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## Prince of Peace

### **Vision:**

The gospel and God's Kingdom, actively and freely permeating all levels of society in a holistic and contextualized manner.

### **Mission:**

To develop disciples of Jesus Christ as whole persons and promote a contextualized holistic Christian discipleship in the developing world.

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**Equipping People to Become Complete in Christ**

Peace is in short supply.

We have COVID-19, fracturing relationships, disappearing jobs, rising prices, political division, and nations threatening nations. Life in today's world is like a television rerun that's been playing since Creation.

by David Harlen Brooks

After Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and disobeyed God, guilt shoved peace out of the picture. The result was hiding, finger pointing, jealousy, and murder. Sound familiar?

However, God promised a reset — the woman's seed would crush the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15). Isaiah refreshed the Israelites' memory in Isaiah 9:6, saying that a child yet to be born would be called the Prince of Peace.

Jesus is that child and arrived seven hundred years later in the Judean backwater of the Roman Empire.

#### The First Christmas

But for all the *peace on earth, good will toward men* that the angels sang about, the first Christmas didn't look like it. A decree from Caesar Augustus filled provincial roads with people trekking to their ancestral homes to be counted in a census of the Roman world. Mary, heavy with child, rode over 90 miles over rocky and hilly terrain.

If that wasn't enough, wise men from the East arrived to worship the infant king. A frightened King Herod ordered the slaughter of Bethlehem's

boys, two years and younger to secure his throne. So Joseph and Mary hit the road again. They took refuge in Egypt until it was safe to return.

Despite their hardships, God's promises periodically peeked through the veil of inconvenience and uncertainty.

An angel visited Mary and Joseph to assure them this pregnancy was God's doing.

Elizabeth, Mary's barren cousin, became pregnant, too. And her baby leaped in her womb when the unmarried and expectant Mary arrived.

Then there's the shepherds' story of angels appearing to them sent the Judean hills buzzing. Simeon and Anna's public prophesies over baby Jesus presented in the Temple punctuated with an exclamation mark that this child was special. Then, there is the wise men offering their gifts that probably financed the family's stay in Egypt.

These words and events left Mary with much to ponder amidst the unfolding plan to restore humanity's relationship with God (Colossians 1:20).

But the story doesn't end there. Jesus, Prince of Peace, suffered ridicule, beating, whipping, and

finally crucifixion. His disciples deserted him and hid. Resurrection day came, but the authorities spread their version of fake news — Jesus' disciples stole his body.

#### Where's the Peace?

Now, if that happened to the Son of God, should we expect any less today? The truth is, Jesus told his disciples (John 16:2) that they would be kicked out of the synagogue. People would try to kill them and think they were doing God a favor.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

The Apostle Paul pictured it this way in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18:

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.<sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for

us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.<sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

God's promise may look different than what we would like, but it is superior to the world's idea of peace. It isn't a temporary truce on the battlefield, it's not a bell that ends a round in a boxing match. It's not a knock at the door that temporarily suspends an argument. Treaties among nations, agreements between political opponents are broken, marriage vows put asunder, contracts nullified by small print.

The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.  
Like the crocus,<sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendor of our God.  
<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;  
<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you."  
<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

More important than political and social peace is spiritual peace — the most significant part of peace lost in the garden. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

God purchased peace through Jesus' death and resurrection. He reconciled us by making peace through Jesus' blood shed on a cross (Colossians 1:20). This peace is permanent, transcends all understanding, and guards our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:7).

Peace in our world doesn't mean absence of trouble. Like Mary, align-

ing our lives with God's plan by saying, "let it be to me according to your word" may bring on hardship. But like the wise men, He may direct you along another route. Like Joseph and Mary, He may send you to your Egypt for a time. Like a census, government requirements may inconvenience us, even threaten us, but God is positioning us for His purposes. And nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:31-39).

There may be no room in the inn for us, but Isaiah 32 foretells of a place of peace and restoration:

Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.  
<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.  
In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.  
<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.  
The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.  
But only the redeemed will walk there,  
<sup>10</sup> and those the Lord has rescued will return.  
They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.  
Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away. ■

The Prince of Peace has come; the King of Peace is coming again.

