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God has many things to care for in His creation. However, He cares most for the soul and spirit He has given us. It is how we relate to Him. He is jealous of other gods, of other loves in our hearts, for they lead us to death and not to life. Our hearts stubbornly refuse to submit to God and repent of our sins against Him. God cares too deeply for our souls to allow us to live in deception. He sends judgment.

This has been the message God has given our assembly all year long, Sunday by Sunday, in every meeting of the congregation in large groups or small. He has been calling us to repentance. He has told us, "A day has been determined" and, when that day comes, there will be no hope for the unrepentant.

It may seem to us, with all our money and world prestige, that we cannot be touched, that we can continue to live in disobedience and sin without suffering destruction. But, the day of judgment, national and personal, has been determined and God is calling all of us to consider our ways and repent. No nation in history which has lifted itself up in pride and arrogance, giving itself over to disobedience and sin, has stood for long. It was destroyed. However, this call to repentance is not just for a nation - it is for all of us as individuals. God cares for the soul enslaved to idolatry and sin. We must read the words of the Old Testament prophets, not as some dusty historical record, but as the Word of God to us today:

"And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy." 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

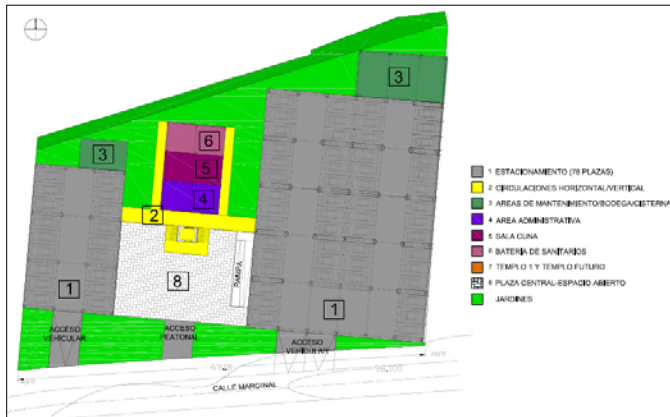
This is the word of warning we have received here in Santa Ana and it is leading us to brokenness, confession and repentance. For the child of God, this Christmas season cannot be celebrated as the world would celebrate. We are not of this world. We cannot seek the same things or live by the same gods of this world and expect to be exempt from the judgment God will send against sin, iniquity and pride. Our only hope is to humble ourselves and turn from our sins, hiding ourselves in Christ alone. This Christmas brings for us a call to repentance and redeeming our sins with righteousness (*Daniel 4:27*).

During these past two months, we have witnessed many who have turned to God by confessing their sins and putting off the practice of secret sins. Marriages are taking the necessary steps to walk in the light, in the Spirit of God, breaking with the pacts of darkness. We are doing a lot of personal counseling and engaging in spiritual warfare. We need your prayers that the blood of Christ and the authority of Christ will cover us and that His Spirit will give us discernment, wisdom and power. The men have begun to meet together early on Saturday mornings to pray together and bear each other's burdens. Pray that we may go beyond just saying pious words and actually live in obedience to Christ, caring for our families in true wisdom and love.

This week, we are in Daily Vacation Bible School for over 60 children. There are about 25 adults and young people involved as teachers and helpers and it is a tremendous ministry. In my class of

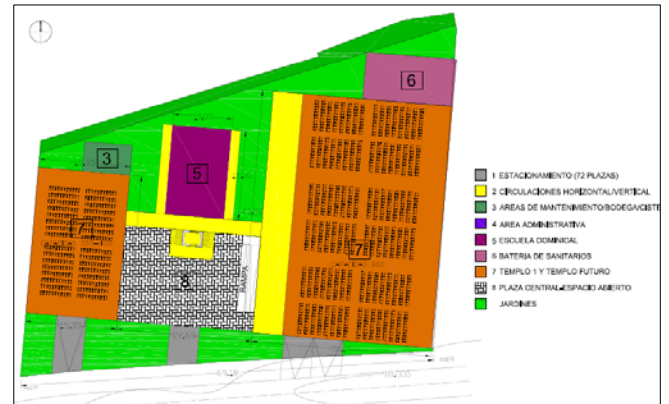


twenty-two 9 to 11 year olds, about a third are from unsaved homes. On Saturday, we will be having an evangelistic dinner and we are inviting the parents of all the children to come for a special presentation their children are preparing and then to hear the Gospel. We are praying for many to come to know Christ. We will also be having special services on December 24th and 31st and we ask you to remember us in prayer for these special events.



We are in our final stages of developing a master plan for building a church campus in three stages. Our first building will be the center structure of two stories with about 480 sq. meters of construction. It will seat 250 adults, with office space and Sunday School rooms. We are committed to building without going into debt, so we ask again for your prayers for us. We have almost \$7,000 to begin and the entire building costs will be around \$144,000. That is a big mountain for me personally,

but God has been preparing us for this walk in faith. I ask you to pray that God would give us wisdom as to the specific steps to take, when to start and how fast to build. He has provided for us a builder, a young civil engineer who is a member of the church. I have been meeting with him all year for prayer and counsel. He wants to take the project as his gift to the Lord and donate his time and expertise. We will just have to pay for materials and labor. Pray for Marlon, that he would be always filled with the Spirit of God for this ministry.



The third week in January 2008 we will be receiving a mission team from Greenwood, Indiana to minister among the children of El Salvador. Pray for us as we are putting together the schedule and preparing for this time of evangelism. Pray for God's anointing power on our lives and ministry.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and for your support and love. We covet your prayers for God's Spirit to lead us into a personal, daily walk with Christ, depending upon Him for every aspect of our lives. Pray God would give us wisdom, faith and love that is from above. Have a joyous holiday season in the tender mercies of our Lord and Savior. We are

Yours for Souls,

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