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**DERYL LACKEY**  
**DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

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As always I want to express my appreciation for your support in so many ways for the Inland Empire Baptist Association. One of our joys is to be able to worship with a different church almost every Sunday and enjoy the diversity found in the body of Christ that is expressed in such a beautiful fashion. It is truly one body made up of many different members as the Apostle Paul alluded too. One of the joys in the last few weeks is seeing some amazing baptisms and testimonies of a life radically transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. As churches we do a lot of activities - outreach, teaching, meetings, and the list goes on. When you hear someone talk about their life before Christ and what their life looks like after salvation we are reminded that is the primary reason we do all that we do. A reminder that many of us need from time to time.

I would like to ask your prayerful attention to one matter. I am beginning to hear that the economy is finally taking its toll on our churches as far as increased expenses and giving is beginning to decline. We are all aware of the fact that we are living in a very uncertain and tumultuous time. One of the upsides of that is that people are more open to the gospel, one of the downsides is that financial stress is never good when it comes to family or church life. Please join me in this prayer for our churches.



**JONATHAN DE LA O**  
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS**

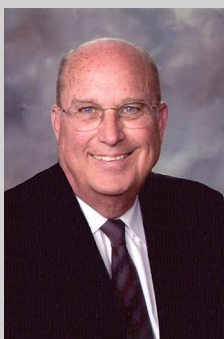
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John 20:15, He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" *Thinking he was the gardener*, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Have you ever been mistaken for someone else? Or maybe friends and family members have told you that you look or sound like a famous celebrity. It isn't uncommon for something like this to happen to us, but it has always surprised me that Mary mistook Jesus for the gardener. Maybe it was in the heat of high emotions and distress that caused Mary's confusion. Could it be that her tears momentarily disrupted her vision and the most logical answer was that it had to be the gardener instead of the risen Lord? I wonder, what did the typical ancient near eastern, Greco-Roman gardener look like. If it was anything like today we would see a common, blue-collar, humble human being. Jesus in His new-found yet elevated glory and status looked approachable, he appeared to be a common man to Mary.

Let's dive in a little deeper, why a gardener? What could possibly be the spiritual significance in this? Well for one it echoes the life and responsibility of Adam. You see pre-fall Adam's responsibility was to tend to the Garden of Eden, scripture says in Genesis 2:15 that "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden *to work it and take care of it*". A responsibility similar to that of a gardener. Many of us know that through Jesus' sacrificial act and resurrection He became the new Adam. The first "gardener" was kicked out and the second brought us back.

Secondly, Jesus describes God the Father as a gardener. John 15:1-2 says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the *gardener*. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." What a beautiful image and connection. Jesus resembles that only man in the person Adam but God Himself, a common theme that we read throughout the pages of Scripture. Jesus is fully human and fully divine at the same time. Praying that this part of the Easter story brings you peace and joy.



**BRUCE HITCHCOCK**  
**CHURCH GROWTH STRATEGIST**

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**JESUS: THE HUMAN SACRIFICE PREDICATED**

And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together (Genesis 22:8). He considered that God was able even to raise Him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, He did receive Him back (Hebrews 11:19, ESV). Abraham displayed his great faith in God. God had commanded Isaac's father to sacrifice his only son. The son he and Sarah waited for until they were old, the child who represented a miracle from the Creator. The boy promised by God would, in Abraham's line, produce the savior, Messiah, for the past and future centuries of worshipers. The combination of these two scriptures means that Abraham understood God could raise the living from the dead. Based on his faith, he built a sacrificial pyre for His assurance provided him with the courage to raise the knife to kill his offspring.



## JUAN SANTOS

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Durante los últimos meses nuestras comunidades hispanas han estado experimentando desafíos. Pero en medio de esos desafíos Dios ha estado usando las iglesias hispanas que siguen sirviendo a nuestras comunidades dando apoyo espiritual, emocional y físico. Esto es un claro mensaje: el evangelio sirve para ayudar y apoyar a la gente en sus necesidades.

Quiero animar a nuestras iglesias hispanas a seguir adelante haciendo una diferencia en este tiempo. Trabajemos juntos, no olvidando que nuestro llamado es proclamar y compartir las buenas nuevas con las personas. Así que ¡Ánimo, no nos demos por vencidos! No estamos solos, Dios está cuidando a su iglesia. Gálatas 6:9-No nos cansemos de hacer el bien, porque a su debido tiempo cosecharemos si no nos damos por vencidos. Agradezco a la asociación de Inland Empire el apoyo a las congregaciones y fundación Bautista por el apoyo que da a los pastores.

