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## ONE BUSY SUMMER

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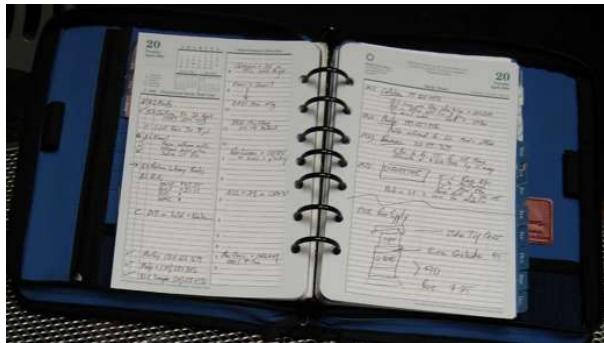
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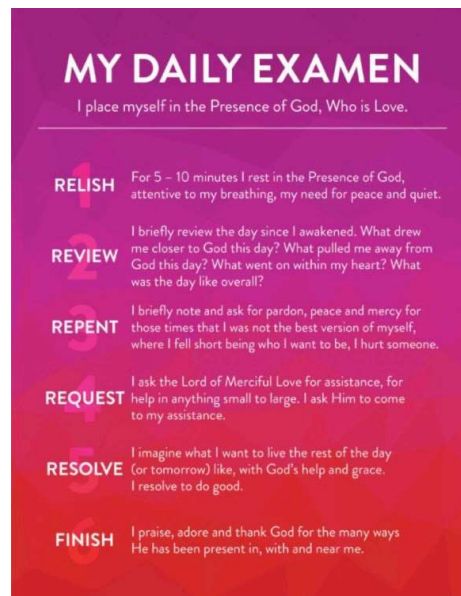
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As we approach the 21 of September (first day of Autumn in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of Spring for us in the Southern Hemisphere) we probably all look back and ask ourselves....where did these months go?



Between our digital (or paper, in our case) Day Timers and our google photo storage...we can kind of piece together where those months actually did go.

But, I know the question is deeper than that! What actually did I do? And did it matter?



This week we have been at the field forum for our Uruguay team talking about the importance of examen. We want to know if our lives/work matter and when we feel like they don't, or they aren't how we thought it would turn out, we begin to question God. In the questioning, we stop and see that God was there all the time, even in the hard times. And through those times, He purifies our desires and ideas so we can see what He is doing in us and in the world. Ignatius of Loyola called this The Examen.

In a similar way, in these past 6 months, we have conducted two Strategic Reviews; one in Cuba and one in Paraguay. We look back and see what God has done in the past 5 years and praise Him for that! We look at what God is currently doing. And we look ahead to what He wants to do in the next 5 years.

The rhythm of “examen” should apply to all we do as we reflect and ask ourselves each day: What pulled us closer to God? What pulled us away? What went on within our hearts?

**So, what did we actually do these past months and where did we see God?**

In our last update we shared with you the vision and values for our organization.

**Vision** The Gospel For Every Person- A Church For Every People

**5 Values** Proclaim-Persevere-Plant-Prepare-Partnership

We would like to share with you how in prayer and partnership with you and with the empowering of the Holy Spirit, we have lived this out these past months.

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WE PROCLAIM...

We communicate the gospel verbally in local languages.

1. Sharing The Story of God through Biblical Narration to Mexican believers so that these powerful stories can transform their lives and they in turn can share these with those in a very vulnerable area of Mexico.
2. Connecting with our friends and community in Uruguay (our home!). We truly have enjoyed the many years of their friendship and long that each would one day come to know Jesus in a personal way.
3. Loving in Word and Deed those marginalized in society, like the man who has been guarding cars for years outside our boy's basketball club.




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## WE PERSEVERE...

We stay as long as it takes to accomplish our mission

1. We know that it takes asking ourselves, "where are those unreached, uncontacted tribes in places like Brazil, who have still not heard?" We met with Brazilian brothers to begin to prayer and ask God to show us His next steps.
2. We know that it will take all of us to get the job done. COMIBAM is the "Lausanne" of Latin America, looking at unreached pockets of people still in LA and beyond.
3. We know that in order to persevere, we need to take care of our international workers. Field Forum in Uruguay was a great time of refreshment and we look forward to those in Paraguay and Mexico in the coming year.
4. We know that in order for families to be well, their children need to be well. Melanie continues to serve as a TCK (Third Culture Kid) Advocate. The booth she hosted at our general Council likened TCKs to clay pots that the Potter forms in specific and unique ways.



