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Exploring Destinations

Communication established with three countries

Everything is shaping up so that, in collaboration with the *Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida (IEMU)*, a prospective trip will be held in Guatemala, about two or three months between the next August and October, to assess the creation of a study center of Theology addressed to prominent church members.

We are also surveying another prospection in Equatorial Guinea between June and Ju-

ly, aimed at providing educational support to children's schools.

At the same time, we are establishing contacts with India, pending meetings with institutions working mainly in the setting of the 'Teresa of Calcutta' hospital.

In all cases, social activity will be accompanied by a task of evangelism and planting of ecclesial communities.



Eric Ainsa, missionary of the CEC-Masvidal, with Guillem Correa, bishop of the IEMU, at the John Wesley Ministerial Seminary (Barcelona).

Social development program

Project to support the entrepreneurial activity

Our community has become an outstanding actor in the work of a social development program in the area of the Chilean-Bolivian border.

The project will seek to provide tools for growth in the area, to prevent poverty.

LENT TIME

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In March we began Lent again, a time of conversion.

Many times, in order not to cloud a clear message of joy and celebration that -without doubt- faith must represent in our lives, we hide the Cross.

If any sense has our faith is that it is based on the person of Jesus Christ as Incarnation of God. And this Incarnate God assumed human pain and suffering in the first person. Paul already told us that "we preach Christ crucified: a scandal to the Jews, and to the Gentiles foolishness" (1C 1, 23).

We know that the end of Lent is the victory over death and sin: resurrection and eternal life. We must not lose sight of this goal. But we must not forget our understanding of the way.

We recommend you read a book for this liturgical time: 'The Crucified God', by Jürgen Moltmann.

Intimate reflections

I have realized that very often I think or comment on the same thing, issues that I have not solved.



On the other hand, I see that I do not "advance", that I just not do take advantage of my life, that I'm not producing enough, in myself and in everything that surrounds me.

Yesterday I saw a video, a real fact, about an eighteen month-old girl. The creature saw a device to measure the blood pressure in a seat, took it, connected the bracelet to the device, put it on the arm, and pressed the button to start it. She didn't press the button enough and the device didn't respond, then she tried again. This fact stirred my conscience; made

me realize that I don't put the level of attention nor the persistence in obtaining a result as she did. I am very dispersed, so the results are scarce.

Analyzing in more detail the reason for my failure, I think that the causes must be multiple: lack of concentration, lack of interest in the thing I am carrying out, established routines (habits acquired throughout life, I mean), little definition of the goal to achieve...

So if I want to get better "results" of my existence, as it is: improving physical health, mental health, spiritual health, understanding the other, living life with joy and sharing it with society and the world in general, I have to see where I am wrong and modify the errors that have been cause so far.

I also think that if I help with religious, psychological, philosophical readings, also in the observation of nature, participation in talks, training

forums, etc..., sharing it with friends and colleagues who are more or less interested in this way of life, this can bring "clarity" to the desired goals.

And looking from somewhere else, from FAITH, I believe that if "God" is God (Infinite, Powerful, Wise, Love, who embraces everything), His Light always accompanies me and I only need to seek that Light to know where I am to drive.

THANK MY GOD FOR SO MANY WONDERS, and forgive me for not being more Faithful.



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Nurse cooperating in India
for more than 20 years.

At CEC-Masvidal we are working
to be able to develop projects in land of missions,
with the sending of human resources to impoverished countries
to make a direct service to the most needy.

This effort is not lost along the way:
the missionary who moves to a country of missions
provides spiritual, intellectual, technical and technological resources
and does it so in conditions of difficulty and great discomfort.

If you think your heart asks you to do mission
perhaps you are in a position to provide economic and material resources
to make it possible.

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