



# The Living Choice

In The Dominican Republic, Caribbean

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**“The End is  
Very Near...”**



Above: A monument commemorating the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the New World in 1492. This statue is supposedly placed on the very spot where the ships first anchored in the present city of Santo Domingo. Symbolizing the man in the crow's nest; he is said to be exclaiming, "Land!" We too are almost at the end of our journey. I can almost see the heavenly land.

*“...God's people should be preparing for what is to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise.*

*“The ‘time of trouble, such as never was,’ is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain. It is often the case that trouble is greater in anticipation than in reality; but this is not true of the crisis before us. The most vivid presentation cannot reach the magnitude of the ordeal. In that time of trial, every soul must stand for himself before God. “Though Noah, Daniel, and Job” were in the land, “as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.” Ezekiel 14:20.*

*“The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long-standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering--a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition.*

*“We should study the great waymarks that point out the times in which we are living. . . . We should now pray most earnestly that we may be prepared for the struggles of the great day of God's preparation.*

*“Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need” (Maranatha, p. 161).*

*“We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.*

*“The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones” (9 Testimonies p. 11 ( Ellen G. White)).*

# The Forerunner + TEMPLE RESTORED

In the month of March TLC planned and executed what was initially titled “God’s Movement and Message Seminar.” Long-term ministry friends of TLC, Christopher Hudson of the YouTube.com channel “The ForeRunner777,” and John Skeete of Temple Restored Ministries united efforts here in the DR to give an added thrust to the evangelical, educational work already being done. Through God’s



*Left: Chris presenting the Sabbath morning service at the conclusion of the meetings. Below Left: John presenting the how and why of proper nutrition. Below Right: Solemn and penetrating appeals were made each evening that the people would not just hear but be transformed by the word of the Lord and surrender their lives to Jesus. Bottom: It was necessary to use a special car power generator at one point.*

providence the program developed into a powerful two-week long evangelistic effort that fortified the newly baptized church members, solidified the decisions of four others to take their own steps toward the watery grave and new birth experience, and sounded the Three Angels Messages throughout the whole neighboring community. Large numbers of restless youth from the community who began listening at the gate of the outdoor terrace where the meetings were held slowly made their way in and sat down each night as the pressing messages and teaching came closer and closer to home.

## Challenges Made Into Victories



The enemy of souls made an open and most obvious attempt to squash our efforts night after night by creating distractions, accidents and multiple technical failures. One night the power plant that we were using for the sound equipment died, but it had never failed heretofore. Then miraculously the city generated electricity returned. But guess what? It returned to every home and business in the community except for our location. The listeners became more earnest as they saw the evidences of a very real spiritual battle. As the truths of man’s obligation to God in caring for the body was taught, and the modern-day manifestation of ancient spiritualism was being unmasked, the people witnessed for themselves the power of

God to overrule all circumstances created by the devil. Instructors and translators by God’s grace rose to the occasion. When we needed to read our Bibles with flashlights, we did that. When the energy returned it seemed to be right on time to give emphasis to the theme with electronic visual aids. God’s Spirit could not be bound, and even a drunk who made several attempts to disrupt the meeting was able to sit quietly through a powerful presentation on the New World Order and its ramifications for the people of God.



The morning after one meeting, with no logical explanation whatsoever, there was found a large pool of fresh blood on the ground where the presentations were given. In the evening the gates to the area are locked, and there is a patrolling watch dog. However, the dog never barked. There was no evidence of entry, and the blood stood as if



it emanated from the ground itself. This event somewhat frightened some of the brethren, but through prayer the meetings carried on and God gave testimony of His approval. So that the meetings could continue; God miraculously healed a child who fell as if dead from a horse crash on our second night.

# Healing, Teaching, Preaching, Baptizing



There were opportunities for the visiting preachers to get to know some of the people from the community, and actually extend a helping hand into the lives of some of the church bible study contacts. Sister Nelly discovered that the epileptic adult daughter of one contact had fallen unconscious in an epileptic fit two months prior to the meetings, and when she fell she lay for several minutes on a lit light bulb until she was discovered by her mother.

The burn was very large and had no signs of progress in healing. Nelly brought Br. Skeete and Sister Denise Hudson, (wife of Chris Hudson) to make suggestions as to what could be done. Immediate plans for the young lady's

recovery were laid and materials purchased for her ongoing care. Sister Denise followed up with the young lady right up until she left at the end of the month, and Sister Fuentes has seen a marked improvement in her wound. She has requested that she be brought to church at this writing and has already begun attending.

You might remember Nina from our last TLC report. She was hoping to be baptized for some time now since her four children have surrendered to Jesus, however Leo had been refusing to marry her so that she could be



**Above Left:** Yinet with the local pastor in the river were all are baptized **Above:** The young lady's wound and Denis and Nelley applying the needed care. **Left:** Yinet and Nina taking their baptismal vows. With many newly baptized members looking on. **Below:** Nina going into her watery grave. **Below Left:** Nina and Leo with Elizabeth and Elvin confirming their commitment before the Justice of the Peace. They were both so happy. So were the angels of Heaven



baptized. As one of the many wonderful results of the meetings, Leo decided that he should marry Nina as quickly as possible and be baptized himself. They were married the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and Nina with Yinet was baptized April 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a day of much rejoicing for Nina and Yinet as well. Yinet is 20 years old and has decided though she lives with her VERY catholic

grandmother to pave the way and give an example that maybe her grandparents will follow as well. Leo will be baptized soon.

Yinet as well as Nina's four children are certain that they cannot participate in the public school system and remain faithful to the three angel's messages. They desire to be trained for God's service. Several other



young people from the area have expressed the same desire. Pray for them that they will continue in their convictions and the Lord will continue to lead them. Time is short. Pray that these new workers be multiplied a thousand fold before long.



## Don't Forget the A, B and C



*“Again and again the Lord has instructed that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country, where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one” (Country Living, p. 9).*

*“Brethren, when you take time to cultivate your garden, thus gaining the exercise needed to keep the system in good working order, you are just as much doing the work of God as in holding meetings” (Gospel Workers, p, 174).*

We are trying hard to expand our evangelistic work, spend more time with the growing church, maintain our family structure, and perhaps soon open a city center, but there remain those most important counsels like the ones that we see above. For that reason we continue to pray that God would send those workers who are willing and understand the counsels regarding God's plans for end-time labor. We can't let the agriculture go down. That is the foundation of the work we do though it doesn't seem like it at times. God's plan is always best. May God bless His people with wisdom and strength.

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*As always, we thank you all for trusting in T.L.C. and allowing the Lord to use you to make our small work possible. However if you really wish to help us prosper please pray earnestly for our family that we may be made fit vessels of the Holy Spirit's power and encourage others to pray for us as well. T.L.C. We are praying for you & your family as well.*

\*We know this is short notice but Elvin will be traveling in the U.S.A this June. If you are interested in having him share a timely message with your group in the month of June please write or call.

***Above:** 10 Lbs. of cassava from one single plant. **Far Left:** Brian with his good friend Chiquito **Middle:** Three young men from Elizabeth's Sabbath school working out together the math for several time prophecies on a Sabbath afternoon **Right:** Sister Denise Hudson had some pain in one of her feet that made traveling the long distance to the meetings difficult for her. Though she had never rode a horse before Chiquito stepped up to the task of carrying her for three evenings until her pain subsided.*

