy. All our pain and tears have been for a purpose. The Lord hears our cries.

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Joey Terrell

Send-off:

Thurs., May 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., May 28 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., May 29 • 5:00 p.m.

#### GMTD #74 Women's:

June 2 - 5, 2016 Rector:

**Patty Wilson** 

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.

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#### Meditation Continued

At times, we are susceptible to listening to the lies of the enemy... you know those lies, about being a failure, or things never changing, fill in the blank...

We may see only ruin in our lives, but He sees restoration.

He can turn our "test" into a beautiful testimony!

He can turn our "mess" into a wonderful message, about His redemption. Our God is good, and He is a Loving Heavenly Father. Even when we have moments of doubt and unbelief. The Lord will reward our faithfulness, and He is faithful!

1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds us...

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

The Lord has good things in store for us, because "...He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, there may be times when we feel frustrated, or wonder why we are doing this. We might observe flaws or failures, or question a decision. However, as this story reminds us, let us be sensitive to The Holy Spirit, and be willing to minister to 'the one'. We are planting seeds in The Kingdom, and sewing fruit that will last, for Eternity.

Psalm 77:11-12 says,"I will remember the deeds of The Lord; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work and meditate on your mighty deeds."

In his recently published book entitled, "21 Seconds to Change Your World", Dr. Mark Rutland shares about a time in his life when he was in the pit of depression. One day he heard a voice telling him that he didn't have a prayer. The next moment, he heard another voice saying, 'Yes you do have a prayer, if you will learn to use it.' From that point on, Dr. Rutland began praying The Lord's Prayer several times a day. He also incorporated praying the 23rd Psalm as well. It has been life changing for him. I would highly recommend reading that book, as well as applying that suggestion in to your daily life. I have accepted Dr. Rutland's challenge, and have been praying The Lord's Prayer, and the 23rd Psalm several times every day, and it has been so encouraging to my heart. Dr. Rutland shares in his book some powerful testimonies of healing and deliverance of people from agoraphobia, hatred, forgiveness, just by soaking themselves in these prayers. In the face of fear, temptation, loneliness, or depression, take this prescription:

'Pray The Lord's prayer at each such attack. Pray it at each meal. Pray it every morning and at night before you go to sleep. Actually, pray it every time you even think of it. Add in liberal doses of Psalm 23. Mix with faith and stir.'

In closing, I would like to ask for us all to join together, and pray The Lord's Prayer and The 23rd Psalm.

#### Tres Dias Teams



Interested in serving on a Tres Dias team?

Go to www.gmtd.org or come to the next Secuela to sign up!

### **Upcoming Weekends**

**GMTD #75** 

Men: Sept 22 - 25, 2016 Women: Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2016

**GMTD #76** Men: Feb 2- 5, 2017 Women: Feb 9 - 12, 2017

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me, in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annoinest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of The Lord forever. Amen.

# GMTD #74 Men's May 26 - 29, 2016

Rector: Joey Terrell

# Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous, be strong. Do everything in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

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Head Gopher	Tony Rudeseal
Gopher	Koby Dean
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Chapel	Tony Kemp
Chapel	Stephen Dacus
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Kitchen	Zac LaHayne
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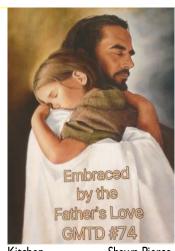
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Kitchen	Rick Martinez
Kitchen	David Peardon

### GMTD #74 Women's June 2 - 5, 2016 Rector: Patty Wilson

# No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can every separate us from God's love. Romans 8:37-38

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### **Announcements & Reminders**

**GMTD SECRETARIAT:** The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, GA

**GMTD Applications** may be downloaded at <a href="https://www.gmtd.org">www.gmtd.org</a>. Please mail to:

GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple Mike & Carol Hall 248 Long Mountain Trail Cleveland, GA 30528

When sending, please include \$10.00 application fee. Please call Mike at 770 -876-4059 with any questions.

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES (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, 80 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in

their Sunday bags.

**Kitchen Palanca** – 125 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 PESCA-DORE'S PROGRESS or To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name, address, phone number and weekend attended by going to <a href="https://www.gmtd.org">www.gmtd.org</a> and sending a message under **NEWSLETTER**.

**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 num-

ber or e-mail has changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Anthony Franklin at:

 $\underline{www.gmtd.org/PescadoreUpdateForm}.$ 

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

REMINDERS FROM THE SEC-RETARIAT: 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 send-off, closing, serenade, or secuelas. 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.

#### **GMTD** Secretariat Members

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	James Maynard	
Weekend	Trey & Kenia Smith	706-555-9999

Find e-mail contact info at www.gmtd.org

#### Vida Nueva

Vida Nueva is a weekend retreat for young men and women ages 15-20. Vida Nueva is Spanish for "New Life" and like the Tres Dias, VN weekends are intended as an encounter with Jesus Christ. The weekends are similar to the structure of a Tres Dias weekend with certain changes to make it more rele-

vant for teens. VN weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. The cost to sponsor someone on a VN weekend is \$80.

If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site <a href="https://www.gmvn.net">www.gmvn.net</a>.

A group of teens who have made a Vida Nueva weekend recently put together a video to tell what VN has meant to them.

The video can be found at <a href="www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DNV99f2Hko">w=8DNV99f2Hko</a>. Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next set of weekends are Nov. 3 - 5, 2016 for the Young