

Celebration Sunday
Thanks and Commissionings
Sunday June 24, 2018

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3. Why are we sending our seventh team (in as many years) to San Quintin, Mexico?
- We believe in the churches in San Quintin who work with OLOC to care for the people of San Quintin.
 - We believe that helping a family build a home helps them build a better life.
 - We believe in relationship and the ongoing care of our families in Mexico.
 - We believe that building and clothing and feeding are some of the good things that God has prepared in advance for us to do!
 - We believe in the power of mutual transformation.

4. We are blessed to be a blessing.

5. *The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the people on earth will be blessed through you"*(Genesis 12:1-3)

6. *Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well, keep warm and well fed, " but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"*(Jas. 2:15-17).

7. We are meant to worship on more than just Sundays.

8. *Is this not the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry, and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?* (Isa. 58:6-7)

9. *For day after day they (Israel) seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. "Why have we fasted," they say, "and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves and you have not noticed?"*

Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit your workers. Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast acceptable to the Lord?(Isa. 58:2-5).

10. *Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear*

guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I (Isa. 58:8-9).

11. We are the sheep at Jesus' right hand.

12. *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go and visit you?"

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Mt. 25:31-40).

13. We are called to be religious purists.

14. *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world (Jas. 1:27).*

15. "Religion" = "religare" = "to bind fast."