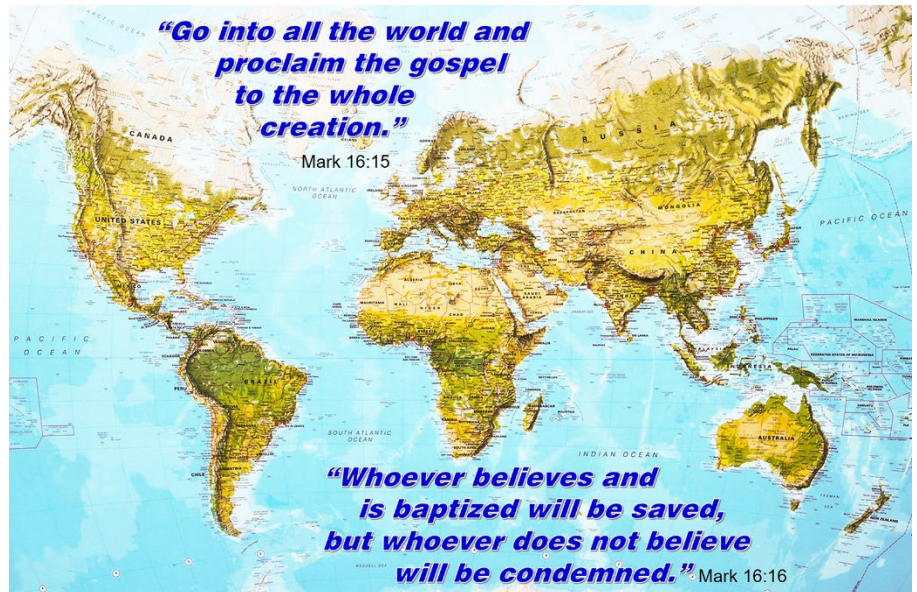


Report from Dewayne, Rita, and Antonio Shappley

For **January, February,
and March 2024**

**Our participation in
World Evangelism and
Spiritual Instruction, and
Yours through Us, by**

means of the **INTERNET** and **PRINTED MATERIALS.**



www.editoriallapaz.org www.iglesia-de-cristo.com www.apocalipsis.co
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Also, **videos** on YouTube and Vimeo

Sessions (Visits) and Documents Opened.

For the year 2024 to March 31, and Global.

Sessions (visits)

For the **Year 2024**, to March 31 **53,499**

Daily average for the first three months of 2024: **588**

Global, from January 1, 2003, to March 31, 2024..... **25,410,519**

Documents opened.

For the **Year 2024**, to March 31 **104,270**

Global, from January 1, 2003, to March 31, 2024..... **48,408,072**

**Number of hours users spent on the sites. Data only for the
month of MARCH 2024.**

789 hours

This would be equivalent to **19.749 forty-hour weeks** of time spent on the sites.

In addition to Google Analytics 4, we are obtaining data from the independent
application Web-Stat, plus YouTube and Vimeo.

Countries, plus a few **political units**, from which **visits originated**..... **196**

Cost per person contacted..... **\$0.05**

Global Stats on the Production of Instruments for Evangelism and Spiritual Instruction

Total of Tracts, Booklets, Books, Bible Course Lessons, Cassettes
and Compact Disks produced to 31 March 2024

27,083,230

24,835,785 in Puerto Rico.

2,247,445 in South Florida.

Total of electronic documents accessed to 31 March 2024.....48,408,072

GRAND TOTAL of All Instruments provided.....73,491,382

One hour of International Evangelism and Spiritual Instruction
by means of the Internet on the all-English site www.spiritofprophecies.com.

The "Dynamic Name" of that site is: *"Great Truths and Relevant Prophecies for the Peoples and Nations of the World Today."*

The **one hour selected is 12:00 to 1:00 a.m.** In the **time zone** of the Philippines, which is identified as **PHT** (Philippine Time). March 11, 2024. Ten hours later than Eastern Standard Time, where the time would be 2 to 3 p.m. of March 10, 2024.

In that **single hour**, Web-Stat registered **179 engaged entries** and **73 more entries** who saw the Home Page, or some other Landing Page of the site, but did not engage, for a total of **252 visits**. Visitors were from **53 countries**.

It is to be deduced, I think, that a **lack of "proficiency in English"** would be, perhaps, the principal reason many visitors would not engage. In the **2022 English Proficiency Index** (EPI), the **Philippines** (Estimated 2024 population is 114,163,719) **ranked 22nd** out of 111 countries, with a score of 578, second only to Singapore in all of Asia. This score indicates **"high proficiency in English"** for about **47%** of the population, sufficient for *"making work presentations, understanding TV shows, and reading newspapers."* And, for receiving Spiritual Instruction in English!

https://www.bworldonline.com/infographics/2022/11/18/488034/philippines-drops-to-22nd-in-english-proficiency-ranking/#google_vignette

Following is a list of the **53 countries** from which visitors came in that **one hour**.

