

In 1970, revival poured out at Asbury College and helped to launch the Jesus Movement, also historically known as the Jesus Revolution. It spread across the country as God did a mighty work at other colleges and in numerous places. Interesting enough, the movie “Jesus Revolution” has just been released. Here is the film’s description. “In the 1970s, Greg Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation. Inadvertently, Laurie meets a charismatic street preacher and a pastor who open the doors to a church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history.” Certainly there are people attempting to redefine truth in our day.

Each historical revival has its own unique emphasis and target people groups. In the 1970s, there were a number of young people searching for themselves. (The only way you truly find yourself is through Jesus.) Drugs were prevalently coming on the scene. Hippies and communes were common. There was social unrest and protests. Gals were burning their bras and guys were burning their draft cards. Civil rights, the Viet Nam War and government control were issues. It followed the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr.’s in April of 1968 and Senator Bobby Kennedy’s, two months later. People lost faith in the government. Especially young people questioned its integrity, the American social system and even church culture. There was rebellion against the status quo and yet a sincere search for authentic reality. Into this political, social and spiritual quagmire, the Holy Spirit poured out especially on young people. It impacted a generation. Thousands of young people came to faith in Christ. Many were called in the full-time Christian service. My wife Connie and I were two, and there are others in GCI. They became a voice of change. It transformed much of church culture. It challenged and demanded that entrenched religious systems become more spiritually open, more relational and more authentic. It gave birth to new ministry groups like the Vineyard and Calvary Chapel. It brought renewal to denominations who could receive the Holy Spirit’s work. It brought social changes. Bridges were built across divides in our nation.

Having personally lived through that time, being impacted by it and seeing all that God did, I’m tremendously excited about what God is doing now. I see our current political, social and church culture being very similar to that time. I think it’s significant that God’s beginning revival fire lit up Asbury College (again) and has ignited other universities. Many of us have prayed over recent years for revival (Remember “The Return”), for another Great Awakening. Many of us have been wearied by the spiritual decline in the United States. There has been increased violence (horrific events on school campuses), injustice and immorality. Much of the Church has compromised the Word of God. It is no wonder that the emerging generation is so disillusioned. Mental health issues abound. Gender confusion is epidemic and the counsel of valueless professionals and some educators is totally destructive. Suicide levels among our youth are at all time highs. One Asbury College student recently said, “Our generation is filled with hopelessness and is spiritually hard.” It is a generation that has been set adrift by the Church’s jellied backbone and our nation’s corrupted tolerance. But God has not forgotten them! Hab. 1:2-5 is a timely description with present application.

Habakkuk’s Prayer: “How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

Lord’s Answer: “Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.”

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Called Out for Jesus!



*Left: Amalia Urcia and Marie Eddy with members of the Yahua tribe-Iquitos, Peru.
 Right: Pastors Amalia and Pedro with daughter Frida as she declared her calling as a missionary.*



Our GCI team went to Iquitos, Peru to serve at our GCI-Peru Ministry Conference 2023 led by Pastor Pedro and Amalia Urcia. The team consisted of Bill and Marie Eddy (Missionaries-Spain), Walter Vega (Ministry Director-Paraguay), Geony Rucker (Director of Value Unconditional-Kansas City, MO) and Dallas Elder. Antonio and Graciela Chavez (Missionaries-Nepal) also joined us for a couple days. They were back home in Paraguay during the time, renewing their passports before returning to the Nepal. We were also joined by pastors and church leaders from 18 GCI-Peru churches from across the nation. The theme of the conference was from Ezekiel 37:14 “I will put my Spirit in you and you will live.”

Holy Spirit stressed secondary themes as well. Surrender to the sacred call of God was underscored. Ministers, examined themselves and reordered priorities as the Spirit directed. Many young people stepped forward and offered themselves for full-time Christian service. There was a call to make sacrifices for the Kingdom. There was also the redeeming of the call of God for some who believed their life-experiences had disqualified them to serve. It was an honor to pray for these precious souls, see God lift them up and position them for their future ministry. Pedro and Amalia prophesied life into these servants of God. They offered excellent hospitality and impeccable attention to detail in an atmosphere full of God’s love.

GCI-Peru Conference 2023



Pictured above, from right to left, are the new ministers joining GCI-Peru representing four new churches, Pastors Oscar and Julilisa, (Pedro and Amlia's new Associate Pastors). On the far left are Pedro and Amlia's daughters, Frida and Perla who have answered their call into ministry. Frida recently completed her ministry training in Brazil and is sensing a missionary calling. Perla just completed her ministry training in Lima and senses a calling into pastoral ministry. VisionVestors (Our ministry "Meeting practical needs in the love of Christ") made it a project to help investment in this emerging generation of ministry leaders. Currently, these young ladies are prayerfully considering their next steps and their ultimate placement in serving with our GCI ministry family. There are a number of young leaders offering themselves to serve Jesus in GCI-Peru.



Pastor Pedro prophesied encouragement to GCI Missionaries to Nepal, Antonio and Graciela Chavez. Graciela brought a strong teaching at the conference which was well received. Not unusual during a significant Kingdom event, there was spiritual warfare to battle through. Following this tender time of ministry for the Chavezes, on the morning of the following day, Antonio awoke with lack of mobility in his arms and unable to speak. He was taken to the hospital and examined. He was released and able to fly back to Paraguay for further examination. It appears that he had a mild stroke though the cause has been inconclusive. He continues to recover from his symptoms, getting a little better each day.

