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Spring Itinerary:

February 21-March 1

Hosting CBC Ireland in Salinas,
Ecuador

March 7-March 15

Hosting CBC Colorado in Machala,
Ecuador

March 16- March 31

Conducting two seminars with Pastors
in Machala & Huaquillas, Ecuador

April 2- April 16

Hosting CBC Atlanta in Bogota &
Villavicencio, Colombia

April 17- April 25

Hosting CBC Colorado in Bogota,
Colombia

April 26- April 28

Conducting two seminars with Pastor
Chak Garcia in his church

May 2 (am)-

Speaking at a Pastors Association
Monthly meeting

May 2(pm)- May 4

Conducting a Pastors Seminar with
Pastora Clemenacia Garbiras

God's Kind of Love

February, the month that is recognized throughout the world as the month in which "Love" is the theme for lovers and romance is in the air. We go out and purchase things for our sweethearts to express to them 'our love'. The ladies like this time of the year because they like to be reminded of that love, unlike the farmers wife who asked her husband of 62 years, "John, do you love me?" . . . as John continued milking the cow he shouted, "Mildred, I told you when we got married I did and that settled it."

I sometimes think that God in His infinite love and patience looks down upon His creation and just smiles at our lack of understanding of what "Love" is all about. The Bible tells us in 1John 4:8 that "God is love" and He is ever present. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. That in itself tells us that "Love" is always present and we should be "celebrating-love" each and everyday of our lives.

In John 16:12 Jesus spoke of the new commandment that He was giving us..."That ye love one another, as I have loved you." We might ask, "How did Jesus love us?" His love was not rude, it was not judgmental, it was not based on any pre-conditions or pre-requisites. The love Jesus demonstrated was one that was up lifting. It took a person to the place that they could see themselves in the manner that Jesus saw them. Take for example the woman at the well. Jesus did not judge her but helped her to be freed from the life style she had been in to go on to be the first evangelist that we read about in the New Testament.

When I think of Jesus' love not being rude, judgmental or with any pre-requisites, it makes me think of Zaccheus the publican (tax collector). Note: Publicans in those times were recognized as worse than sinners because they cheated people out of their money and were very deceitful.

In **Luke 19:1-10**, we find Jesus passing through Jericho where our friend Zaccheus lived. Jesus invites himself to his home for lunch. It is interesting to see how the people of the town became upset with Jesus because he ate with a man that was a sinner. In those times for a person to go to a person's home and eat with them stated that you had a friendship with them. I showed that you approved of them.

As I read this, I notice that the Bible makes no mention of Jesus rebuking, judging or stating anything about Zaccheus' dishonest lifestyle. Instead, Jesus demonstrated to him love, grace and even honored Zaccheus by spending time with him in his home. As you read further, you see how Zaccheus responded to Jesus. **V8** And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. **V9** And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. Experiencing just a moment of the true love of Jesus caused such an inward transformation in Zaccheus that he was doing outwardly what was right and to a measure that no one would have expected.

Can we take just these two brief examples that God gives us in His Word about His type of "Love" and use it as a guide by which we can conduct our lives by not judging, not putting conditions on our fellow man requiring him or her to "clean up their act" before we can accept them. But rather by letting God's love flow through us to those who God wants to reach out to and letting Him do the restoring, healing and changing in His way and in His time frame. We can go through life being very successful, accomplish many things etc. etc. but if we "do not have love (God's kind of love-flowing through us) it profits nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:3** **2 Corinthians 3:6** says that we are ministers of the spirit that bring life to the hearers. The Holy Spirit writes God's laws on our hearts. **Hebrews 10:14-17** These are not the laws of the commandments. The law of commandments never brings life. They make us sin conscious and this brings death. The laws of the Spirit make us conscious of God's mercy and compassion and of His ability to set us free from the things in our lives that hold us captive.

But now we are discharged from the Law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held us captive. So now we serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life]. Romans 7:6(Amp)

The new commandment is called the law of liberty. As we love our brothers in the same manner that God loves us by extending them the same mercy and compassion that God extended to us, we set them free. It will cause them to run to God rather than to run away from Him.

May God's love flow through you this day, this month, and this year in a "God awesome way," to the point that it becomes your life style-forever. Suzan and I just want to tell you just how much we love and appreciate each of you and how much you truly mean to us.

You are God's Blessing to us!
Your friends,

Mickey & Suzan



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