

# CHRYSALIS NEWSLETTER



## AMO® Encuentro II in Santo Domingo

*“Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” — Esther 4:14, NKJV*

Chrysalis began 2011 by hosting forty-five leaders from the Americas at Encuentro II in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The beauty of the Caribbean combined with inspired teaching, rich fellowship, and powerful testimonies engraved eternal impressions upon the hearts of those who participated, deepening our commitment to His call. Our mission was to meet each other, many of us for the first time, for encouragement, teaching, and strategic planning as we work together to equip two generations in discipling their communities for Christ through the AMO® Program.

The keynote message from Dr. Elizabeth Youmans, “For Such a Time as This,” was taken from the life of young Queen Esther. It stirred our hearts as we pondered God’s providence and the influence of one youth who was committed to God without reservation. As Esther obeyed God and trusted her life with Him, God equipped her and gave her favor with the pagan Persian king which saved her people. It was a timely message for each of us in our AMO® calling with children and youth in this century.

Darrow Miller, co-founder of Disciple Nations Alliance, taught us mornings and evenings. He challenged us with his biblical worldview teachings, and his teaching on the role of women as nurturers of nations brought healing and fresh vision to many women and men. The breakout sessions which followed enabled lively discussions and cultural applications.

Afternoons were less formal as we shared our AMO® stories of changed lives in the nations. Listening to these testimonies of renewed hope in the lives of many children and their families brought tears and grateful hearts to the Lord for His lovingkindness.

For the first time, many heard the AMO® Story Timeline. Elizabeth and Deborah Edwards taught us how to watercolor paint in the style of Monet. We took a tour of colonial Santo Domingo, the sight of Columbus’s historic landing, and reflected upon how God opened the Atlantic Ocean for the westward move of the gospel.

Saturday afternoon was spent relaxing at a beach house on the beautiful Caribbean Sea, which gave us time to laugh, swim, play games, sing, and enjoy great fellowship with our picnic lunch.

One of the highlights of this Encuentro was board member Dr. Evie Tindall’s Wellspring of Wonder® presentation of the life of Esther. As a master storyteller, Evie captivated every heart and mind with the power of story, reminding each of us, both young and old, of God’s providence and protection for all those whom He has chosen to follow Him.

Our last evening together held a special commissioning service with Pastor Ronnie Tindall and Luis Sena, who anointed and prayed for each person, ministry, and nation. The concert of prayer for the children of our nations was anointed. Beautiful wooden plaques were awarded to those AMO® directors with three or more years of service: Jacqi Gough, our AMO® director of training and discipleship, Cristina Incháustegui, our AMO® director from Dominican Republic, and Daniella and Rubens Cartaxo, our AMO® co-directors from Brazil. Cristina also received a plaque for her completion of the second level of AMO® training. She is now qualified to train teachers and is our first Latin American trainer of teachers! This AMO® Encuentro knit international hearts and minds together with our mission “to nurture the child’s heart for God” in a fresh way “for such a time as this!”

*by Jacqi Gough*

### 2011 Apprenticeships

*February: Bogota, Colombia*

Last September at the 4-14 Global Summit in New York City, we met several pastors from a mega church in Bogota, Colombia called Iglesia Manantial de Vida. After hearing our AMO® presentation, they invited us to train them to use our AMO® curriculum in their Christian school and Saturday school program for the children in their church families.



AMO® Apprenticeship at Iglesia Manantial de Vida

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Jacqi and Cristina shared the teaching, and Lucrecia Ortiz from Guatemala translated Jacqi's English delivery. Along with 100 children's ministry leaders, the majority of their pastors were also in the AMO® training including their head pastor, Eduardo Cañas. It proved to be a remarkable two weeks. They reported that the AMO® Apprenticeship initiated a "revolution of hearts and minds" among their leaders.

Within the month, the children's ministry leaders that received the training established 43 AMO® children's programs throughout the city and two programs outside the city in the red zone, enrolling nearly 1,000 children. There are already many wonderful testimonies from the teachers, as well as the children and their parents.

