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*Taking the message of the cross to the ends of the earth... All for Jesus*

## EVANGELISM

2 Timothy 4:5

Target unreached people groups around the world

Be culturally relevant without changing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Demonstrate God's care and compassion by providing humanitarian aid for those in need

Invite people into a relationship with Christ

## BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 4:12

Promote unity and cooperation among the local Bible-believing churches

Train and equip teams of believers for the work of evangelism

Partner with local churches to make disciples of new believers

Saturate communities through city-wide festivals



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# UPCOMING TRIPS

Thailand/Myanmar ..... November 13-23, 2015  
Haiti/Dominican Republic ..... January 30 -February 8, 2016  
Lima, Peru ..... April 16 -26,2016  
Moldova ..... Spring 2016



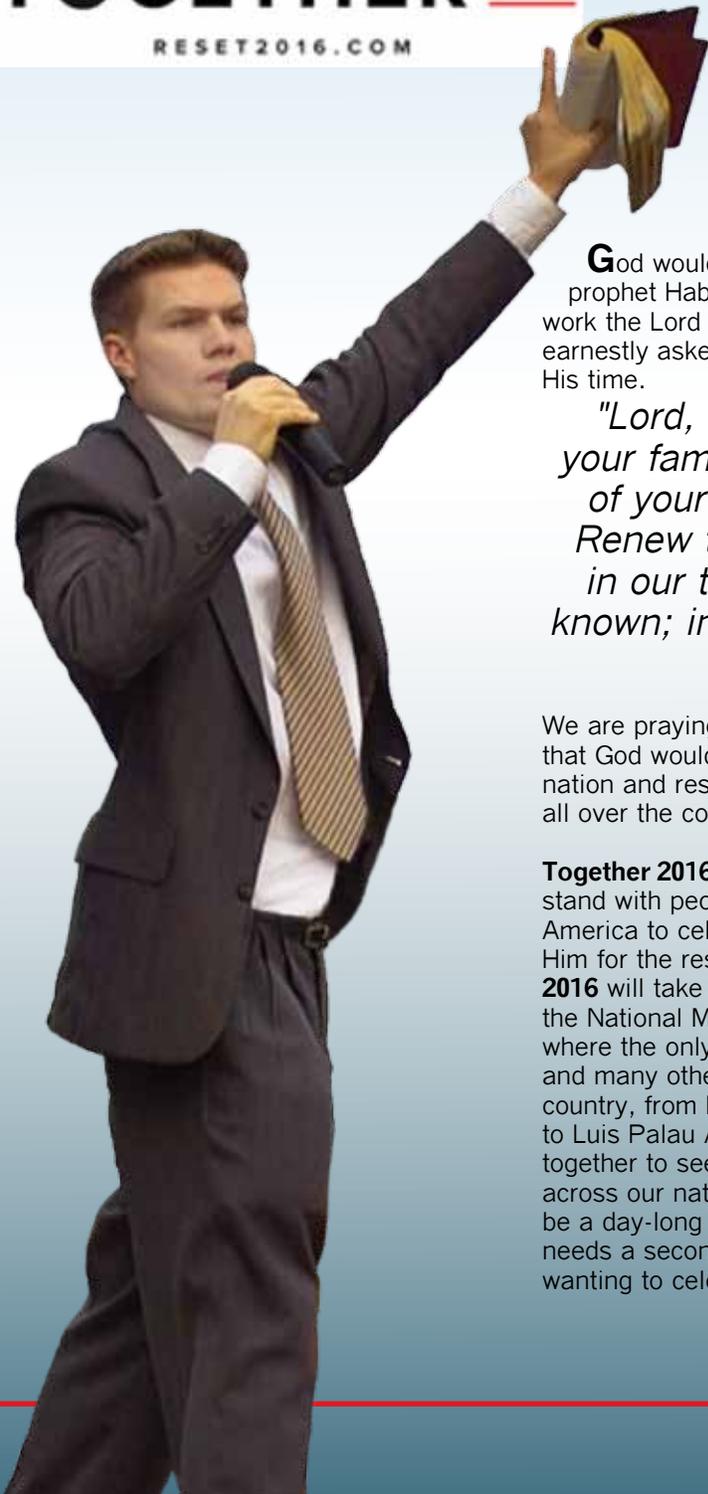
The Thailand/Myanmar team leaves November 10th with scheduled festivals in Chiang Mai, and Chiang Rai, Thailand. Security conditions in Myanmar are uncertain due to political elections during this time so plans are not completely set at this date. Pictured left to right: Brett Butcher, Kayln Blum, Alan Hopkins, Tangye Hopkins, Mike Bartlett, Andrea Larson, Rebecca Larson, Deena Golden, Tom Golden, Brandon Winer, Michael Johnson, not pictured: Laura Vogt, Reid Saunders, Ray Centanni, Dustin Orem.



