

Rouse Review

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Influence...an interesting word derived from Latin. Jim Rohn says, "Never mistake the power of influence." Another person has stated, "Influence may be the highest level of human skills." It carries the idea of "flowing in"; a pouring into someone else your life, knowledge, passion, wisdom, and skills that sway, affect, or move that person.

What a privilege to be used of God that HE might influence. On my way to our conference in Celaya, Mexico, this month, I was given an opportunity to be with Pastor Alfredo Díaz all day, Aug. 5th. His church in Leon, Mexico, is a new church start that is a little over one year old. I preached morning and evening. God touched hearts and four were saved. The Pastor's wife told me several days later that God really spoke to her heart and mind about certain things. She was still dwelling on them and expressed deep appreciation.

At our conference in Celaya I saw graduates of Mt. Hebron Bible Institute, where Robin and I worked back in the late 1980's. One precious lady expressed her gratitude for our input in her life. Another couple who met in the institute (Victorio & Cuquis Robles) are starting a new church in Guadalajara. Cuquis expressed joyful gratitude for the things that Robin taught her years ago that have helped her in full-time ministry as a pastor's wife and a mother. (Should you be interested in helping a national work start, let me know. They can use all the help they can get.)



Pastor Victorio & Cuquis

Conference ministry influence was notable to me in our conference in Celaya this last week. One man named Carlos told me that my teaching on the family some years ago impacted him and his future wife. Upon having children, they implemented the principles that I taught and saw them help their relationship with their children and the formation of



Pastor Díaz & wife Karla

their character. Pray for him. His wife was killed about 6 months ago in a tragic car accident. As paramedics and police attended to him and his family, he witnessed the gospel to these first responders knowing that his wife was in heaven. God used it. He saw a couple of them trust Christ as Saviour at the scene.

A pastor from San Jose, Costa Rica, was presented to me. Upon seeing me, he declared, "Bro. Victor, I remember you! You preached at a Fires conference in our church in Calle Blanco in San Jose in 1998." This man, Pastor Sergio, went on to explain that though the conference was weakly attended and appeared to bear no fruit that he and others were indeed fruit. God worked in their hearts and called them to ministry. He stated that he is now the pastor of that church where we held the conference 20 years ago. He said that there are 6 or 7 other national pastors that are starving for what we are teaching. They want to reach people with the gospel, they want more training, and they want to see God glorified. Pray that we can get back to Costa Rica soon.

We can influence by giving the gospel. While in Celaya, God gave me the privilege of giving the gospel to a 15 year old girl named Karen (as well as to others). She listened; she believed; she asked Christ to save her and gave evidence to that afterwards. Where will our influence, the working of the Holy Spirit, and the followup of the local church take her? Only God knows. But it is guaranteed that if she will follow our Lord, amazing good awaits her.

Please pray for our first-time conference in Belize in September. May God continue to give us and you effective and extensive influence.

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