



Merry Christmas

2025

Cancer Did Not Stop Us

Carrying On

This year brought an unexpected opportunity to trust God as Chuck underwent sarcoma leg surgery in July and then radiation. As he recovered and gained strength, we were grateful to be able to carry on a rigorous teaching schedule in Mexico for two weeks in November.



At the beginning of each training session, Linda gave a brief introduction in Spanish; a greeting from Christians in our city and that we've been married 61 years and have two daughters, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The audiences erupted in applause. It really helped to break the ice with our new friends.

Pastoral Burnout

At the pastors association banquet, pastors and wives listened intently as we shared one of the simplest ways to relieve burnout and stress:

- Identify the unrealistic expectations you put on yourself
- And the unrealistic expectations others put on you that you accept.



Video Training

Missionary Phil English requested that we video tape these topics; Infidelity, Perfectionism, Living with Memories of Forgiven Sin, and How to Build Better Relationships with Your Adult Children.



These teaching videos will be released throughout Mexico on various platforms.

Two Weeks of Show and Tell

Missionary Hannah Perez spent two weeks with us in Mexico for further training in biblical counseling. She



has been our disciple for several years and heads up the counseling ministry with pastors and wives at Shoulder to Shoulder in Mazatlán, Mexico.

Live Counseling Training

Between speaking events, Hannah and Evelyn sat in on counseling sessions, took notes and observed Chuck counseling. They appreciated the question-and-answer time following each session.



22nd Anniversary

When the Christian bookstore, Palabra Viva, in Puebla, Mexico celebrated their 22nd anniversary, David Hernandez, the owner, also launched our newest book in Spanish, *Infidelity-How to Heal from Betrayal*. He arranged for us to speak on this topic in three churches. We were surprised that on a weeknight every venue was packed and followed by many questions during the Q and A.



Special Book Benefit

It was a first for us to offer our books in Spanish *and* English since many young people are bilingual.



Iris Chantres did an excellent job explaining various topics to the inquirers.

Spread the Word

Seven of our books are translated and published in Spain and Latin America. David Hernandez filmed and interviewed Chuck to help promote these biblical tools. We do not receive any funds from the sale of these books. It all goes to further biblical training in each country.



Youth Session Highlight

Students from several churches came to hear our presentation, "Youth and the Sex Culture." This topic is rarely mentioned in churches or at home. The upside-down picture illustrated that the sex culture is really upside-down, but for most people it is their normal and God's standards are viewed as strange and upside-down.



LFM Goes to Prison

Before we could speak in the prison in Tepeaca, there was an unusual requirement. We had to wear a red shirt and blue jeans to help the guards keep an eye on us as we were with the prisoners.



Twelve of the 120 prisoners have become believers.

Our disciple, Chris Chantres, visits twice a month to take the prison church through the basic LFM counseling manual. Chuck shared with the men that becoming a believer gives you a new identity as a child of God, a saint, royal priest, and ambassador. When he finished, a large group came forward. We don't know if it was for salvation or requesting prayer. The prison pastor (an inmate) will follow up with them.

Fill their Buckets

At the family conference, we shared the importance of parents filling their daughters' love and cherish buckets to help prevent them from using sex to attempt to fill it later. Sons need their admiration and respect buckets filled or they may resort to drugs and gangs to get it filled. The concept was new to many parents who were grateful for the insight.



Escape Purgatory

We visited a large cathedral with mixed emotions. The ornate architecture was just amazing and much of it dated back hundreds of years. With sadness we saw a box where money is put in so one can pray a loved one out of purgatory. We remember the pastor who married us used to share with Catholics that there is no need for purgatory. Then he would open his Bible and show them Hebrews 1:3. "After He {Christ} had



provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”



Pagan rituals can still be found in Roman Catholic Churches in Mexico.

Panic!

A packed auditorium was ready for Chuck to share “How to Use Anger to Reveal Needs.” He stepped up to the podium, opened his notebook and was shocked. He had brought the wrong notebook! He briefly thought of changing the topic, but couldn’t because they had publicized the topic.

Taking a deep breath and sending up a silent prayer, he began to share from memory the key points.



As people passed by at the end, they thanked him profusely for what God did in their hearts that evening. One 45-year-old man, wiping the tears with his hand, said, “I just lost 175 pounds *twice*, the weight of those I just forgave.”

journey. The lab report after surgery that they did not get all the cancer only reinforced our dependence on God, the Great Physician. The follow up MRI’s and CT scans cannot detect microscopic cancer cells until they form a mass. So far, so good! These tests are recommended every three months for two years. Meanwhile, we continue to move forward with plans in 2026, Lord willing, for international trainings in Argentina, Mexico, Panama, and Portugal.

Your love, prayers, encouragement, and support are what help to make it all come to pass. We can’t thank you enough.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift – JESUS!

May He fill your hearts this Christmas with His Presence,

Chuck and Linda Lynch



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We thank the Lord for the many friends at home and abroad who have prayed for us on Chuck’s cancer