

Planting Trees

Recently, while reading a book written by Glenn Colley, I came across a story from his youth. He had planned to plant walnut trees, hoping to profit from them later in life. However after consulting a forester, he learned that it takes 150 years for a walnut tree to mature and become marketable. The lesson? Sometimes the seeds we plant today are meant for future generations, not for ourselves. Nelson Henderson, a former Scotland rugby player, beautifully expressed this idea when he said,

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

This quote reminds me of words spoken by our Lord, *“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister”* (Mark 10:45). We are here to serve our Lord and to plant the seed (Luke 8:11). We have been receiving wonderful feedback from people around the world, and I would like to share a couple of them with you [shortened due to space limitations]:

“I do not speak Spanish, but I have been using Google Translate along with your material with a Colombian family who doesn’t speak English. Last week, two of them were baptized after studying the Back to the Bible material! The YouTube channel has also been great for their Spanish Bible classes. So thankful for the work you are doing” – Kentucky, USA.

“It’s a pleasure to greet you. God blessed me by leading me to your resources online. I started studying with you, and the course is wonderful—clear and insightful. I’m growing so much and want to prepare myself to serve our Heavenly Father” – California, USA.

You may recall from a previous newsletter the story of a young man from Venezuela who watched our videos and obeyed the Gospel. He continues to study with our resources and has become a blessing to his local preacher, as the preacher recently told me. This **new convert has even encouraged an older preacher to keep growing** in his faith, using the resources we are blessed to provide.

I am sharing all of this with you because it helps to remind us that the seeds we plant may take time to bear fruit. We may not see all the results of our labor, but we rejoice in knowing that God is the One who gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:7-8). As the text continues, we are “laborers together with God” (1 Corinthians 3:9), and we are so grateful to have you alongside us in this work. THANK YOU for helping us take the Word of God to the Spanish-speaking world.

If you would like to know more about the School and how you can support us financially, please visit our website at spanishbibleschool.org. Let us keep planting more trees together.

May God bless you and your family richly today, and always!

To Him be the glory!