



# The Living Choice

In The Dominican Republic, Caribbean

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## IMPORTANT...

*The time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfillment.*

*The time of trouble--trouble such as was not since there was a nation [Dan. 12:1]--is right upon us, and we are like the sleeping virgins. We are to awake and ask the Lord Jesus to place underneath us His everlasting arms, and carry us through the time of trial before us.--*

*The world is becoming more and more lawless. Soon great trouble will arise among the nations--trouble that will not cease until Jesus comes*

*We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us.*

*We are standing on the threshold of the crisis of the ages. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another--fire, and flood, and earthquake, with war and bloodshed.*

*There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement (Last Day Events p. 12).*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they*

*may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matt. 5:16).*



*third angels' messages. **There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention.***

*The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them... Christ says of His people: "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). It is not a small matter that the counsels and plans of God have been so clearly opened to us. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to understand the will of God as revealed in the sure word of prophecy. This places on us a heavy responsibility. God expects us to impart to others the knowledge that He has given us. It is His purpose that divine and human instrumentalities shall unite in the proclamation of the warning message (Lift Him Up p.356, 357).*



*Above and Below: Though separately for now because of the family arrangements, we are both on the front line of sharing the three angel's messages with the communities around us. Collectively we are studying with eight families that number no less than 15 persons on a weekly basis. We begin each study with an introduction into an understanding of the seal of God. There is no greater joy than watching others make commitments with each new truth. We want to do more; do you want to come help us?*

# Building for Eternity



In prayerful anticipation of the arrival of one or two new families entirely dedicated to living a sacrificial life of farming, preaching, and healing we set out to build a modest new mission center thus opening up our current home for



these new workers. We will be done before the New Year begins by God's grace. Because of last years storm all our building materials have to be carried by mule and horse a distance of about a mile and half. But that has taught us a lot about perseverance and practical problem solving.

Brian loves it! We never realized how things would turn so primitive for us in order to get anything accomplished. But I thank God everyday for this experience because in it I am learning the simplicity of life in the "old ways" (Jer 6:16).

*Above, Left and Right: Brian and other and a friend take charge of carrying wood, cement, and other construction supplies from where the trucks can reach to the new mountain mission center about a mile and a half away. Below: Keila a young Dominican missionary came to us almost the day Kathy left us to help in the domestic duties. Here she fearlessly paints the wood of the center roof with used motor oil to prevent termite damage. We asked her, "Are you afraid to get on the roof?" She responded with a smile, "It needs to be done; there is nothing else to say after that."*

Though "planting and building" has taken up a great deal of our time. We have tried to apply ourselves to receiving this education for those who may come behind us, seeking a balance between the physical preparation required of us in carrying out God's will and the heart purity necessary to enter the presence of God without fear. The wise even among the children of darkness in these times are seeing the need of "growing their own provisions." The food prices are so high in this country that spiritualist doctors and lawyers are visiting our mountains regularly looking for properties where they can do what God has been instructing Seventh-day Adventists to do for many years; start health centers, spread their philosophy, grown their own food and avoid the contamination of the city! We urge our brethren who still live in the cities or who are entirely wrapped up in the city lifestyle still to heed the counsel : "Out of the cities, out of the cities!" this is the message the Lord has been giving me. The



earthquakes will come; the floods will come; and we are not to establish ourselves in the wicked cities, where the enemy is served in every way, and where God is so often forgotten. The Lord desires that we shall have clear spiritual eyesight....We must make wise plans to warn the cities, and at the same time live where we can shield our children and ourselves from the contaminating and demoralizing influences so prevalent in these places (Review and Herald, July 5, 1906 in LS 409.5).

The cities are to be worked from outposts. Said the messenger of God, "Shall not the cities be warned? Yes; not by God's people living in them, but by their visiting them, to warn them of what is coming upon the earth" (Letter 182, 1902).