#### Próximo evento:

**Desayuno con pastor el 18 de abril en la iglesia Bautista Betel. 300 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Redlands, Ca 92374 con nuestro amigo pastor Gilbert Belchor. (9am-11am).**



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que?  
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cuando?  
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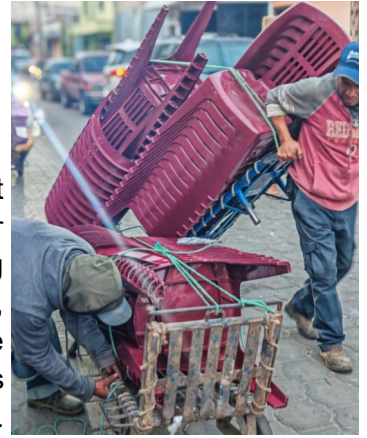
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## Missions in Latin America

*Pastor Santos Gonzalez and [cuervoministries.com](http://cuervoministries.com), Hope in the Valley Church in Hemet.*

We have the privilege of working alongside pastors in Latin America, helping to plant churches and encouraging the development of programs that foster the growth of their congregations. We are currently serving in the following countries: the USA, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Cuba, and Colombia. Since 2006 we have planted 21 churches, and have been in prayer discussions with the Lord to open doors of opportunity for Venezuela. Our prayer is that God will provide the resources we need to extend His Kingdom. A million thanks to everyone who prays for us and offers support in various ways - especially to IESBA. May God bless you abundantly.



## The Baptist Foundation hosted an MLB Opening Day lunch for Gateway Seminary



## Be the Message Church in San Bernardino celebrated three baptisms!



## IESBA Spanish Pastor and Leaders Breakfast



## The View Church in Menifee - Community Hope Day!



## Set Free Banning celebrated four baptisms!





# PREPARANDO A NUESTROS FUTUROS LÍDERES



## CURSOS DE VERANO 2026 06/02/26-07/28/26 HIBRIDO

Martes 6PM-9PM  
*Gateway Seminary*

CLS2327: Jesus and the Gospels  
*Prof. Jonathan de la O, M.A.*

Martes 6PM-9PM  
*Gateway Seminary*

CLL2132: Cómo Entender la Biblia/Hermenéutica Bíblica  
*Prof. Alex Rojas*

Martes 6PM-9PM  
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**1st Wednesday of the month:** 11:30 am, Hawk's Landing Golf Course, 55100 Martinez Trail, 92284

**2nd Monday of the month:** 8:00 am, Dennys, 570 E. Fourth Street, Perris

**2nd Tuesday of the month:** 8 am, Dennys, 17009 Valley Blvd, Fontana

**1st Thursday of the month:** 8 am, Coco's Bakery, 1140 W. Colton, Redlands

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**17**

**DESAYUNO CON PASTOR**  
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 Riverside, 9am-11am  
 8351 Magnolia Ave,  
 Riverside, CA 92504

junio  
**13**

**DESAYUNO CON PASTOR**  
 Iglesia Bautista senda de  
 Paz, Upland, 9am-11am  
 990 W 11th St,  
 Upland, CA 91786

febrero  
**21**

**DESAYUNO DE PASTOR Y ESPOSA**  
 Primera Iglesia Bautista,  
 Moreno Valley, 9am-11am  
 24765 Fir Ave,  
 Moreno Valley, CA 92553

agosto  
**29**

**DESAYUNO DE PASTOR**  
 Iglesia Agua Viva  
 9am-11am  
 1192 E. Davinson St  
 San Bernardino, CA 92408

marzo  
**28**

**DESAYUNO CON PASTOR**  
 West Grand Baptist Church,  
 Corona, 9am- 11am  
 709 W Grand Blvd,  
 Corona, CA 92882

septiembre  
**26**

**DESAYUNO CON PASTOR**  
 Iglesia esperanza en el  
 valley, Hemet, 9am-11am  
 1480 N. Kirby St.,  
 Hemet, CA

abril  
**18**

**DESAYUNO CON PASTOR**  
 Iglesia Betel, Redlands  
 9am- 11am-  
 300 E Pennsylvania Ave,  
 Redlands, CA 92374

octubre  
**17**

**DESAYUNO CELEBRACIÓN MES DEL PASTOR**  
 The Well, Yucaipa, 9am-11am  
 12717 14th St,  
 Yucaipa, CA 92399

mayo  
**2**

**DESAYUNO CON ESPOSA DE PASTOR**  
 Primera Iglesia Bautista,  
 San Bernardino, 9am-11am  
 667 N H Street,  
 San Bernardino, CA 92410

noviembre  
**28**

**DESAYUNO ESPOSA DE PASTOR**  
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