

Te Cuento...

...The Story Inside

15...14...13...12...11...10

Months left

Our grand effort of synchronized simple steps is going great. The connecting web site (www.livethestorytellthestory.com) has 325 members, and; I've received 235 different 2-Sentence Statements of Intention of how different ones intend to **Create Reproducing Groups started by Lay-believers that Include Non-believers.**

Let me remind us why we're doing this:

Every person looks like God to us (they're in His image)
Yet, most live lives of pain and hopelessness in spite of the available gift of Jesus to resolve the damage and renew them.
Meanwhile, the body of Christ is mainly occupied with ourselves, Led by the professionals, like me,
Who, at very best, hope for 4% growth.
Too slow, too few, too much about us.

The break-through comes when we release lay-believers into the nooks and crannies of their worlds, encouraging a gazillion ministry experiments in 10,000 living rooms among the lovely wounded. The synchronized simple steps are a way to do this.

Only 10 months left. Let's throw ourselves into this and keep reporting out what God does.

Simple Synchronized Steps
April 24 -1 Covenant CHECK.
July 22 – 2 Sentence Statement of Intention. CHECK.
September 22-3 Training of group starters
10-10-10 -New groups started
Jan 22, 2011 - 2nd generation groups started
April 22, 2011 – Celebrate what God is doing!
July 13-17, 2011 General Conference- Celebrate what God has done!

Mucho andado, mucho que caminar

Al dorso de esta página relato que la semana pasada fuimos a New York City para conocer un poco de la realidad, desafíos y oportunidades. La visita me hizo recordar que la iglesia anglo-americana va a tener dificultades en alcanzar las grandes ciudades. La iglesia hispana tiene mas facilidades por tres razones:

1-Porque los mas-alcanzables en las ciudades son los inmigrantes (1,5 millones de los 8,4 millones de Nueva York nacieron en América Latina).

2-Porque las iglesia hispanas ya están embutidas en las ciudades mientras las iglesias anglo-americanas habitan principalmente los suburbios, pequeñas ciudades y aldeas.

3-Porque las iglesias hispanas no tienen mucha plata. El dinero le lleva a confiar en sus propios recursos. Al contrario, cuando no tenemos nada en el bolsillo nos lleva a confiar netamente en el Señor.

Así que vamos a tener que trazar el camino e ir abriendo brecha. Lo haremos a costo de mucho sacrificio. Ya hemos empezado bien. Hay mucho todavía que hacer.



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Nibbling on the Apple

I spent last week-end in New York City. On purpose. My neighbors here in Baltimore all wrinkled up their noses. *“Why would anyone go to NYC? All those people...”*

Exactly. That’s why. All those people. I’ve been talking about a concerted effort of the FMC to offer God’s healing to the 8,400,000 people of New York City. But I needed to see the faces of the pastors and walk the streets, to ride the subway and buses, to get a feel for the neighborhoods.

Did you know that NYC, unlike many older cities, continues to grow?
 Did you know that NYC has about 3,000,000 foreign-born residents?
 Did you know that there are FMC churches in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx?

Here’s the cool thing about city ministry, that makes it less daunting. Nobody lives in the whole city. Instead, people live and work in small slices of the larger whole. People go to 1-2 places to buy groceries, drive certain routes, take certain subway trains. So we don’t have to plan to swallow the whole watermelon (or big apple, in this case), we just have to take one bite at a time. Really, it’s more like eating a bag of sesame seeds than eating a watermelon, or even nibbling on an apple.

David Roller’s 2010 Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- ...3 Leadership retreat (England)
- 11 Leadership meeting (Ohio)
- 12 Edgewood FMC (Rochester, NY)
- 13 EAST superintendents (Indy)
- 14 Ministerial Credentialing (Indy)
- 15-17 Starting Strong (Indy)
- 22 Web connecting for Small Groups
- 24-25 Pastor/Spouse retreat (Genesis)
- 26 Re-launch of Heart & Soul (Rochester, NY)

OCTOBER

- 2-3 AL/GA Gathering (Columbus, GA)
- 4-6 Overseer Team (Columbus, GA)
- 7-8 Catalyst Conference (Atlanta, GA)
- 11-13 Board of Bishops (Indy)
- 14-16 Board of Administration (Indy)
- 22-24 Mini Rip-Fest (St. Pete., FL)
- 27 Rancho Betania Board of Directors
- 29-30 Mid-America Gathering (Stillwater, OK)

NOVEMBER

- 1 EAST Superintendents (video conference)
- 4-7 Paraguay Annual Conference
- 8-10 Asbury Seminary Board (Wilmore, KY)
- 12-14 Pearce Missions Conf (N. Chili, NY)
- 16-17 Haiti-organizing for Prov. Gen. Conf.
- 18-21 Chile Annual Conference
- 26-29 Nikkei Annual Conference (Brazil)



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