# A United Front

*The people of God will draw together, and present to the enemy a united front. . . . The love of Christ, the love of our brethren, will testify to the world that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then will the message of the third angel swell to a loud cry, and the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord (Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 401).*

This past year God in His great mercy has sent us help in various ways. Pamela Polanco, (formerly Pamela Garcia) a friend of ours who graduated from Hartland our first year of service there, is also



located in a dark territory of the Dominican Republic and she with her husband Ramon have been a wonderful asset to us at several times in our part of the vineyard. They have given us the privilege



us to aid them in their church planting ministry in their part of the country

*Above: Ramon and Pamela Polanco have disinterestedly dedicated weeks of their time to help with various TLC projects. Left: Selah Honey shares the Spanish form of New Start with her students. Below: Selah with some of those who attended her Vacation Bible School with a mountain twist.*

as well. Though separated by a four and a half hour drive we know that we have a support base in these blessed brethren.

Also the month long youth ministry of Selah Honey last May is still having blessed results in the life of the youth of our community and the families they represent.

This is in part due to her dedicated prayers for and contact with the families through postal mail, email and occasional phone contact with those she ministered to. Selah gave one week of direct Bible instruction on character developing using unique models to illustrate to the young minds exactly what the Lord wanted to convey. Then she gave them a week of medical missionary training, healthful cooking classes, and then one week just being their friend. It was hard to see her leave. We wish we could have here come to join us but she is heading up a front line work in her own home town. Please pray for all God's workers wherever they may be found.



## The Family's Present Duty

*Those who keep the law of God look upon their children with indefinable feelings of hope and fear, wondering what part they will act in the great conflict that is just before them. The anxious mother questions, "What stand will they take? What can I do to prepare them to act well their part, so that they will be the recipients of eternal glory?" Great responsibilities rest upon you, mothers. Although you may not stand in national councils, or cast your vote, you may do a great work for God and your country. You may educate your children. You may aid them to develop characters that will not be swayed or influenced to do evil, but will sway and influence others to do right. By your fervent prayers of faith you can move the arm that moves the world. You can teach your children to pray effectually as they kneel by your side. Let your prayers arise to the*

throne of God, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

God is at work. He doeth wonders, and although he is high and lifted up, prayer can reach his throne. He that is turning and overturning, he that can do marvelous things, will regard the contrite prayer of faith from the humblest of his children. The prayers of Christian mothers are not disregarded by the Father of all, who sent his Son to the earth to ransom a people for himself. He will not turn away your petitions, and leave you and yours to the buffetings of Satan in the great day of final conflict. It is for you to work with simplicity and faithfulness, and God will establish the work of your hands.

We have a covert, a stronghold into which we may run and be safe. Our prayers must reach the mercy-seat, where mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. The grace which is sufficient for all, will enable us to rise above the severest trials, and to endure the most trying tests. Never was there a period when so much was at stake as there is now. Never was there a generation upon whom rested such weighty responsibilities as upon this generation; for God has entrusted to the men of this time the last warning message.

Parents, ask yourselves the solemn question, "Have we educated our children to yield to paternal authority, and thus trained them to obey God, to love him, to hold his law as the supreme guide of conduct and life? Have we educated them to be missionaries for Christ? to go about doing good? Believing parents, your children will have to fight decisive battles for the Lord in the day of conflict; and while they win victories for the Prince of Peace, they may be gaining triumphs for themselves. But if they have not been brought up in the fear of the Lord; if they have no knowledge of Christ, no connection with heaven, they will have no moral power, and they will yield to earthly potentates who have assumed to exalt themselves above the God of heaven in establishing a spurious sabbath to take the place of the Sabbath of Jehovah. The tender mercies of this power will be displayed in prison cells and dungeons. Already preparations are advancing, and movements are in progress, which will result in making an image to the beast. Events will be brought about in the earth's history that will fulfill the predictions of prophecy for these last days.

