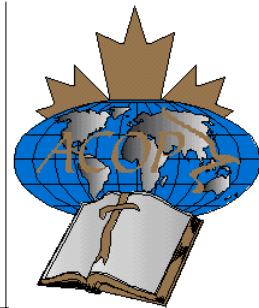


# Fellowship Focus



## AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME By Willard Mitchell

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The Congress of Apostolic Ministries III took place in Guatemala City, Guatemala on February 13 – 20, 2007. It was hosted by the Jesus Christ Is Lord Churches of Central America and held in the Nazarene Convention Center, a beautiful place with tropical vegetation, creatively constructed on the side of a mountain. (There were 108 stone steps plus ramps between the eating facility and where the meetings were held!)

The ministry from the Scriptures was both encouraging and challenging. Speakers from Canada



included Wes Mills, Denzel Fenn, Elsie Welch, Kenn Parker and Doug Siggelkow. Ministry and reports from numerous national pastors and leaders complemented these. The quality and commitment of these people was so very impressive. Many live with privation and hardship unknown to us in our society.

Sixty-five pastors and church leaders from Canada joined with representatives from Honduras, El Salvador, Mexico and Guatemala for a total of over 200 delegates. Others from the local area attended some of the meetings. We were all so warmly received. The hospitality of the Central American churches was wonderful.

They face spiritual opposition that is only overcome by the demonstration of the supernatural power of God. They spoke with great love and appreciation for the missionaries and ministries from Canada that had come to their countries over many years.

For most of us our Spanish was confined to "Hola", "Adios" and "Mi nombre es..." however in the times of prayer no one seemed aware of those limitations. In Central America public worship is primarily joyful more than introspective - the dancing is graceful and exuberant - and the services generally start 20 – 30 minutes late.

One highlight was the ministry of Harold Caballeros who is a presidential candidate for the next national election. He told of his salvation and Holy Spirit infilling in 1979 and of his friend, Bill Lindberg (ACOP Itinerant Missionary), singing "The Lord's Prayer" at their wedding. Then he outlined the role of Pentecostalism in Guatemala over the last 50 years and the profound effect that has made.

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### Vision

To preach the gospel of the Kingdom to every nation.

### Mission

To be an international network of ministers and churches providing fellowship encouragement and accountability in the proclamation of the Gospel by the Power of the Holy Spirit

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## ACOP Core Values

### 1. Vital Relationships Are Essential:

We value right relationships with God and with one another. Relationships within our Fellowship should be characterized by love, acceptance, forgiveness and accountability. We recognize that authority comes from relationship and not position alone.

### 2. Leadership Makes a Difference:

God uses a few to influence many. Leadership is both an awesome responsibility and a wonderful opportunity.

### 3. Vision Gives Life:

Through vision God invites us to partner with Him, for a preferable future. Vision must be revealed, embraced, communicated and pursued.

### 4. The Church Is the Hope of the World:

Life transformation happens in and through the local church.

The local church is the primary vehicle for advancing the Kingdom of God in our world. Therefore we respect the autonomy of the local church, while acknowledging the benefit of interchurch cooperation.

### 5. Unity with Diversity is a Blessing:

We believe that there must be unity in the essentials and a respect for diversity in the non-essentials.

### 6. Prayer Releases God's Power:

We value seeking, listening and bringing God's power to bear in our Fellowship. Through prayer we impact our world

### 7. Anointed Bible Preaching:

Preaching is the Spirit empowered proclamation of the Word of God, which results in a demonstration of the Spirit's power.

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In 1960 only 1% of the population was Christian now 40% are professing believers. He told of how God had used extreme suffering as part of the process in bringing many to Christ. In 1976 a great earthquake took the lives of 27,000 people in three minutes yet out of that there was great revival. In a country still deeply marked by corruption, extortion and violence he spoke of the need for national as well as individual transformation, which only comes as a result of a vision from God. (Romans 12:2 "...be transformed by the renewing of your mind.")

The wonderful sense of love and unity was overwhelming. It was not only Canadians being connected with their Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters. Some of the

Central Americans had never had opportunity before to interact and worship together with their counterparts. The prayer and ministry times were so powerful and yet so sweet. There were many tears of joy and our Lord was honored.

There are experiences that we look back upon that are highlights in life. For many of us, Congress III will be one of them.



## Missions Snapshot



- Garth Knapp is traveling in Africa and will be returning in April
- Lorne Marshall is traveling in Africa and will be returning in May

- Ron Lapka is on deputation for his mission in El Salvador
- Justin Pilgrim is on deputation for his mission in Ireland

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