

United State of the Americas

'How pleasing it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity.'(PS 133:1)

We please Him. Maybe it's because we realize that America is as much Mexico and Chile and Puerto Rico as it is the United States. Maybe it's because we love marriage and treat it as holy, indissoluble, or because we have committed to growing beyond homosexuality and various addictions and abuses in order to become the good gifts we are. Or maybe He just loves us. Period. He showed His love for us by pouring out the oil of unity upon us as we gathered from the four corners of the Americas for our fifth Aguas Vivas Training in Corboba Argentina last week. I have yet to experience such a diverse and 'well-oiled' team of leaders who gathered to offer their stories and gifts in love. Grateful for others' gifts as well, we created a whole, united in our brokenness and the broken God who raises us up over and over again.

Miguel from Puerto Rico brought his two Pentecostal pastors and the woman he hopes to marry soon. He has become a mighty man of God since he joined us five years ago at our first training in Mexico City, a man divided by the 'gay self' yet desperately seeking Jesus. Five years later, he taught powerfully from his life experience about the gifts we can become for each other and for our churches.

Marie-Innes had been sexually and spiritually abused by a New Age leader which damaged her marriage to Daniel, a man struggling with same-sex attraction. After they became part of a dynamic Catholic community in Cordoba, the couple drank in 'Living Waters', which brought renewal to their marriage and a vision for their vocation as husband and wife. Along with awesome Father Adrian, they are raising up witnesses and healers throughout Argentina, several of whom shared brilliantly at the training (Griselda, Roxanna and Walter, you are the best!)

In 2001, I met Ruth, a pastor's wife with a deep wound from her pastor/father and Ignacio who was seeking to overcome sexual addiction. In their brokenness before Jesus, they represented beautifully the Vineyard Churches in Chile. For nearly 15 years now, they have dug a deep well of Living Waters in Santiago; that was evident in the team they brought to the training to minister expertly to all. Gracias Carol and Alberto, and Ruth's daughter Constanza whose worship leading broke open the fragrant oil Mary of Bethany offered to Jesus. We offered ourselves to Him, sweetly broken and grateful.

From Guadalajara Mexico came Father Ricardo, and Veronica who is growing out of same-sex dependency and into a calling to offer the gift of 'Living Waters' to Catholic young adults throughout Latin America. She is sharp and humble and loved by all. Father Ricardo is among our greatest gifts. Before he imparts his considerable priestly wisdom, he offers his humanity to us and like Pope Francis simply asks: 'Pray for me.' He receives Living Waters like dry ground and wants to ensure that his diocese is a deep, evident well of 'Living Waters.'

From the Caribbean, to the Southern Cone of South America, then upwards to Mexico--Catholics, Pentecostals, and evangelicals entered the 'Living Waters' together in Cordoba under the sure leadership of North Americans Daniel Delgado and Ondine Morales (with special assist from our Kansas City treasure, Pamela). Undergirding the seven days was a team led by Anne in Canada that interceded daily and specifically for us; I believe their prayers guarded our graceful cohesion. Prayerful trust in His divine mercy forges a unity among us that pleases God's heart. That unity overflows as a fountain throughout the Americas.



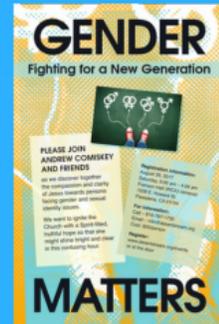
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Join Andrew Comiskey and friends as we equip the saints to administer compassion and clarity for persons facing gender and relational issues.

That includes unwanted same-sex attraction, gender identity problems, sexual addiction, and marriages facing these concerns.



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