Decisions will be called for and made; backsliders will either return decidedly to their allegiance to God, or they will be enrolled in the ranks of the enemy: Satan will have control of all who finally refuse to be controlled by the law of God. He will inspire parents to war against their children, and children to war against their parents,--to betray and deliver those of their own household to enemies. Coming events are casting their shadows upon our pathway. Fathers, mothers, I appeal to you to make most earnest efforts now for your children. Give them daily religious instruction. Teach them to love God, and to be true to the principles of right. With lofty, earnest faith, directed by the divine influence of the Holy Spirit, work, work now. Do not put it off one day, one hour. Teach your children that the heart must be trained to self-control and self-denial. The motives of the life must be in harmony with the law of God. Never be satisfied to have your children grow up apart from Christ. Never feel at ease while they are cold and indifferent. Cry to God day and night. Pray and work for the salvation of the souls of your children. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." It is the mainspring, the balance wheel of character. Without the fear of the Lord, they will fail of accomplishing the great object of their creation.

... Parental duty has been fearfully neglected; but shall this neglect be continued? Shall we not now repent, and as parents take up our God-given life-work? We have no time to lose. Let us redeem the time because the days are evil.

The law of God is made void in the world, and iniquity prevails; but light is shining from the open door of the temple of God. Open your heart, and let the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness shine into your soul, that you may be softened, subdued, and sanctified. The enemy of all righteousness is on our track. Satan is marshaling his host; and are we individually prepared for the fearful conflict that is just before us? Are we preparing our children for the great crisis? Are we preparing ourselves and our households to understand the position of our adversaries, and their modes of warfare? Are our children forming habits of decision, that they may be firm and unyielding in every matter of principle and duty? I pray that we all may understand the signs of the times, and that we may so prepare ourselves and our children that in the time of conflict God may be our refuge and defense (Review and Herald, April 23, 1889).

## Your Part in T.L.C.

We would like to apologize for delaying for so long between newsletters but we would like all our TLC family to understand that though your economic help is gratefully received, we covet more than anything your earnest prayers that the Lord will enable us with whatever we have in our hands to



execute a true soul winning work while obeying all His revealed will. We are trembling for our own souls and praying for those in our charge as we see the solemnity and reality of these last days. And because our human help is limited and constructing newsletters has become somewhat complicated due to our remote location, we have in the fear of the Lord chosen to do more and report somewhat less. Should finances continue to come in we will invest as much as we can in the following items: present truth literature, bible worker expenses, ongoing ministry needs and equipment. Though the work here has real needs we believe that should donations decline we will trust that it will be because the time is indicating that funds are needed in other parts of the field more than here. Pray and do only as the Lord impresses you.

Donations that need tax deductible receipts should be made out to Amicus SDA Church and mailed to our address with Dominican Mission in the memo.

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Note: Kathy has decided to pursue a medical missionary education at Uchee Pines in Alabama. She left us in August and it seems she will not return for at least another year; that is if God would be so kind as to return her to us. She has branched out of the Easton home and has to stand on her own two feet before God. If you are impressed to encourage her please write her directly at: Kathy Perez 30 Uchee Pines, Seale, AL 36875-5702 or e-mail her at [caribelle@live.net](mailto:caribelle@live.net)



*Above: Kathy, with Sonya and Berkis; two young girls from our community that she encouraged to come to church and then took four months to personally teach them how to read so they could read their Bibles before she left.*

## The Living Choice

True love is a labor;  
A lifetime of decisions,  
To follow the Savior  
And trust His provisions.

He grants you the power,  
And privilege of choice;  
To exemplify Him,  
With pen, body and voice.

Sleep not as do others;  
Be swift to the call,  
And swell with the echo;  
Restoration for all!

The ominous, impending  
Return of our Lord;

Effulgent glory descending;  
With fiery sword.

His eye's on the children;  
Oh, who'll be complete?  
And clothed in His  
righteousness;  
From his head to his feet?

For sure not those only;  
Who have spoken His name;  
But beholding His image;  
Have thence become  
changed.

Probation now lingers;  
At destiny's Door.  
Enter ye the strait gate;  
What is there to wait for?

He's speaks of the Way;  
In a voice small and still.  
The 1st step for **YOUR** family;  
Is to surrender **YOUR** will.

When this you have  
mastered;  
It is time to rejoice.  
For to live as Jesus lived;  
Is the **The Living Choice.**  
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