Please pray for Antonio's continued recovery. Pray for Graciela and Antonio's peace, strength and guidance as they return to Nepal on February 25 to reengage their work there.

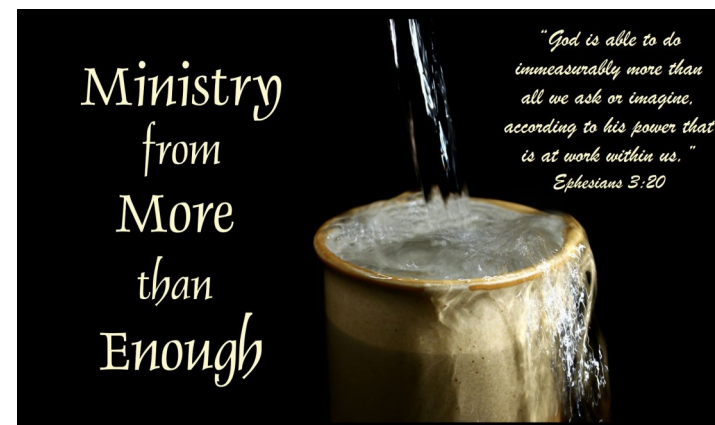


We rejoice in this wonderful team of leaders, that represent pastors from different cities in Peru. They are faithful to serve in their settings and are a committed part of our GCI-Peru ministry family. They received much encouragement and refreshment at the conference. Many of them brought solid and strong teachings in their assigned sessions. They, like most pastors, had to endure the battle with Covid, the economy and the effects on their congregations. By the help of God and spiritual family connection, they are getting new traction and moving forward for Jesus. The conference brought a surge of new strength in the Holy Spirit.

Geony Rucker, "Gigi" as she was called at the conference, brought her message in Spanish. She prayed for and encouraged many. The Lord spoke deeply and directly to her through a prophesy from Pedro. She is pictured receiving that word with the support of Amalia. Geony is the Director of Value Unconditional which serves trafficked and traumatized individuals in the Kansas City area. God is elevating "Gigi" to a higher level of Kingdom work.



Following our powerful Saturday evening service, this pastoral couple came outside the church to find their moto-kart had been stolen. They stood in disbelief and began to cry. Their "taxi" served as their income source. (another attack) One of our team members saw their reaction and within a few days, replaced their moto-kart. Pictured is the new one. **God is good!**



Make your plans now to attend our GCI Ministry Conference 2023 at the Christ Chapel Campus in Platte City, MO. The conference begins on Tuesday March 7 at 7pm and concludes at noon on Friday, March 10. There will be worship, preaching and teaching sessions and fellowship activities. It is a gathering of our ministry family and honored guests interested in our network. Everyone is welcome. Check out our conference schedule and other details at www.GraCov.com. There is no cost for the conference.

Victory Over the Darkness!

The power of the Gospel continues to be displayed in Togo. In our December newsletter, I (Dallas Elder) shared of my trip there last October, testimonies of the works of God and two villages which came to Christ. Pastor Sonte continues to bring Jesus to new villages. In January, a woman who lives near Sonte, asked him to go and pray for her husband. Her husband travels and works in his family's village about 200 miles away. The village is steeped in witchcraft and devil worship. Each year a person is sacrificed "to win the favor" of the spirits. This year, the obligation of the sacrifice fell on the husband's family and he was chosen as the sacrifice. The "curse of death" was declared on him and he became ill. Sonte travelled to the village and prayed for the man. He was healed in Jesus' Name. The witchdoctor saw the power of God and believed in Jesus Christ. So did many of the villagers. We helped in this Gospel effort by supplying Bibles to the new believers. The saved witchdoctor is the man receiving the Bible from Pastor Sonte. Other new believers proudly hold up Word of God as well.



Flying Sparks of Revival

By Dallas Elder

If you haven't heard, revival has been set ablaze. Its embers are being blown in the "Wind" and igniting Holy fires in other places. On Wednesday, February 8th, at the morning chapel service at Asbury University-Wilmore, KY, a young man stood up to confess his flaws. The Holy Spirit poured out in AU's Hughes Auditorium. As the Presence of the Lord intensified, worship continued, confession and prayers flowed. It went non-stop 24 hours a day for several days. The event was reported on national news. Both CNN and Fox News had reports. Postings on Tic Tok netted 70 million views. People from across the nation and around the world started flooding the town of Wilmore. Visitors to the town was double the normal population of 6,000. State Troopers stood at the highway entrance to the town, to turn away people because the town could hold no more people.

Tucker Carlson of Fox News did an interesting interview with Student Body President Alison Perfater. She said the scripture that Lord had given them for what was happening was Habakkuk 1:5. **"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."** They keep quoting the verse to each other. Alison said, what the Lord is doing is truly amazing. Furthermore she said, "There is a young army of believers who are rising up to claim Christianity as their own faith and for their generation. People can't get enough."

Revival has been breaking out on other campuses: Cedarville University-Ohio, Samford University-Birmingham, AL, Lee University-Cleveland, TN, and Belmont University-Nashville, TN according to The Washington Post. Students are praying, confessing their sins, worshipping and gathering through the night.

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