

Te Cuento...

...The Story Inside

I magine that
 suppose my leadership doesn't make much sense, unless you can imagine what I can imagine. I mean, I "get" that the Overflow Conference, and the 15 months of implementation following it, must seem totally absurd if a person doesn't see what I see. In fact, if I couldn't imagine what I imagine, not even I'd be following me (not sure that made sense!).

If I put myself in the place of a pastor who just expects his or her church to continue as it has been, I recognize that the Overflow Conference must be a tremendous nuisance. Or I try to think like people who have given up on reaching their community with Jesus, and I understand that "*Creating a Culture of RKE*" must seem like a gimmick.

But then I imagine...

...believers who tumble out of the church doors, convinced that they have wellness and goodness to freely pour into empty lives;

...us learning to talk about Jesus as more than our sin-forgiver, but also as our anxiety-slayer, and our honor-restorer; that He wants us to prosper and thrive, to love and be loved;

...clusters of good church folk forgetting to serve each other because they're so engaged serving others;

...lay people coming to full-flame as the Spirit does amazing miracles through their steps of faith;

For those who can imagine what God desires among us, isn't it beautiful?

To live a "Small Story"
 please fill in the following blanks:

Date of birth-
 Date of death-
 Survived by-

To live "THE Story"
 please fill in the following blanks:

Date you sacrificed your future for others-

Number of times reproduced yourself (30 times? 60 times? 100 times?)-

LIVE THE STORY...

TELL THE STORY

Orlando, April 22-24, 2010

La Lucha Sobre Inmigración

Como ustedes bien saben, una de las polémicas aquí en los EEUU es la cuestión sobre inmigración...especialmente el no-documentado. Para muchos ciudadanos (tanto anglos como latinos) les entra una rabia cuando piensan en los 12 millones de inmigrantes que están en los EEUU sin permiso.

La postura de la IML es la de la National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) y consiste en que:

- Debe haber la forma legal de entrar el país para llenar los muchos trabajos que hacen los no-documentados. De hecho la gran mayoría de los no-documentados quisieran tener documentos, pero no hay una forma legal de entrar el país para ellos. (Muchos recordamos el programa Bracero que funcionó en esa forma por muchos años).
- Debe haber la forma de legalizar el estatus de los que ya están aquí, ya que ellos entraron al país para trabajar por nosotros. La palabra "amnistía" es una palabra que ningún político quiere mencionar, pero de hecho tendrá que haber un camino hacia la regularización de su estatus.
- El deber de las iglesias es de ministrar a las personas, no de vigilar a que se obedezcan las leyes. Dios nos ha traído a nuestras puertas todo un campo misionero de todo el mundo...nuestra responsabilidad es ministrarlos.



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Why a Fuse has a Firecracker

The guy who invented firecrackers originally just invented the fuse. He showed it to his wife, lit it and they watched it go “fzzzzz” until it got to the end of the fuse where it fizzled. His wife agreed, “it’s really cool,” but was like, “what if, at the very end, it did something?”

So he tried a bunch of stuff: He tried making it open a can of soda; he tried hooking it up to the garage door opener (thinking he could light an 8-hour fuse in the morning and the door would be open for him when he returned from work); he tried making it walk the dog but it only made the dog nervous. Finally, Eureka! He packed some gunpowder in a small package that said “M-80” and, you know the rest of the story.

The church, my friend, is a firecracker, not a fuse. A lot of times she goes, “fzzzzz,” but sometimes she’s gotta go “bang.”

David Roller’s 2009/2010 Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Haiti superintendents’ team
- 4-8 Paraguay Annual Conference
- 9-10 Asbury Seminary board
- 11-14 Chile Annual Conference
- 15-22 Superintendents’ (East) retreat
- 25-30 Nikkei (Brazil) Annual Conference

DECEMBER

- 5-12 Board of Bishops’ retreat
- 15-18 National Leadership Team in England
- 23-31 Vacation

JANUARY

- 6-10 Haiti Annual Conference
- 11-13 Gathering for Strategic Ministries (FL)
- 13-16 Large Church Pastors’ Event (FL)
- 17 Holiday FL FMC
- 18-19 Eastern Superintendents’ Meeting (FL)
- 23 General Conf Steering Com. (NY)

Register for Overflow

Conference at:

www.overflowconference.net

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 But don’t despair, Early-Bird prices end
 Jan 31, 2010**

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