# Becoming a Man of God... And Less a Man of this World



REACH men came together online for the REACH Men's Conference to be the men our times call for.

Over 40 men gathered to worship, share experiences, pray, and to be challenged to become men of God, during the REACH Men's Conference on September 19. Dr. Rex Cruz gave the concluding message, focusing on imitating and depending on Christ and becoming less of men of this world.

The COVID-19 pandemic wasn't far from mind as men shared their experiences of the past two years.

Caleb Jimenez (Metro Manila) said his wife gave birth at the height of the pandemic. Though the year had been a cloudy one, he said there are many promises in the Bible to claim. "God will sustain us even with a worldwide pandemic."

Erniejun Zamora (Cabadbaran) said he felt guilty for worrying, but God strengthened him. "I must focus on what I can do instead of what I can't do. There's always stability when I'm with

God." Despite the challenging ministry circumstances, he said, "This ministry is God's ministry, not someone else's."

## TAKE A STAND

A video, *God is Speaking, Are You Listening*, challenged Christians to take a stand in the world. It said living out the Fruit of the Spirit allows our lives to testify that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life in a world desperate for answers.

## BECOMING A MAN OF GOD

Rex said in his message that today's situation is similar to the early

Church. Corinth and Ephesus were flourishing hubs of commerce, culture, and beliefs. The environment led to serious social, moral, and spiritual problems that challenged the faith of early Christians.

He said we still need godly leaders who will step out of the secular behavior that surrounds us. We also need servant leaders willing to help younger believers grow amidst the chaos in the world despite the challenges it throws at us.

Here are some message highlights:

## THE CHARACTER OF A MAN OF GOD

**Be watchful and stand firm in the faith.** — (1 Peter 5:8, Philippians 1:27) Keeping an eye on the enemy helps us avoid temptation, detect deception, and prepare our defenses against any offence. Standing firm



means being consistent, unwavering, unshrinking, and uncompromising. We can stand firm by God's empowerment through the Holy Spirit with the weapons of righteousness.

**Act like men and be strong.** — (Joshua 1:6-9) In the Old Testament, the word for *act* means not being a coward, or timid, or alarmed by enemies. Joshua and Caleb showed boldness and bravery. But the fearful report of the other ten spies discouraged the Israelites from taking the Promise Land. God penalized that generation to wander the desert for 40 years and miss the blessing He had for them.

However, Rex said it is a mistake to think we are strong enough and can linger around temptation.

**Let love be the motivation of all you do, out of love for God.** — (Matthew 22:37-40) Be like God, strong and firm, yet loving. We are criminals, yet God gave us His son, Jesus Christ. We are beneficiaries, so we should

give grace and sacrifice for others.

## HOW TO BECOME MEN OF GOD

**Rely on the Power and Strength of the Lord.** — (Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 6:11-18) Without submission to Christ, it will be impossible to become men of God. It is a continual process that requires investing time studying God's Word and in prayer.

Other books may be fine, but they should not replace the Bible. The Bible contains all the instruction and spiritual equipment needed to be strong. Spiritual opposition needs God's spiritual power, not ours.

**Becoming Less a Man of This World.** — (Romans 12:2, Mark 8:36) The world still has a strong hold on us. If we are lax in our intake of God's Word, we won't be able to differentiate between what is good and evil.

In addition, knowledge, career,

recognition, and family may not be bad, but the devil can use them to detour us from pursuing what is best. "We should be focused more on heavenly concerns than on worldly matters," Rex said.

**Imitate Christ in love, in obedience, in holiness** — (1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Peter 2:21, Philippians 2:3) Become like Christ as he modeled on earth. It won't come overnight, but by personally interacting with Him through Scripture.