South Africa, Venezuela, India, Mexico, Taiwan, Zambia, Philippines, Malaysia, Kenya, Ghana, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Nigeria, Algeria, Panama, Cote d Ivoire, Uganda, Congo, USA, Pakistan, Colombia, Nepal, Cameroon, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Ecuador, Cosa Rica, Mozambique, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Fiji, Botswana, Singapore, Malawi, Samoa, Gabon, Guatemala, Bolivia, Uzbekistan, Chile, Honduras, Egypt, Haiti, Kyrgyzstan, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Peru, Australia, Canada, Tanzania, and Lao Peoples Republic.

Of course, the **"Parable of the Sower"** applies to this kind of International Evangelism and Spiritual Instruction, as it does to other methods of spreading the Good News. Matthew 13:1-9, 36-43

Regarding **cost**, as an example, an investment of \$100.00 produces 2,000 clicks on the all-English site, which translate to 2,000 visits (contacts and engaged sessions). For example, 2,000 clicks on 2 March 2024, resulted in 1,390 engaged sessions by 1,277

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the KINGDOM of GOD**



**"My KINGDOM is NOT from this World...
IS NOT from HERE,"** said Jesus Christ
to Pontius Pilate. John 18:36

Therefore, it is **NOT a SECULAR, POLITICAL
WORLDLY KINGDOM**, rather a **SPIRITUAL ONE**.

It does not have an earthly capitol, ruler, high
priest, military force, court, flag, or coat of arms.

It does not have an earthly, centralized govern-
ing body, rather a **spiritual one** composed of
Jesus Christ, his original apostles, and pro-
phets. These **rule spiritually** on earth through
evangelists, congregational bishops (elders) and
teachers guided by the New Testament. Ephesians
2:20-22; 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:3-9

Every person on Earth who is **"born of water"**
(immersed) **"and spirit"** (John 3:1-7) **"is trans-
ferred into the Kingdom."** Colossians 1:13. None
should secularize, commercialize, acculturate,
or politicize this Kingdom that exists **"within"** its
citizens, and not as an earthly entity. Luke 17:20-21

users from 105 countries, some of which were (number of visitors after the name; ranking in parentheses): **India** -271 (1). **Philippines** -204 (2). **Poland** -56 (6). **Brazil** -28 (9). **Jamaica** -27 (11). **Egypt** -22 (12). **USA** -17 (16). And **Venezuela** -12 (19). Data collected from Google GA4 and Web-Stat.



"Valuable Jewell Truths," with a read-time of 2 minutes or less.

Especially for Smartphones and Social Media.

I continue to explore how to make both English and Spanish sites more effective on the Internet and Facebook as they evolve, with the goal of adding "X" and Instagram. If you are informed about more or less recent developments in the digital world, you will understand that **"shorts"** are becoming the format of choice for great masses of humanity. **"Short videos"** and **"snatches of information"** that take two minutes or less to see or read.

Personally, I strongly resist the idea of **dumbing down** the **attention span** of human

beings, especially youth, to two minutes or less. Creating a "butterfly" mental state of flicking and fluttering around from one "short" video or subject to another, an exercise that may become hugely entertaining but hardly sets the stage for more serious study and understanding of the more important issues of human life. More **"fluffy content"** for the newer generations already surfeited and befuddled with that superficial genre.

However, since I accomplish nothing by resisting and refusing to use the **"shorts" format**, I determined to see if I could transmit **"Brillant Jewell Truths of the Gospel"** by means of it. So far, I have created **six** of them in both English and Spanish, with a "square version" of each for Facebook and a "narrower vertical version" for Intelligent Phones. Three are included in this Report. Experimenting with backgrounds and layout as well as content, my intention is to prepare more. The graphics themselves have links to fuller studies of the subjects as do the titles on the Internet Pages where they appear.

As a matter of fact, the Gospel contains a plethora of pithy statements that can be stated and presented graphically in two minutes or less. And these may impact profoundly the open mind desirous of Truth so much that it will want fuller knowledge and seek it. That does not mean these "Jewell Truth" graphics can

BRILLANT SAPPHIRE TRUTHS on GOD'S PRIESTS, and lesser priests



The alive God's **TRUE PRIESTS** during the Common Era are **SPIRITUAL**.

As **not a mere select hierarchy** but **ALL** who obey his New Testament are **"a KINGDOM not of this world, a chosen RACE, a HOLY NATION [within secular nations], a SPIRITUAL HOUSE,"** so the **same "ALL"** are **"PRIESTS,"** a **"HOLY, ROYAL PRIESTHOOD."** Powerful, motivating, elevating **SPIRITUAL METAPHORS**.

John 18:36; 1 Peter 2:5-9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10.