Brett Butcher and Reid Saunders joined board member Brad Layland for Carefest held in St. Augustine, Florida. Plans are under way for a larger evangelistic outreach festival and celebration in September 2016.

# ALL FOR JESUS

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**G**od would you do it again! The prophet Habakkuk recalled the great work the Lord had done in the past and earnestly asked God to do it again in His time.

*"Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."*

We are praying this prayer for America, that God would move once again in this nation and reset the lives of Americans all over the country!

**Together 2016** will be an opportunity to stand with people from every corner of America to celebrate Jesus and seek Him for the reset we need. **Together 2016** will take place on July 16, 2016, at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where the only agenda is Jesus! RSA and many other ministries around the country, from Billy Graham Association to Luis Palau Association, are coming together to see another move of God across our nation. **Together 2016** will be a day-long gathering for anyone who needs a second chance, and for those wanting to celebrate their reset with oth-

ers. The day will be entirely focused on Jesus - His offer of life, hope, and a reset to anyone who would call upon Him. The day will feature music from artists such as Hillsong United and Kari Jobe, to name a few. The focal point of the day will be a live and simulcast united prayer to Jesus, which we believe will be far bigger and greater than anything in American history!

Throughout history, there have been generation-defining moments when the call of Jesus transcended business as usual. This is our time! We need Jesus! We want the world to see Jesus! When we unite together, we live out the answer to Jesus' prayer: *so that the world might believe*. We believe God is calling us to rally this generation across every line imaginable, around the hope and invitation of Jesus. We believe Jesus changes everything and that only good will happen when people seek Him.

American history has been marked by periods of catalytic cultural and spiritual change: The First and Second Great Awakenings, the Azusa Street Revival, Youth for Christ at Soldier Field, Promise Keepers Stand in the Gap, and more. These events, and others, have defined generations and shaped our history. The majority of America, including everyone 30 and younger, has never experienced this kind of national awakening. We believe the time is now! Please pray for July 16 and **Together 2016** and how you might financially support this effort as the Lord leads you. Together, we can see Jesus reset our nation and the lives of Americans all across the United States!

All for Jesus!



*... the fields are ripe for harvest. John 4:35*

# Thousands come to Christ in Cordoba,

The first night, as we were getting ready to go to the hotel restaurant for our evening meal, the September 16th Chile earthquake struck. Though we were hundreds of miles away in Argentina, the building was swaying violently and we could hear the doors banging against the walls. It lasted a whole minute and felt endless. We ran downstairs and out the door with the rest of the guests! "Maybe God needs to shake this place to get people's attention," we concluded, as we watched the startled people in Cordoba cautiously going about their business.

Cordoba is a financially affluent city of 1.3 million with several universities and a reputation for night life, parties, and is also a difficult place to do ministry. Missionary from Australia, Martin Field, has spent seven years trying to establish Bible study groups on college campuses. Seventeen of his small groups with 10 or fewer attendees were struggling for

existence. Martin arranged a student forum on one of the campuses where Reid and Seth could openly discuss topics of God, suffering, the earthquake, and deeper questions of life. A large group of college students actively probed the panel with thoughtful questions and were later invited to small group Bible studies for more information. The seeds have been planted.