## SELF REFLECTION

In closing, Rex asked, "Are you a man of God? Examine how much of your life is being directed and controlled by God. It is when you are alone in front of a mirror and with the lens of the Word of God that you can truly see if you are becoming more a man of God than a man of this world." ■

To listen to an audio file of Rex's message copy and paste the following link into your browser's URL field.  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1klT8-Cf508LncJyfEz8yVCPz0QAtp2p/view?usp=sharing>

## Connecting the Youth With Missions

**W**hy is REACH concerned about Missions? What is missions? Is there a role for the youth? Missions is all about the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20.

Dr. Paul Pasicolan is the director of the Indochina Mission Partnership, a project of REACH and Reach Ministries International. He says, “Missions is both the end goal and start of discipling. Without which, a true church stops growing.”

It was Jesus, himself, who laid out a Christian’s priority in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

*<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

On October 9, REACH began an 8-week youth Kairos course to keep missions at the forefront of the REACH ministry so future generations will join God’s work.

Paul said, “The Youth KAIROS course in REACH is a priming up phase for future goers and supporters of missions. It is also a good means of spotting ready to go prospective missionaries to replace the older retiring ones in the field.”

Toward that end, the course aimed to raise the conscience of the youth of their role in fulfilling the Great Commission, not just at home but also around the world, especially

to unreached people groups\*.

It also emphasized integrating Kingdom values into daily living, and challenged them to be meaningfully involved in the World Christian Movement.

REACH field workers conducted the program, sharing their own experiences and encounters. The customized course is an adaptation of the Kairos world-mission course. REACH plans to continue offering the course.

Over 40 people logged in for the first session. Twenty-eight graduated. The course began October 9, 2021.

### Topics covered

- Biblical Basis of Mission, History and Expansion
- Evangelism and Prayer as a Lifestyle
- Cultural Consideration in Missions
- Wholistic Ministry
- Community Development (a personal testimony)
- Coping up with Modern Technology/ Evangelism and Missions in the Digital Age
- Missions and God’s Overflowing Resources
- Integration, Task Remaining, Teamwork

Sessions included lectures, personal testimonies, plenary and small group discussions and reflections. Prayer for the unreached people

groups was also incorporated.

“One big gain achieved in the eight-Saturday session course was the inculcation in the participants’ minds and hearts of God’s redemptive plan for mankind throughout the ages (see page 8), and that each believer in Christ has a role to play.”

The lesson one participant learned was having a, “Clearer perspective about my connection to the bigger picture of God’s redemptive agenda in my present status, work, professional expertise, and God given abilities.”

Paul also said, “Failing to see or not doing one’s part in the Great Commission leads to unfruitfulness and a dysfunctional Christian life.”

Whether as a goer or one who helps to send others (by prayer and financial support) to go to reach the unreached, the youth can step up to fulfill Jesus’ Great Commission. ■

\* Unreached people groups — It is estimated that of the 7.75 billion people alive in the world today, 3.23 billion of them live in unreached people groups with little or no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Joshua Project, there are approximately 17,446 unique people groups in the world with 7,400+ of them considered unreached (over 41% of the world’s population!). The vast majority (85%) of these least reached groups exist in the 10/40 window and less than 10% of missionary work is done among these people.

**Source:** <https://globalfrontiermissions.org/gfm-101-missions-course/the-unreached-peoples-and-their-role-in-the-great-commission/>

## Lessons Learned by the Youth

**It inspires me that in mission work, it is no longer for myself but it is for the Glory of God.**

### The Basis

Mission is inculcated in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. He has planned and promised to gather believers from all people groups since the very beginning.

**All Christians, including me, are part of God’s great plan for the whole world. Obedience to Jesus implies that I must regard the Great Commission, not as a choice but a must. It is a privilege and a responsibility. I need not be afraid of my future. I pray that I would be an active communicator of the gospel in words and deeds and trust His sovereign will while obeying.**

The profoundness of God’s heart towards the lost – the greatness of His mercy and love. Doing mission is VITAL part in disciple-making — it is not just an end but also the first step in doing discipleship, and being part of it is a great and wonderful privilege — even in simple little ways of everyday, especially prayer.

