

## This is what **Finishing Well** looks like

The prolonged “shelter at home” orders, the virtual travel ban, plus the precautions prudence dictated by the global health emergency, shredded the plans of man and replaced them with uncertainty, ambiguity, fluidity and quietness: perfect conditions to seek God and to hear His still small voice.

I expect all of us will come out from this changed, and many of us for the better: humbled, more attentive, corrected and -for some at least- refreshed, renewed and sanctified. That is, at least, my case. After months of enforced tentativeness, I find myself de-fogged. I have clarity that I did not have coming in, or in some cases, ever before. “Finishing Well” is the title I chose for this report, because it seems to best encapsulate a fresh vision that I believe is from God. Finishing well to me means:

1. Providing properly for our families (mine and the team’s),
2. Preparing a leadership transition with continuity of the ministry beyond my watch.

I am about to turn 75, so my own time is shrinking, but my vision of the times is clearer. As I approach the end of my watch, I see a significant expansion of what Semilla does, both at home and abroad.

In the US, Semilla must support the Latin pro-life movement, well integrated with ours in the US, playing an effective role in each country and, together, internationally.

Abroad, the evangelical church of Latin America must see the need for Covenant Transformation, impacting marriages and families and through the church and Christian leadership, the culture itself.

In my view, this will fulfill both our long-range and our short-term ministry purposes: “Transforming the Latin culture by the Word of God,” “Contending with the spirit of antichrist” and “Preparing the Bride.” Since this may sound too abstract, I would be HAPPY to explain to you personally how your funding of our mundane activities connects to such lofty targets.

I am NOT setting a date for my “retirement” from active (professional, paid) ministry. Rather I am envisioning a finishing line for my role in Semilla. Part of finishing well is knowing the finish line.

In the remaining time of my watch, I would like to bring Semilla’s revenue and program to about a million dollars annually. Half of it will be raised by us in the US to support the Hispanic pro-life movement and the other half by our team in Latin America as they propagate our message of Covenant Transformation. We are starting with about a third of that revenue; I believe that the value and urgency of our mission will make it possible (and necessary). The Lord will pay for what He ordains.

I have another, more detailed and “newsy” annual report that I will happily sent you, but I chose this visionary one to encourage you that the pandemic has not set back, but rather facilitated the plans of God for our lives in our generation.

None of what I do would be possible without you;, hence, because you do it “onto Him,” everything I and our wonderful team do, accrues to you also!. Thank you for your friendship and support.