Friday began with the businessmen's breakfast. Seth Buechley did a wonderful job sharing his heart and the message of salvation. It was amazing that without any pre-arrangement there was a pastor sitting at each table. About 40 businessmen were in the room, seven gave their lives to Jesus and 10 filled out the response card for someone to contact them. The pastors organizing the event were amazed by the spiritual response. They were not in the habit of sharing their faith, not wanting to offend anyone, and never imagined that there

was going to be so much interest in the Gospel. God opened their eyes and challenged them to continue reaching out to their neighbors!

After the breakfast, Reid and John Andrus appeared on live local TV, promoting the festival. In the afternoon the team went to a private Christian school. To their surprise, a majority of the 350 students were not even Christians. John performed his BMX show and shared his testimony. Reid presented the Good News and made the altar call. Nearly 200 of the students and some of the teachers gave their lives to Jesus that day!

The dentist who coordinated the businessmen's breakfast invited the team to his house for an 'azado,' which is a Argentinian BBQ with six different types of meats, salads, and ice cream. The food was awesome! While sharing their experience at the school and the im-



# Argentina

mediate need for Bibles with the dentist, he mentioned that his wife's best friend worked at the Bible Society and that she could get Bibles for a special rate. Amazingly, God had already arranged this connection and the donors that were able to deliver 200 Bibles right away to the new believers! The work of His hands and timing are perfect!

Saturday evening, Reid, John, and Ruth went to a local church for a youth rally, joining 250 college students from the five churches that were organizing the festival. The praise time was awesome! Reid spoke on friends bringing friends to Jesus. Around 10:00 p.m. they started eating the pizza. At 11:00 the youth started walking to the festival site (about 10 blocks from the church) to pray and distribute flyers, inviting people to attend the festival. John and two other local bikers did a few demo stunts at the festival site. Hundreds of curious students were gathered at the town square. The night life atmosphere in Cordoba is totally crazy! Since Reid was preaching at two services on Sunday morning, wisely he decided not to stay up any longer. One of the students texted Ruth at 2:00 a.m. to report she just got home from distributing flyers. A long night for Americans!

Monday evening, the festival site began filling with holiday-celebrating youth before the 6:30 start. The local pastors only expected 3,000 students to attend, but the crowd began to grow enthusiastically throughout the evening. Police blocked off access streets and the tightly-packed crowd in the plaza grew beyond capacity. Officials estimated the crowd at 35,000 people. Several popular Christian bands entertained the crowd before Reid spoke. **More than 7,700 students made decisions to follow Christ that night.** Praise God!

Indeed the fires of revival are being lit in the hearts of the youth of Argentina. Empty, organized religion, and dead, meaningless rules have left a generation of youth searching for deeper meaning in life. Affluence, higher education, entertainment, and endless night-life partying have not satisfied the heart of the young people.

Sometimes it takes an earthquake to shake things up!

Life Festivals is an evangelistic and humanitarian outreach, January 30 - February 8, 2016 in the cities of Ouanaminthe, Haiti, and Dejabon in the Dominican Republic. These two cities, located on the northern border of the island, are largely overlooked as most of the ongoing international attention and financial aid goes to the earthquake relief in Port-au-Prince.

A team from Reid Saunders Association, Next Generation Alliance members Andrew Palau of Luis Palau Association, John Adrus and Vic Murphy of Action Sports Outreach, will join forces with Pastor Harry Thomas of Come Alive International, Josh Brewster with Lighthouse, Bob Lenz of Life Promotions, members of Christ the Rock Church, Wisconsin, and coopera-

government red tape. Because it is more effective, we are working directly with the local churches and pastors to create long-term partnerships and build up the churches. Strong, healthy churches will provide community and be able to minister to the people long after the team has left.