### Prayer

**Prayer is land preparation ... to produce a better crop we need to cultivate first the land before we plant the seed... similar to praying for the hearts of my friends and relatives so that when the time comes they will hear the Gospel and understand it.**

### Commitment

**Jesus did His part in the redemption process. “It’s my turn to do mine. Participate” in the Redemption Plan of God by reaching out the lost. God uses People (his disciples) to accomplish His purposes/mission, and “I want to be part of it”. I am privileged!**

Mission starts where God placed me now. I can start it with my family and friends, workmates and others. Teaming up with God is very challenging because God used a compass and not a map for us to follow where He leads. In obeying Jesus Christ and His mission, there are always challenges that test our faith. We are called to be part of the unfinished work of Jesus. I learned about the Goer, Sender and Mobilizer. Obey God’s calling whatever the cost!

### Technology

Technology offers great opportunity for missions but it also comes with challenges. My take away is to make sure (by God’s grace) that all my social media accounts reflect Christ-like character and attitude.

**A session challenged me to lessen my time in social media and seek more of His Word.**

What would Jesus post? (WWJP) How would Jesus use the social media platforms in reaching out?

### Dependence

**God assures us that when we decide to follow Him and make us fishers of men, He will never leave us on the whole journey and we will experience even more how great and wonderful God is.**

**When there is vision, provision follows... so don’t be afraid ....**

### Contextualization

As a missionary you must have eyes that see what a community needs. It serves as an entry point to gain people’s trust in a community. You also need to train someone in a community to take part in your mission and later on, that person will continue what you have started in their community.

To be an effective witness, we must learn to contextualize the gospel in the mission field without compromising the truths and commands in the Bible. Identifying with our target people may include learning their language, giving up some of our preferences, and befriending them to communicate the gospel effectively. Find the dynamic equivalence of the culture.

**Not only is it to be shared, but it’s also needed to be lived out.**

# 10 Plot Points of God's Mission

God's plan to redeem a lost and broken world, and our part in it, is summarized in Matthew 28:18-20. In the sequence below, you can trace how God's plan unfolded in the pages of the Bible.

- 1 God created the world for a love relationship (Genesis 1:27,28).
- 2 Mankind sinned and started a crisis: death, pain, suffering and eternal damnation (Genesis 3).
- 3 God conceived a recovery plan to redeem mankind: He promised to send a Savior — Messiah (Genesis 3:15).
- 4 God set apart a nomadic household that became a nation (Israel) to bless the many: Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3).
- 5 But Israel did not obey God's calling to be a WITNESS and a BLESSING to the nations.
- 6 However, it was from Abraham's seed that the Savior came: Jesus' ancestry in Matthew and Luke trace his lineage from Abraham to Joseph.
- 7 Jesus — the Son of God came down on earth as Man to fulfill God's promise of sending a Savior (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:31-33).
- 8 Jesus' death and resurrection completed salvation's requirement through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9). That was his Mission.
- 9 Jesus commanded the 12 disciples and his followers to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:18-20).
- 10 We (the believers) are commissioned to spread the Gospel to all nations until Jesus comes (Mat. 28:18-20): The Great Commission.

## KAIROS

by Cyrus Opeña

In a world full of darkness,  
In a world full of discouragement,  
There are those who stand as lights,  
Reaching out to the lost, showing them the "Path".

I also was once darkness,  
Then God's voice convicted me,  
Though I have sinned, yet I saw forgiveness,  
Now what's left is to call the lost around me.

I am not capable to spread the word,  
I am not equipped to seek the lost.  
So God gave ways for me to succeed,  
The Kairos course, yes that course, is one of them.

Unsure of what to expect, yet I joined,  
Seeing new people, brethren and faces.  
Though strangers I felt belonged,  
New learnings, relationships and experiences.

I learned to look at missions as historically biblical,  
How to spread the word from culture to culture,  
To remain faithful, yet looking after the person,  
And to be with other salts to reach even more.

I felt the love each end of the week,  
I felt the need to share the news to others.  
My fearful heart, yes it is weak,  
But was encouraged by my sisters and brothers.

The first course has ended, felt a bit sad,  
For I have found a new family, from different places worldwide.  
It is truly amazing how God was able  
To organize a congregation though far away from one another.

