



**MY THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR YOU:**

*In this special Thanksgiving month, may the Lord give you a happy recall of all His love, His protection and promise for you and your loved ones. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened, and may you comprehend the great dimensions of His love as you join Him in the great work that He is doing. Great is His faithfulness!*

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Dear Ministry Partners,

As I write you these words, I'm in Spain—but I'm looking at you.

- Last week I was in the Canary Islands—but I saw you.
- A couple weeks ago, looking to take our ministry into the African nation of Sierra Leone, I was with you.
- Because you are at the heart of so much of God's work through World Link Ministries!

*Let me take you on a whirlwind tour of the places I've seen God using you.*

Here in Spain, I'm finishing up teaching a course on preaching for third- and fourth-year students—a great group of people who are shaping up to be great preachers and teachers of His Word!

One standout example: Angelo.

I had the privilege of hearing him preach in chapel—an excellent message on Psalm 77—and everyone who heard him, students and teachers alike, was thrilled by his Bible exposition! In that pulpit, I saw not only Angelo, but our entire team, all those who have devoted themselves to this work, who contributed to the quality of his ministry.

... Including you, Miguel!

**Your investment in young people like Angelo is making a beautiful impact! My heart longs for you to sense this: Even though you don't get to see it in person, you are the roots bearing these fruits.**



And Angelo is only one among many, many, many others!

Last Friday, I flew down to the Canary Islands to teach our most recent group of students—65 of them, who are also participating in evangelism and church planting. The work is going beautifully, driven by two graduates, Bruno and Lydia—people you invested in.

I remember their beginnings. When we began ministering in the Canaries, response was overwhelming—greater than anything we had experienced anywhere in Europe. (The typical theological training center has fewer than 25 students, the biggest only 46; we had 100! We were rejoicing, amazed beyond words!) We were preaching and teaching in all eight of the islands, and Bruno and Lydia crossed our path.

But the best was yet to come. We mounted an evangelistic campaign to test the soil for a major campaign in all eight islands. The results were very encouraging. Soon we had churches and friends from the U.S. in all eight islands. A professional quartet was received like celebrities. We were invited into radio and TV stations free of charge, with the broadcasts carried live to several islands.

On the ground, we produced a door-to-door campaign, taking the Gospel to every home, even on the smallest islands. Teams took Gospel literature even to an island that doesn't show up on the map!

But this campaign wasn't the "end game." Jesus said in John 15:16, "You did not choose Me but I chose you and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain." The goal was—and always is—to produce *fruit that remains!*

Here's the most beautiful detail of that campaign: *It happened 20 years ago.*

Today, people who came to us 20 years ago are not just walking with the Lord but serving in fruitful full-time ministry!

Bruno and Lydia have gathered 65 students for training to do ministry. (And just since last week, upon hearing of the course, three more students have signed up!)

The following day I visited Tenerife, the other large island, with another graduate couple, Daniel and Carolina. They are fully immersed in ministry. Demand is huge. I taught an adult Sunday school class—I preached the morning service—I led a special class on apologetics over lunch—then at 6 pm I went to another satellite church for a special meeting to preach the Gospel! More than two dozen people made decisions for Christ!!



Meanwhile, in these intervening 20 years, the couple leading the work in Las Palmas has either personally or through their leadership planted 43 churches!

And there literally isn't enough space in a letter to mention all the others serving the Lord in numerous posts, both in the islands and on the mainland.

**But I don't just see these workers. I see you. I see God at work through you! How long have you been serving the Lord? How long have you been investing in His harvest? This is your work, your ministry!**

“For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown towards His Name, in having ministered and still ministering to the saints” (Hebrews 6:10).

Praise God with joy as we celebrate today what He has done through you—but also as we go for a bigger and greater impact! It's amazing to look back and see how God has worked. Back then, two decades ago, we were so busy—scrambling to do everything we could to launch the work—yet we had NO IDEA of the many new fields that the Lord was going to take us to!

We had no idea that the Far East and countries in between were waiting for us. Even now, one of our graduates is teaching on the edge of the jungle in Brazil, multiplying the preaching of the Word to the Amazon basin tribes.

It's like a beautiful dream . . . a dream we hope we never wake up from until we get to the glories of heaven!

**And still God is at work through you. . . .**

A fellow minister, a friend of 25 years, called me a couple of weeks ago. He now serves as the director for a sister organization. He's been working to develop yet another seminary. His heart's cry today: *Come to Sierra Leone in Africa. Bring us your accelerated church-planting strategy.*

Could I meet with a national leader named Joseph via online video-chat? Of course I said yes.

When the online meeting began, Joseph seemed cool. Maybe my friend had pushed him into this? I couldn't tell. Joseph patiently cooperated with the fact-finding conversation, but I could tell he wasn't inspired.



Eventually we ran out of time and had to set up a follow-up session for the next day. Overnight, I had time to do some homework. I studied the situation in Sierra Leone. I looked at the numbers and the facts that Joseph had shared on day one.

By the next day, I was prepared to share with Joseph what the Lord had revealed to me: *We could double his team and quadruple his impact throughout his country.*

Suddenly his stoic “poker face” broke! He came alive! (I saw you!)

Joseph’s very next question was emphatic:

**“When can you come?”**

Another joyful prospect. *God’s Truth is marching on!*

Thank you for marching with us. This is 1 John 1:3 in action: “What we have seen and heard we proclaim so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.”

Today, I urge you to keep marching. Keep praying. Keep giving. Let us be “ALL IN.”

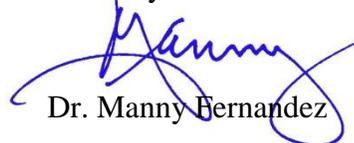
*Your generous **End of the Year** response of compassion will help us make a huge impact—maybe the greatest ever—as this year comes to its finale.*

**The world is waiting! May the Lord help us see with His eyes and be empowered by His love for the lost.**

**Let me hear from you quickly with your very best gift of Thanksgiving.**

Thank you in advance! God bless you!

With Joy in the Harvest!



Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. God never works in a vacuum. He works through us. He works through you. He gave me a beautiful gift when He saw fit to bring us together in His harvest work. Today I hope you’ll reach out with me once again to a waiting world. Thank you again!