Team members, by their acts of service and personal testimony, will proclaim the truth and hope found only in Jesus Christ. They will minister to physical needs through personal



tion from Compassion International to provide a sizable mission team to minister to some of the most needy people of Haiti and Dominican Republic. The eight days of ministry and logistics are being organized by Brett Butcher and Ruth Daniels of RSA, Pastor Fernando Ruiz Fleming from Dominican Republic, and several local pastors in Haiti. More than 70 people are already scheduled for this trip.

It is well known that Haiti is currently the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80% of its population living under the poverty line; and out of those, 54% live in dire poverty. Although 80% of the population professes to be Roman Catholic, nearly half of the Haitian population still practices voodoo. Since the 2010 earthquake, billions of dollars of financial aid have been collected, but little has been given to the people of Haiti. Most of the money is tied up by the courts and non-functioning

prayer, clothing distribution and provide free medical clinics. Two city-wide festivals will incorporate music concerts, theater and dramas, crafts, BMX bike demonstrations, and fun entertainment activities for the whole family. There will be outreaches to prisons, schools and churches, plus a conference for women. The price for the trip is \$2,400 per person and space is limited.

The spiritual needs are great. The financial cost of this outreach is large. The Gospel of Jesus Christ and humanitarian help we plan to deliver will bring hope to the long-suffering people in Haiti and Dominican Republic. We ask for your prayers and your financial gifts to the ministry as God leads. Contact Ruth Daniels at Reid Saunders Association for more information: 503-581-7394 or email [info@reidsaunders.org](mailto:info@reidsaunders.org).

# Life Festival planned for Lima, Peru



In preparation for the April 2016 Life Festival in Lima, Reid Saunders, son Azlan Saunders, Pastor Justin Greene of Salem Heights Church and son Brandon met with 300 enthusiastic Peruvian pastors and leaders in August.

Lima is the fourth-largest city in the Americas, and one of the most important financial centers in Latin America, Lima is also home to extreme poverty and crime. The rapid population growth in the city is a result of the migration of people from rural areas in search of better access to basic services. Low wages, high unemployment, and lack of appropriate housing have left the migrant people living in dire poverty. In the Southern outskirts of Lima, there are about one

million people living in communities that consist of small shacks and lack access to water and electricity. A team from Reid Saunders Association will also bring medical help and distribute clothing to needy communities and share the message of hope in Christ.

Pastor Andres Ceron (kneeling next to Reid, lower left photo) has been a leader in bringing the churches together. All the pastors are united in their faith and are deeply committed to praying for the upcoming festival. They expressed a genuine hunger for reaching the lost. An unexpected highlight of the trip was the opportunity to lead the Mayor's assistant to Christ in a planning meeting that the Mayor was unable to attend.

# Golf Tournament Benefits Ministry

The second annual Reid Saunders Benefit Golf Tournament, held September 11, 2015, was successful in many ways. Forty-eight friends of the ministry had an opportunity to meet personally with Reid and other members of the staff, hear about what God is doing worldwide, and experience some friendly competition around the game of golf. The tournament is a way to raise money for the general operations, share the vision for taking the message of the cross to the ends of the earth, and build lasting relationships with ministry supporters.



No one came closer than 13 feet on the seventh hole, which was designated for the \$10,000 Hole-In-One Contest, but it wasn't for lack of effort. The near-record warm day in September provided a perfect afternoon for chasing the little white ball. A winning low score of 55 was recorded by the foursome of T.J. Sullivan, Logan Martin, Christian Miller, and Ben Bryson. Wayne Withee won the

raffle prize of a two-night stay at The Surfrider Resort in Depoe Bay.