**March: Lima, Peru**

Peru's Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, under the banner of LED (Lima Encuentro con Dios), invited Elizabeth Youmans to address 135 pastors and Christian education leaders with a two-day overview of the AMO® training. A five-day apprenticeship followed with 275 leaders attending the training. Dr. Jill Thrift from San Antonio, Texas also taught various components of the apprenticeship. It was such a blessing to have Jill's teaching and intercessory prayer support for our ministry in Peru, which has one of the highest number of orphans and street children and one of the lowest birth rates in the world. The denomination desires to use AMO® in their Christian schools and Sunday school programs. We encouraged them to initiate after school programs with community children, as well.



Christian and Missionary Alliance AMO® Apprenticeship

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**April: Bogota, Colombia**

Elizabeth Youmans was invited to speak at the Colombian 4-14 Summit and spend seven additional days consulting and teaching at Iglesia Manantial in Bogota. It was an enriching time to meet the leaders and educators of this large, influential church and to have so many opportunities to work with them in their educational endeavors. Lucrecia Ortiz did such a wonderful job of translating every lecture and conversation



AMO students from Bogota

for ten days! With so many of Manantial's families unable to enroll their children in the current AMO® Programs, they need to equip many more AMO® teachers for the hundreds of AMO® Programs they want to establish. We are currently training ten of their educational leaders to become trainers of teachers, so they can prepare their own AMO® teachers. They are a delightful group to teach, as they are eager to shed their secular understanding of teaching and learning and apply biblical principles and methods to their educational programs.

**4-14 Summit Colombia**

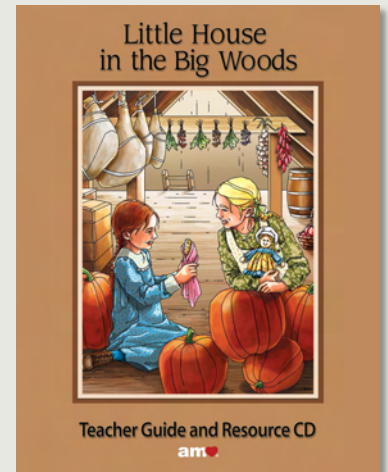


Nearly 1,000 leaders gathered in Bogota for the first 4-14 Summit. Many of our friends were plenary speakers: Darrow Miller (DNA), Jose Gonzalez (Semilla), Mark Beliles (Providence Foundation), and Yarley Niño (YWAM). A spirit of repentance fell on the body after the last plenary, as many leaders openly wept before the Lord to ask forgiveness for their nation's treatment of children over the past centuries. Elizabeth Youmans was given a plenary to introduce the AMO® Program plus three afternoon workshops. All were well received with more than 70 requests for AMO® training.

**Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

Cristina Incháustequi was hosted by Iglesia Bautista Ozama and taught her first solo AMO® Apprenticeship with 31 participants from four city churches. She was so inspired to be a vessel in God's Hand for the illumination of hearts and minds with the truth of God's Word. Worldview paradigms shifted as both teachers and parents began seeing children and their education from a Christian perspective. Five new AMO® Programs will soon be established in three churches.

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**Upcoming Events**

- April 26-29:** AMO® Apprenticeship World Vision, Dominican Republic
- May 9-13:** AMO® Apprenticeship World Vision, Dominican Republic
- May 16-20:** Rudiments of Christian Education, YWAM, Puerto Rico
- May 26-28:** FPEA Home School Convention, Orlando, FL
- June 13-24:** AMO® Apprenticeship & Rudiments, Bogota, Colombia
- June 24-25:** ACSI, Dominican Republic
- June 27-July 8:** Two AMO® Teacher Trainings, Dominican Republic
- July 18-29:** Two AMO® Teacher Trainings, Dominican Republic
- Aug 1-5:** AMO® Apprenticeship, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico