News from Paul and Carmiña

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Dear Friends,

What a privilege to be out preaching the good news! I had a tremendous time this past summer preaching, equipping, and being a part of six different teams in Ocean City, MD. Your gifts of support and prayers keep us out there, to which we are very thankful and for Tony and Rebecca Constanzo who supply their house free of charge in Ocean City. We do not know what we would do without everyone that is in partnership with us in the Gospel!

# God's Word Always Accomplishes His Purpose

Often times people ask me, "Do you ever see people come to faith?" I reply, "yes, but it's few and far between." In those times, I comfort myself by remembering my call, that I am nothing, that it is God who gives the increase, and that what Isaiah proclaimed is true, God's Word "shall not return to me empty" (Isaiah 55:10–11 ESV). Recently, I received the following text below from partners in ministry who were out in my old fishing hole, downtown Silver Spring:

"Hey brother, I have a praise and something that will encourage you. Clive and I are in Silver Spring right now getting our board set up. A young man named Birk came up to us and said he heard you preaching here around 2016. He didn't believe when you preached, but he is now a believer and said the seed you sowed brought him to faith."

It was truly an encouraging text with the reminder that we do not always see the results, but the Lord reminds me from time to time with reports similar to this one.

### **Camp Ministry**

What a blessing to be the chapel speaker at two different camps for a week this past summer, Hickory Cove in North Carolina and Camp Wabanna near Annapolis. I did the Armour of God at Hickory Cove and The Last Week of Jesus' Life at Camp Wabanna. The kids were really tuned in at both camps, and you could have heard a pin drop as the kids considered Jesus having all the weight of the sin and guilt of His people laid on Him at the cross. He was treated as if he committed the sin we have committed. Bearing the full weight of God's just wrath and satisfying God's punishment/justice against us.

#### LA MANCHA KID'S CLUB

So thankful for the faithful team of young people who ran the La Mancha Kid's Club this past summer while I was away doing camps and preaching on the boardwalk in Ocean City. I was glad to join them for a week of VBS in August and am back with them for running the weekly club for the fall, winter, and spring.

### UNIVERSITY MINISTRY

Recently, I preached a message at VCU titled, "How Do You See the World?" I talked about Monotheistic, Modern, Postmodern, and biblical frameworks. The point being only the biblical God, as revealed in Scripture, can make sense of nature, reason, science, morality, and identity., but we have wrong thinking on these things because of sin. It was an amazing day even though the sketch-board was pushed over and broken again. Conversations followed that were serious as God drew people who had sincere questions. I always want peace with all men as far at it is possible, but I'll have to say that unreasonable treatment causes students to ask questions. As I spoke to individual students more came in and listened and then asked their own questions. When I looked around, the whole outreach team was in conversations. Please pray that God would open hearts and grant repentance and faith as a result of hearing God's Word. Also, we had a number of returning students from that week every Wednesday, which is a good sign. When it has happened at other schools in the past, there have been some very good results. Thanks to all who pray. You really do make a difference!!!

# A Word from the Mrs.

After 14 additional months of treatment, mid August finally marked the end of infusions. Praise the Lord, I am cancer free and Friday, October 4th, I had surgery to have my port removed and finished up my surgery that they were unable to do last time due to the internal infection.

Thank you so much for standing with me through all of this in prayers, encouragement, support and love. I cannot thank you enough for all your kindness, and I am so thankful to the Lord for you. "The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3

And speaking of the great things the Lord has done for us, I am now an award-winning Grammy and Paul, a Grandpy! Our first grandchild entered the world and what an award she is! Nellie Savannah was born August<sup>1</sup><sub>1</sub>15th to our daughter, Shauna and her husband, Chris, and all are doing well.



Love in Christ,

Paul and Carmiña

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