

# #EXPANSION4THECAUSE

God is really working at Vida Nueva San Salvador! In March, we launched our EXPANSIONXLACAUSA strategy. LA CAUSA (THE CAUSE) is defined in 1 Kings 8:59-60 when King Solomon was praying to dedicate the recently built Temple. God’s Word says *“And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain **the cause** of his servant, and **the cause** of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: **That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else.**”* This is The Cause that gets us up in the morning. The word “EXPANSION” fits perfectly in the strategy because our mission statement is: We exist to glorify God being channels to expand His kingdom and transform lives. Good News in Action and Vida Nueva exist to glorify God (1 Corinthians 6:20) and Jesus said in John 15:8 *“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”* The two kinds of fruit that we try to bear are winning people to Christ (Romans 1:13) and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). That’s why we glorify God evangelizing (expanding His kingdom) and discipling (transforming lives).

So, we see our new campus, Cuscatlán, not as a nice place to meet but as a strategic means to reach more people who don’t yet know Jesus, and disciple and train more workers to expand His kingdom and transform lives. The reaction from our church has been incredible! Even the campuses that will not directly benefit from the new installations, Apopa, Lourdes, and Miralvalle, when they heard about the project, they rejoiced with us because God’s Kingdom is benefited. The project has 3 main focuses: Orando (praying); Colaborando (helping out with the



demolition, construction, painting, and all that goes into building this church) and Ofrendando (Offering financially). So many amazing things have happened since we began the EXPANSION4THECAUSE strategy.

We had already mentioned in the last newsletter that we have saved a lot of money in this first phase because different professionals in our church are donating their time, talents, and resources: an architect, a draftsman, a structural engineer, and a civil engineer who builds large pavilions. But that was only the beginning! Now one of the builders in our church has donated the use of his heavy machinery for the demolition, another businessman donated the use of his large trucks and drivers to dump the rubble from the demolition, and another builder



donated construction tools, scaffolding, and his bobcat. He even said as he did it “¡POR LA CAUSA!” Then, on top of that, an owner of an air conditioning business in our church said that (by coincidence) he had 80 tons of air conditioning units sitting in his warehouse because someone else had ordered them and then couldn't pay. He said, “I'll give them to you at cost.” Another businessman had made a huge investment to buy outdoor lights for parking lots and streets for city hall and they ended up not buying them. So, he donated \$67,000 worth of outdoor lighting to light up the outside area. Another businessman who specializes in outdoor signs donated all the church signage and part of the auditorium lighting. And then an architect offered to design all the interiors and the face of the main entrance. To say that God is actively moving in our congregation and making a huge impact is an understatement! Our people are also sacrificially giving from their financial resources.

We dedicated two Saturdays in March to demolish the existing buildings to make space for a parking lot. Over 100 members from all our campuses showed up to help demolish, move rubble, and load the trucks.

The most incredible news is that, as of the writing of this newsletter, more than \$1 million has been given by Good News In Action donors and our church members, which, in this phase of matching funds, means it is really over \$2 million. We are already halfway to our goal! To God be the glory!

Even though this project takes up a lot of our time, we still continue to do evangelism and host mission trips. We spent the first week of March in Mexico City with Pastor Mario and Vida Nueva Mexico City, reaching out in that city. We saw 175 professions of faith. Then we spent the last week of March in San Pedro Sula, Honduras where we saw 490 professions of faith. God is moving! Thank you so much for being a part of it!





One sidenote, we have a prayer request. A high percentage of what we have received in Good News in Action since January has been designated for Project Cuscatlán, and that is amazing, and we are so overwhelmingly grateful, but not much has come in for the general fund. We use the general fund to pay 17 full time pastors, help support 6 churches, fund much of the evangelism and discipleship efforts and then pay for 4 subscriptions, zoom, quick books, the internet, and the phone. We try to keep it all as simple as possible so that most funds go right to the mission and vision of Good News in Action. We currently have a deficit of \$40,000 in the first quarter of 2024. Fortunately, we always keep a cushion to

cover times like this. Nevertheless, we won't be able to keep it up much longer. We thank you in advance for helping us pray for our general fund also.

May the Lord bless you, your family, and your ministry! Your friends in Christ, Steve and Pam Kern