



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

LEADING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

The last two years have been extremely challenging. First, the **impact of the pandemic was devastating.** Many people died, and it brought with it many challenges. **We are experiencing a financial crisis that is affecting many countries.** Inflation rates have doubled in 37 out of 44 advanced economies over the past two years, according to a Pew Research Center analysis. The country where inflation has grown the fastest is Israel, with a 25-fold increase.

Churches around the world have been navigating these crises, hoping to stay relevant and vibrant as they minister under extreme circumstances. A few months ago, when Pastor Roy Gruber from Washington Heights Church in Ogden, Utah, and I were discussing the theme for this year's One80 Pastoral Conference in Guatemala, we came up with the theme: "Leading in times of crisis."

We had 17 leaders from El Salvador and Guatemala at the conference. Pastor Roy presented for two full days. Some of the teachings were on: leadership tendencies for the future, Habits that pastors abandoned during the pandemic, characteristics of churches that were successful during the pandemic, Signs that we have learned the lessons from the last crisis, how to plan for the next crisis, values of leadership for the next crisis, and other challenging teachings.

We were able to have great discussions on how to minister during these difficult times, and together we learned how important it is to lead when we are going through so many changes and when today's culture is so different.

As a cutting-edge organization that focuses on empowering leaders, **I am so thankful to partners like Washington Heights Church that invested time and money to make this happen.**

Please help us pray for those 17 pastors and many others that were not able to make it that are in the trenches ministering to people in need and transforming communities with the gospel of Jesus.

In His Mission.

JOAQUÍN A. VARGAS

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NEEDS

- **School supplies for our project Backpacks for Mexico.** We distributed 150 backpacks in San Pedro el Saucito, Sonora and we want to bring 75 more to Nogales, Sonora.
- **A small trailer that we could use for temporary housing for refugees.** Recently, we had two people from Venezuela on a trailer loan to us, but we want to have our own.

UPDATES

- **We have appointed 12 new Latino Mobilizers** and we have others in the application process. As a small organization, it is time consuming to process all these new leaders, but **we are excited to partner with many Latinos who have answered the call to the nations.**
- **Robert & Wanda Lambert** are hoping to move to Puerto Rico to start their ministry, but they **still need financial partners** to make this happen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Conference to train new missionaries** in Chihuahua, Mexico with our strategic partner Pioneers Mexico.
- **Support for the many Latino Mobilizers that we now have.** It is very difficult for them to raise support in their own countries.


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