

Pescadores Progress



Anticipation

By Eileen Payne, Palanca Couple

2020 has been an extraordinary year, wouldn't you agree? It has certainly been a year of the great unknown.

What were you anticipating this year? I recall starting the year saying, 2020 vision, as if we knew all that was going to be in store for us this year!

We all started the new year with great anticipation, one month led to the next and all heck broke loose in the form of a novel virus in March, known as COVID - 19! This virus quickly shut down everything we've come to know and enjoy, and in an instant all life as we knew it changed!

Definition of: anticipation: a: a prior action that takes into account or forestalls a later action b: the act of looking forward especially : pleasurable expectation

We all anticipate something, whether it is good or bad. We can be waiting in anticipation to celebrate a special occasion, or we can anticipate the dreaded phone call of a loved one passing, or a diagnosis we didn't want to hear. We anticipate planting seeds, and having a harvest in October.

This year we un-expectantly lost my mother in law in February and then anticipated and celebrated the joyful birth of our first granddaughter in April amidst COVID 19. I had also been joyfully anticipating meeting with the

team of GMTD 86 and looking forward to the joys of a completed weekend in June. When everything was closed down, I became very confused and I started to question the call, vision and direction God had given me.... GMTD 86 was scheduled for June 4-7 and was quickly pushed out to September, then canceled for 2020. Who knows what the future holds, if gatherings will ever be allowed again? Perhaps the next great gathering is of believers!!

I was reminded of a scripture Proverbs 19:21, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

While we were banned from meeting I had to patiently wait in great anticipation and continue to dig into his word for continued strength, motivation and trust. God was up to some pretty amazing things! He spoke to me through words and it made me dig deeper and seek the meaning, which brought greater clarity and peace. We are never to stop, just because the world stops around us. WE still have a mission.

God was using this time to shake the world, to wake those that had fallen asleep, to draw people back to himself and to open the eyes of the blind. I was to be still, but I was not to remain silent! Although the vision he had given me was for GMTD 86, I have used it in many instances to direct the lost to seek God. God may give us something for a particular purpose, but his word is always in season and never returns void! I was reminded to keep planting seeds of truth.

October 2020

GMTD #86 Men's:
April 15-18, 2021

Rector: Glen Nix
Send-off:
Thurs., April 15th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., April 17th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., April 18th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #86 Women's:
April 22-25, 2021

Rector: Eileen Payne

Send-off:
Thurs., April 22nd • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., April 24th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., April 25th • 5:00 p.m.

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In the waiting I came across this song and it resonated with me.

There was Jesus by Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

Lyrics:

Every time I tried to make it on my own

Everytime I tried to stand and start to fall

And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on

There was Jesus...

When the life I built came crashing to the ground

When the friends I had were nowhere to be found

I couldn't see it then, but I can see it now

There was Jesus

In the waiting, in the searching

In the healing and the hurting

Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces

Every minute, every moment

Where I've been and where I'm going

Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it

There was Jesus.....

Every time this song plays I am brought to tears.

In the waiting, in the searching

In the healing and the hurting

Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces... there was Jesus!

This line brought me to my knees.

I had been anticipating this GMTD 86 weekend and I had to lay it down. It felt like broken pieces...scattered all over my house.

I had to say in your time Lord, not mine! I had to keep planting seeds of truth, the buried blessings! I know his promises are a beautiful and bountiful garden. I will continue to anticipate something beautiful from the team of GMTD #86, if and when the time comes. I know the searching many on the team are going through and it is beautiful.

In the chaos of 2020, so many anticipated events didn't

come to fruition. Yet we continue on in our callings doing the will of God until he calls us to complete the task or calls us home. In any event we win. I've seen sisters in the Lord make radical changes and have drawn ever closer to our savior. This is a part of the vision I had anticipated. A beautiful harvest of souls saved and redeemed. God opened doors for me to minister to women one on one. I waited eagerly praying and continued planting seeds, until I saw the miraculous change in many.

As the events of 2020 continued, Believers were reminded of God's promises and searched to see if these signs were prophetic. Were his promises aligning with the happenings of this day and age?

I saw many with eager anticipation looking at the calendars and comparing Jewish feasts with the sign of the times!

Yet I was reminded of Matthew 24:6, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."

I anticipate the Coming of Jesus, although we do not know the day or hour, we still eagerly, yet patiently wait and prepare. The coming of the next GMTD weekend, or any event is no different, we are called to prepare and wait.

We don't have all the answers to anticipate eternity in heaven either. Just like a gardener knows plants come from seeds, we know eternal life will come for those who put their faith in Jesus. So, we look forward to heaven with the same anticipation of a gardener waiting for an unknown seed to grow. Instead of staring at the seed trying to figure out what the plant will look like, he cares for it daily, trusting and waiting to see the end result.

In the same way we nurture our faith by spending time with Jesus, going to church, and growing in our understanding of the scriptures. As we get to know the character of God and apply His truths, it's easier to trust Him with everything, even the unknown, even in the waiting, in the searching, In the healing and the hurting.

There was Jesus.

De Colores.

Essentials Zoom Meeting Scheduled!

Our International TD liaison has set a date for our essentials training as a Zoom meeting. He asked for the Secretariat and the Heads for the next set of weekends to attend-the community is also invited. It will take place on Oct 22nd at 6:30. This is on a Thursday evening. The link will be sent out at a later date. If you'd like the link, so you may join in,, please send an e-mail to Kim Echols at kimechols01@gmail.com. De Colores!

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 6th at 7 p.m. The meeting's location is Assembly of God in Dahlonge.

Be a SPONSOR!!!

Sponsoring a candidate is easy. Visit the web-site gmtd.org, click on the application tab, and click Online Application. Fill out the application and submit. It's that easy! If you can't do an online application, you can also download an application to print using the same links from gmtd.org. after you fill out the application, you can scan it or take a picture of it and email to gmtdapps@gmail.com. And, if all else fails, you can put the application in an envelope and mail USPS to:

Stephen and Beth Dacus
ATTN: GMTD
8340 Waldrup Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

Please call Stephen at 678-469-1035 or email at gmtdapps@gmail.com with any questions.

GMTD weekend fee is **\$130** per person.

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 and 81 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.

PESCADORE'S PROGRESS

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, address and weekend attended to:

Kim Echols
95 Crystal Creek Way
Jasper, GA 30143

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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 Manager, Greg Purcell at gregpurcell@gmail.com

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 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 send-off, closing, serenade, or secuelas. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

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

Georgia Mountains 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 relevant for teens. VN weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. The cost to sponsor someone on a VN weekend is \$100 and is \$100 for team members. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gmvm.net. 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 www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DNV99f2Hko. Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The next set of weekends are to be determined.

