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Pray for David and Joyce Reed, regional missionaries to Iberoamerica and the Caribbean, with ministry focus on spiritual renewal, spiritual formation and vocational calling.



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Joyce and David serve as regional missionaries with partner Baptist conventions in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean. This regional ministry is rooted in the concern that Christians around the world have become a very busy people who have lost sight of the movement of the Spirit. Its goal is to draw people into a deeper experience with God through spiritual disciplines such as stillness, listening, prayer, creative worship and spiritual

companionship. To do this, Joyce and David will offer retreats at which pastors and leaders can find rest, renewal and resources for self-care. They will develop curriculums for spiritual formation courses to be taught in theological schools. They will also mentor young people who sense a call to ministry. The Reeds served from 1999–2014 in Baja California Sur, Mexico, where they worked with the local Mexican Baptist Convention to start new churches, develop a theological education program and host mission teams from the United States.

They write in a recent journal –

... with our students in the Masters of Theological Studies (MTS) program, we teach the spiritual disciplines of Silence and Solitude. Because we learned how to wait, to be in silence, to find God in the mystery, we know the value of mentoring other leaders to do the same. We had to experience it first so that we could authentically teach it to others. Every situation of your life is valuable and worthy. You gain wisdom to share with others.

Paying Attention

Paying attention to your interior life is the beginning of transformation. Do you cultivate time for silence? Do carve a space that is separate from your smart phone, your computer, your Apple watch, your television, your IPOD, your Fitbit? How often is God trying to get your attention, but you're too distracted to even notice?

Invitation to Mature

Becoming a mature disciple is the invitation to relinquish whatever draws you away from the presence of God. It is the invitation to begin a sacred romance with God. To invite God to be your true desire, your greatest love. When was the last time you simply became still, and let God love you? Love is the foundation of everything. Our world is desperate for authentic, life-giving love. So much longing for things to be different. But how often do we stop, and let God address these longings of our hearts? If we aren't willing to let God love us as an individual, a beautiful human being made in God's image, then how do we expect to be an agent of change with those in our sphere of influence? This is why we teach. This is why we mentor. This is why we disciple the next generation of pastors and leaders in Latin America.

What We Do.

We walk beside pastors and missionaries in their spiritual journey with God. Our goal is to help them achieve breakthroughs and sustain depth in their spiritual life so that they can invite others to a deep authentic relationship with God.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

John 10:10b I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Read their full journal at <https://www.internationalministries.org/the-voice-weve-forgotten/>