## WE PLANT...

We raise up networks of healthy reproducing churches

1. Whether it's a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a brand new church building in Mexico or
2. A house church in Paraguay...

We know that The Church is the Bride of Christ.



## WE PREPARE...

We discover, disciple and deploy local leaders.



1. We were so thankful to see the great excitement and commitment of the Latin American leadership in encouraging those who are called and preparing for overseas ministries to attend "Samuel House" in Ciudad Del Este, Paraguay.
2. There are so many opportunities to walk alongside people from majority religion groups as workers prepare for cross-cultural work.
3. We were glad we could be present to receive 3 new families (with their 7 children and one on the way!) to this city to develop the work there. Pray for their transition to new schools, communities, the work, and for the safe arrival of the new baby in November!
4. The following week we participated in a Strategic Review for Paraguay looking at Affirmations, Milestones, Hindrances, Opportunities and Actions Steps.




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WE PARTNER...

We depend on each other in mutually submissive relationships to accomplish our mission

1. We realize we need each other! We led a team of multicultural pastors from the NW part of the USA in a vision trip to Panama and Peru. It was beautiful to see these folks, who had never met

before but who shared common culture and language, come together and share testimonies about what the Lord had done in their lives.

2. Every two years, our organization has its General Council. We depend so much on our leadership, churches and partners in the USA for prayer and support and are so thankful that our new president, Jonathan Schaeffer will continue to lead the Christian and Missionary Alliance to see the least reached have access to the Gospel of Christ.
3. **We Partner with you!** We know that without your prayers and financial giving we could not be serving in this way. And we are so grateful! But we are currently experiencing a deficit in our personal support as our organization switches its method of funding. We are asking if you would consider financially partnering or increasing your partnership with us! This year we are needing to raise another increment of our overall goals to get us between the 45%- 65% mark (we are currently at 32%). **We are needing to raise \$5,500 more this next year**, which is about \$450 dollars per month OR 15 dollars per day!

**Fun Fact:** that would be about 600 Uruguayan pesos! See if your kids (or grandkids!) can figure out the exchange rate and find the correct bills below!

4. If you would like to give to this need, find the links below!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTNERING WITH US!**





- *This link supports us and our ministry at 45-65% via [designated funds](#)*
- *This link supports our overall support via [undesignated funds](#) to the Great Commission Fund.*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

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AND, there is ANOTHER "P"

WE PARENT... (and grandparent!)

What a blessing it has been to be able to check in, walk alongside and just simply enjoy our adult children!

1. Timothy completed his masters as a Family Nurse Practitioner! We look forward to having him, his wife, Elizabeth and our granddaughter, Elise visit us in Uruguay in November! Elise surprises us everyday with her new words, movements and expressions! We are fearfully and wonderfully made!
2. Nathanael is (hopefully!) on the final lap of his PhD program, commuting back and forth each week to Ohio from Michigan where Kira, his wife, is in her 2nd year of residency in OB/GYN.
3. Elijah and Briar! Married August 2! A beautiful, Christ honoring and glorifying wedding with many friends and family in attendance! They are residing in Chicago, Briar as a civil engineer (graduated with her masters this past June) and Elijah as a computer programmer for Grainger.
4. Olivia just began her 4th and final year of nursing at Cedarville University. She had a wonderful experience working in an OR in Dayton, OH this past summer!





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And we can't forget about the MOST IMPORTANT "P"...

WE PRAY...

Prayers are appreciated for these next few weeks

We would ask you to pray for us these next 40 days (September 13-October 21) as we are travelling through Europe and Africa...(WAIT! That's not your region!). Here is why...

1. Leadership meetings next week in Kandern, Germany
2. Vision trip in Berlin, Germany and Manchester, England. We are asking God to show us how Latin Americans might partner with our churches and ministries in these two very multicultural cities.
3. Visiting friends and colleagues in Poland.
4. The Alliance World Fellowship Quadrennial Conference and missions meetings in the Ivory Coast.
5. Visiting ministry locations where Latin American partners are already serving in Senegal.

Thank you for your faithful prayers!

***If you would like to know more about our ministry and how you can more specifically pray for us, please write to us at:***



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