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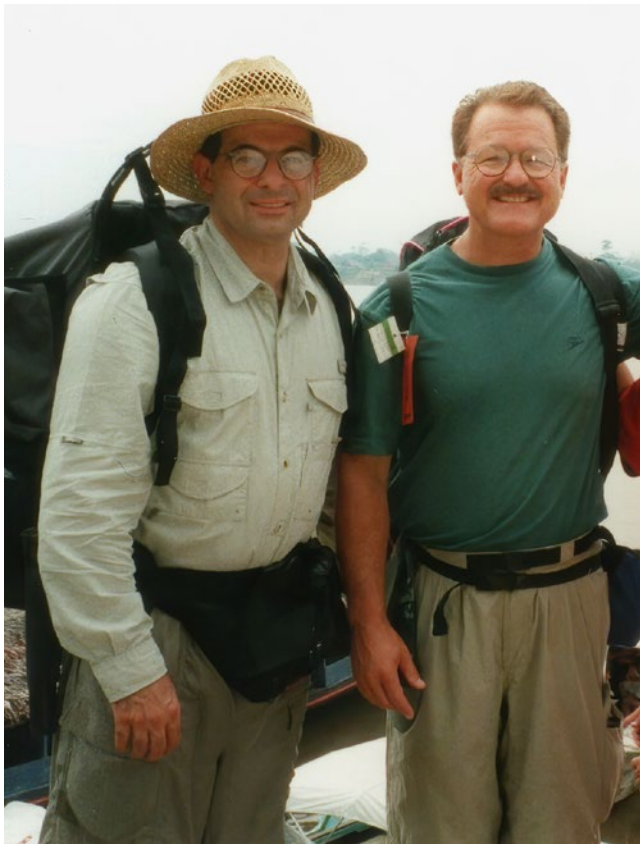
Pastor Randy Barr, a former LSMI board member and more than that, a great friend and co-laborer in the ministry was promoted to Glory this November 21, 2020. Randy traveled with me to many countries including Guatemala, Peru on the Amazon River, and Venezuela. I first met Randy and Sandra in 1987 while we were itinerating to go to Mexico as new missionaries. Randy would call and check in with me just to see how I was doing. There was no distance that separated our heart connection. One of my happiest memories was when Randy was preaching in the Amazon and at the moment he was quoting Genesis and said "Let there be light." the old rusty generator that hadn't worked for 6 months kicked on and sparked a revival within the congregation. It was Randy that God used to challenge me to return to Mexico. I replied "No Randy, I'm working around the world why would I do that?" The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "Wrong Answer". Randy and I sowed many Gospel seeds on our many adventures together.

Many years ago my heart was drawn to the impoverished people of Cardboard Landia. Carol and I have labored long in the darkness, mud and squalor of that "barrio". Three years ago we built a church and a community center and now we are enjoying an ongoing incremental increase. A young mother and her small children were actively involved at our Vida Church and Community Center. Her husband was not because he was a member of a powerful Mexican cult called 'Luz Del Mundo'. I needed a maintenance man in Mezcales so I hired Jorge to do the work.

When I first introduced him to my guard dogs I told Jorge that I was going to tell them that he was not a Christian but a member of 'Luz Del Mundo'. Jorge laughed at my joke and said, "Please Pastor don't do that they will eat me alive." I love to make people laugh while I prod them with the sword of truth. Throughout the weeks and months for well over a year, I confronted his faith with seeds of truth; not with condemnation but with



1998 Amazon River ministry trip with Pastor Randy Barr (and our daughter Amy in the back)



Lee and Randy Barr on Amazon River 1998

clarification of sound Biblical doctrine, kindness and love. Last month at our third year anniversary service seven people came forward and dedicated their lives to Christ. Among these new believers was Jorge who came to the altar and dropped to his knees, doubling over with tears at the Savior's feet. God is good.

P.S. A few weeks before the third anniversary service 9 people were water baptized in the ocean from our congregation in Cardboard Landia. As the song goes, "You are here, working in this place. I worship you. I worship you; Way Maker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness. My God, that is who you are." I want to thank each and every one of you who are prayerfully and financially investing in life transformation by giving *seed to the sower so that God can reap the harvest*. It is our job to cultivate the soil, plant the seed, water it and over time the Lord of life reaps His harvest.

Together we are Vida Internacional,

Lee & Carol

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