Thanks to all participants and to our generous sponsors: Salem First Baptist Church, Brian and Nina White with Paramount Real Estate, Farmers Insurance, Klopfenstein Insurance, Upward Basketball, Multiple Computer Solutions, Amborn Orthodontics, Vantage Point Financial, Moncrieff Construction, RTR Services, Rainbow West Christian Supply, Roberson Motors, Great Harvest Bread Company, Original Pancake House, Adam's Rib Smokehouse, Surfrider Resort, and Modern Building Systems. Special thanks to Pat Daniels for his promotion efforts and securing tournament sponsors. The tournament raised over \$4,000 this year.



# Overcoming Obstacles in Oaxaca

by Ruth Daniels

**D**elays, setbacks, and heavy spiritual opposition seemed to be the norm for our mission outreach to Oaxaca, Mexico in July. To begin with, half of the team was delayed for a day in Mexico City due to an overbooked flight. Contract agreements for the two-day festival in the city of Oaxaca were not honored, forcing a move to a secondary site in the neighboring city of Vicente Guerrero for one of the nights.

July 20 kicked off a delightful week of celebration with parades, traditional dance competitions, colorful costumes, street bands, theatrical presentations, native foods, craft fairs and international tourists within the city of Oaxaca. Thousands gathered for Guelaguetza, a yearly event that has been a native tradition long before the arrival of the Spanish. With so many visitors, there were numerous opportunities to share the love of God and message of salvation with the people of Oaxaca and surrounding communities.

When the team arrived at our second festival site, the Ixcotel Sports Complex, the family-friendly carnival that we anticipated was replaced with a full-on rodeo. Sixteen foot high plywood walls and metal fences surrounded the neighboring area, eliminating the possibility that anyone from the rodeo grounds might possibly venture over to our area where Reid was going to speak that night. All we could do was pray that God would bring some additional people from the rodeo who needed to hear the gospel message.

Hundreds showed up that night for our festival, but the rodeo crowd only glanced our way with curious interest. Midway through our presentation, an extra-large cowboy strolled into the back of our meeting. Nervous that he was someone from the rodeo committee who was there to shut down our sound system, we again sent up prayers of desperation. Arms crossed, he stood in the back, not making eye-contact with anyone but listening intently to Reid's message and invitation. Hesitantly, because I knew the culture, I approached the giant cowboy to ask him if he knew Jesus. A half-hearted grunt was his only response. Moving a little closer, I could smell the scent of livestock on his clothing. Again I asked if he would like to accept Jesus as his Savior. No response.

Pastor Beny extended the invitation a little longer. I felt so tiny and inadequate compared to this intimidating figure. I continued praying silently for this man. Finally a trained counselor, a man from a local church, approached our rodeo guest.

To my total surprise and joy, I learned from the counselor that this macho cowboy was re-directed by the Holy Spirit and drawn to our festival where he would see our drama team and hear the gospel message. He gave his life to Christ that night. Praise God!

This mountainous region of southern Mexico ranks as the second poorest state in which 75% of its residents live in extreme poverty, lacking basic necessities such as food, water, education, and healthcare. Our ten-person medical and dental team treated hundreds in four days of clinics and each patient was prayed for. Some even experienced the miraculous healing of their bodies as we prayed for them. We visited the men's and women's prison where we saw many giving their lives to the Lord and

rejoiced in witnessing 10 women being baptized by a local pastor. We distributed some much-needed children's garments in the poorest neighborhoods. Thank you sewing team! We witnessed several people who were obviously possessed and tormented by demons. By the power of Jesus Christ they were set free! It was a memorable week of seeing God's power on display. The obstacles we faced were thrown down one-by-one and dismantled. So many lives were changed for eternity. Nearly 1,000 people gave their lives to Christ during our week of ministry.

Recently we received word that our missionary friend and colleague, Brent Trent, (pictured with his wife Martha) was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. He is recovering from surgery and is expected to have chemo treatments. Please remember the Trents in your prayers as they deal with the stress, and many of life's choices in the coming days. The Trents have been missionaries in Oaxaca since 2010. (<http://www.cten.org/brentontrent/>).





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