As we move on to fulfill the upward call,  
To seek the lost, to be heralds of the Lord,  
I am glad that God always provides us chances to encourage each other,  
With God's mercy, love and faithfulness working in the hearts of one another.

I will ever be grateful for this course,  
Hoping to see you all one day, not only here, but also in eternity, worshipping God forever.  
But for now, today is the opportune day,  
Now is the Kairos!

May the grace of God and the peace of Christ be always with us,  
To God be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

Cyrus Opeña became a Christian through YouTube. He was a classmate of Dorcas Ubiña in high school and invited by Danielle Ubiña to attend Kairos. He is a Pharmacy student at MMSU.



Children and parents join the Children's Christmas party on December 19 (four families are not pictured).

## REACH Holds First National Children's Christmas Party

REACH held its first National Children's Christmas Party with Parents via Zoom on December 19. Nearly 50 children and parents attended from Luzon and the Visayas. Unfortunately, Super Typhoon Odette knocked out electrical lines in much of Mindanao and parts of the Visayas, limiting the number who could participate. Still, by God's grace the celebration pushed through.

Christmas songs, games, a Got Talent contest, and a video message kept the kids happy and parents smiling.

Tina Brooks, Leslie DeLeon, Dynna Golez, and Cristy Mendrez organized the party. Jofred and Shadon Jimenez, judged the Got Talent contest. Entries were judged on originality, relevancy to the season, and quality of performance.

Winners of the Got Talent contest are: first place, Kylie Barrera from Batac; second place, Eleryh Ricohermoso from Metro Manila, and third place, the Roxas kids led by Alma and Jerry Francisco from Roxas City.

Other games were also played and prizes given out.

A video message was presented by Cristy to help children understand the importance of obeying their parents. Proverbs 1:8-9 (CEV) says,

"My child, obey the teachings of your parents, and wear their teaching as you would a pretty hat or a lovely necklace."

The video also pointed out that parents have much wisdom and experience in life, they make sacrifices for their children, and ensure that the children's basic needs are met. So, in order for a household to run smoothly, everyone, including children, need to do their part.

Thanks is extended to everyone who helped, through their efforts and financial gifts, to make this celebration of Jesus' birth a blessing for the children.

Tina Brooks said, "Praise God! He always makes a way for His honor and glory! May the kids grow in godliness. The children's Christmas party will be part of our national activities, yearly, God willing!"



Top to bottom: 1. Kylie Barrera, first place winner in the Got Talent contest; 2. The Roxas kids; 3. Sofia Supas; 4. Amber Beltran quotes Psalm 91.

## Self-Care: Is it for Christians?



Since the pandemic began, we hear a lot about self-care. Is it another sign of an increasingly narcissistic society? Or is it a sorely needed part of healthy living?

### What is Self-Care?

According to Wikipedia, “Self-care is a process of taking care of oneself with behaviors that promote health and active management of illness when it occurs. Both types of self-care are needed. Everyone engages in some form of self-care daily with food choices, exercise, sleep, and dental care.”

An organization called Active-Minds says, “Self-care is not selfish. You must fill your own cup before you can pour into others.”

Self-care also isn’t a new fad. Wikipedia states that Socrates of ancient Greece is said to be the founder of self-care in Greco culture.

**What the Bible says about Self-Care** But what does the Bible say about the topic? If we look to the Bible as the grid for evaluating societal trends and how we should respond to them, can we find examples of self-care?

From the very beginning, we find self-care embedded in the Creation story. God created the world in six days, but rested on the seventh day. God rested not because he needed to, but as an example, knowing that mankind’s body couldn’t work 24/7.

In the past, during the French revolutionary period and briefly during the former Soviet Union, some

experimented with doing away with a seven-day week to boost productivity. As a result, the experiment failed when economic output decreased and social inequality developed between social classes when the experiment wasn’t applied equitably.

God’s consideration of mankind’s needs and provision for rest was again reinforced in the Ten Commandments issued to Moses (Exodus 20:8-11). Rest also provided time to worship and honor God.

