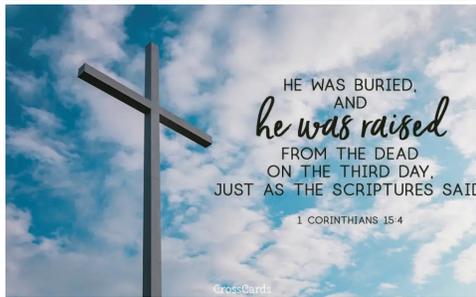




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The Resurrection Season

As we are quickly approaching the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, I cannot avoid meditating over scriptures such as St. John 16:33, especially while observing the astounding events happening today, while also witnessing the ever increasing uncertainties and directionless movements of mankind. "I have spoken these words to you so you might have MY PEACE. In the world you SHALL face difficulties, but be confident, I have overcome the world." Therefore, we are not to be disturbed by things we see, or hear of, happening in the world.

We are in this world, but the world is not to be in us. (I think of this as a fish in the salty ocean, yet there is no salt in the fish.) In the gospel of St. John 17:1-26, the Lord JESUS is praying for us. In verse 13 He says, "that they might have MY JOY fulfilled in themselves." And in verse 17 He asks that we be "sanctified by means of the TRUTH of His word."

I am grateful for the stable anchor and firmness of God's word and the guidance of His Holy Spirit.

Season of Celebrations

On April 10th, Nelly and I will celebrate the joy of our 29th wedding anniversary, as well as her birthday!

It is our desire to celebrate this occasion while visiting our daughters in the U.S. Nelanie continues to serve her 8th year in the US Navy. She is stationed north of Chicago and is about to undergo knee surgery. Amy and her family live in Houston. Grandma Nelly is very anxious to spend time with her and our granddaughters.

Last month, I mentioned hosting the family from Nicaragua. Pastor Marvin has returned to the United States. Because of the difficulties in obtaining a visa to enter the United States, the family had no choice but to return to their home in Nicaragua.

Their visit and this month cause me to remember another event in my life. On April 30th, 1983 (39 years ago) I was 25 years old and pastoring a church in the Central American country of Belize. On that date, I set out to visit the believers in Nicaragua. Within one hour of crossing the border, I was

accused (and arrested with no trail) of being a spy for President Reagan. I spent most of my 22-day imprisonment in an underground cell where I never saw the sun. The electrical light was turned on three hours daily, one hour during the "meal" time. Sounds horrible, doesn't it. Believe me, the conditions and treatment were. However, it was the most intense one-on-one discipleship training period that I have ever spent with the Lord! Until this day, I can honestly relate to the scriptures in Hebrews 13:3, "Remember those that are in prison as though you were there with them."

Nelly and I, along with our staff deeply appreciate you. Happy Resurrection Day!

We love you dearly,

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