Both King Saul and King David found solace from music. Saul’s troubled heart and mind was soothed by David’s playing the harp when an evil spirit came upon the King (1 Samuel 16:14-23). David was not only a musician but a composer of poetry and songs. Some of his great psalms were



written when his enemies sought to kill him.

Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 that there is a time for everything, including enjoyment.

When the political pressure got too much for Elijah, God sent him to an isolated area for rest (1 Kings 19). God fed him and spoke soothing words to strengthen him so he could carry out God’s calling for his life.

In the New Testament, Jesus, often withdrew to quiet places to talk with his Heavenly Father (Luke 5:16). This was his practice before busy days such as choosing disciples (Luke 6:12-13), teaching the crowds, and healing the sick.

Jesus practiced the same care for his disciples. He took them aside after

a hectic ministry tour (Mark 6:31).

Taking care of oneself doesn’t have to be a sign of self-centeredness. In a fallen world, we can never fully expect others to sacrifice for our needs.

### Feeding your Spirit

Some folks in the ministry have attended sessions with Elijah House and Wholeness Ministry. They use a term called *feeding your spirit*. Here is a list of things you can do to nurture your self in a pandemic and hectic world.

- Spend extended time reading God’s love letter to you,
- Talk and listen to God,
- Listen to soothing music,
- Set aside time for yourself and guard it,
- Take a walk in nature,
- Visit an art museum,
- Read a good novel, poetry, biographies of people who made an impact on others,
- Take a trip,
- Spend time with family,
- Attend reunions to strengthen ties with friends and loved ones,
- Watch a clean, funny movie,
- Learn something new,
- Cook your favorite dish,
- Exercise, play a sport,
- Pick up a hobby,
- Get extra sleep,
- Eat nutritious food rather than junk food,
- Learn to say no, politely, when others want some of your time,
- Play with your pet,
- Write down what you are grateful for.

### Freedom and Motives

There are issues where the Bible gives us clear guidelines to follow — what

to do and what not to do. In other cases, it gives general principals and leaves it up to the individual to decide what is best.

Ultimately, we must check our motives for our choices we make, such as how we spend our time. Are we forming good or destructive habits in the long-term? Do our actions nurture our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being? Which do we love more, God or the activity? Do we still take time to show love to others in tangible ways? The Great Commandment is given in Mark 12:30,31. It is a good standard for evaluating ourselves.

Let’s face it, the human race tends toward self-centeredness. The Baby Boomers were called the *Me* generation and the Millennials have been called the *Selfie* or *MeMeMe* generation. The shoe fits us all.

Each of us has a need to chill out from time to time. It’s not a sin to say, “No” once in a while. Caring for self doesn’t have to be selfish. It’s about why, who we focus on, who we run to, and the gifts God has given for our pleasure. ■

**You can care for you,  
because God first cared  
for you!**

## REACH Website Finds New Home

The REACH website has a new home on the web. You can now find it at [reach-org.com](http://reach-org.com). The site includes REACH's four commitments, philosophy of ministry, a description of some of the sectoral ministries, downloads of the REACH Bulletin for the past two years, a news/blog page, and descriptions of the Discipleship Family Series and other available materials.

The website is a work in progress, and we will continue to add content, such as back issues of the Bulletin, updates on ministry activities, photos, and videos. ■



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The Discipleship Family Series

Walk through a Christian bookstore and many of the materials you see are imported from wealthy Western countries. Even when translated, they may not speak to Filipino conditions. Therefore, REACH felt an urgent need for materials written by Filipinos for Filipinos. We incorporated our rich heritage to convey discipleship principles.

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## Disciplemaking in the Developing World

REACH Ministries is developing disciples of Jesus Christ as whole persons in the context of the developing world. Specifically, it seeks to maximize the growth of disciples and disciple-makers in the face of complex social and economic environments in the developing world. Toward this end, REACH is committed to the following: the whole person; indigenous leadership styles; the poor; and disciplemaking through—staff development; ministry enhancement; socio-economic development; high school and collegiate outreach; developing contextualized materials; and practicing godly administration and management.