SPIRITUAL PRIESTS whose **GARMENTS and ACTIONS** are **SPIRITUAL!** Not ornate, embroidered, earthly robes. Nor jewelled miters, crosiers, pectoral crosses, rings, pontifical dalmatics, chasubles, palliums, albs, stoles, zucchetos, sakos y omophorions that adorn many sins. **Rather, a glorious spiritual Priesthood without "spot or wrinkle" that is "holy and without blemish."** Ephesians 1:4; 5:27



be prepared in a short time! Solid content, right focus, concise text that fits the small space, appropriate graphics, background, and layout in two languages and two sizes are indeed a challenging combo. These graphics are much brighter on a screen than they print here, especially the lighter text colors. Too, their small size in this report makes them less legible. On the site www.spiritofprophecies.com, the colors are vivid, and the texts easily read.

Evaluations of Content, etc.

Kenya, Africa. 1 March 2024. An E-mail with the following heading: SEEKING YOUR MINISTRY INTERVENTION.

"This is brother Denish Otuoma from Kenya, Africa. I am a born again Christian and a Bible believer. My heart has been encouraged by these teachings on your website (<https://www.spiritofprophecies.com/>). Beautiful teachings and I highly recommend them to people looking to enhance their relationship and walk with God.

I would love to be part of this great ministry and any advice on this request will be highly appreciated. And if possible be given permission to reproduce your materials and be able to distribute them to people free of charge here in Kenya.

These teachings have been an eye-opener to me, opening doors of possibilities that I never knew existed. I sincerely love that they use Bible scriptures as a foundation for their curriculum.

Thanks to the teachings, I am now more confident as I minister and teach the word of God to a broader audience. These teachings have increased my knowledge and caused me to place more value on the things of God's Kingdom. Each day, I thank my God for men like you, and may our good God continue to shower this ministry and beautiful helpmate with His grace and protection so that they may continue to bless others with the wisdom God has deposited upon their life and ministry.

Stay blessed all as you renew our minds with the teachings and may they continue being used by God to reach out to a hurting world that is looking for answers so that the Father may be glorified, to the glorification of the name of Jesus being honored as Lord and King. Amen.

Sincerely yours, Brother Denish Otuoma. From: donyony2020@gmail.com

I replied at length.

Heredia, Costa Rica. 12 February 2024. *"In truth, you have an excellent work on the Internet. May God bless you richly."* Gilbert Astorga, long-time evangelist in Costa Rica. Reference is to the Spanish site www.editoriallapaz.org.

Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico. 20 March 2024. An E-mail from **Dr. Raúl Rosario**, brother in Christ since he was baptized in Bayamon when about 14 years old. From the time he was a teenager, Raúl helped us very much in the printing ministry and other works. Though facing not a few trials as he matured, married, and became an MD, he has always demonstrated a keen interest in the Kingdom of God and its Gospel Message. Two or three years ago, he suffered a stroke which affected him so severely that he could not continue practicing his profession. He has recovered to the extent that he can again participate in some ministries of the church. Before the stroke and during COVID, Raúl took the initiative of starting a 30-minute radio program on WIAC, Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. That program continues today, completely underwritten by churches in Puerto Rico. Brethren from different congregations preach and teach on the program. Raúl writes:

"We always have you in our hearts and prayers. All the brethren of the Church of Christ in Puerto Rico love you and have you in great esteem for, thanks to your efforts, we have known the Way of Truth.

The church in Puerto Rico is active and we are united in works and activities. Raulito (Raúl's young adult son, a university student) was baptized and that filled all of us with much joy. Lately, others have been baptized.

We continue with the radio program on WIAC, sowing the seed. Jorgito (Jorge Ginés López, one of the deacons of the Bayamon church) has helped me unreservedly and we give thanks to God for him and his wife Wanda. This next Saturday, various churches will come together to distribute literature in Levittown. Next Sunday, a group will go to El Salvador to carry out evangelistic works.

Thanks for informing me about the English site www.spiritofprophecies. I am going on it and find the material very good. Great teachings.

We continue praying for you and ask that you pray for us (As I do almost every day without fail). We have experienced great trials but have overcome them, thanks to our Lord.

With love in Jesus Christ, your brother, Raúl Rosario."

San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic. 21 January 2024. *"Many blessings and thanks, brother, for the information. My brother, I am aware of the long career you have had in the Lord and how God used you for the development of his work in this country. God has a great reward for you. For 30 years now, I have been in charge of the work here in San Pedro de Macorís. As a matter of fact, I live in the house that many years ago you and an elder from North America bought. May God continue to bless you greatly. Mario Olguín."*

The "house" was for the work of the Lord in San Pedro. The "elder" would be, I think, one of the elders of the Mobberly Ave. church, Longview, Texas, for whom I served as translator and chauffeur on a number of occasions, in addition to preaching in San Pedro and La Esperanza, a barrio several miles from the town.

This report was prepared by Dewayne Shappley. Rita, Antonio, and I are always very thankful to all of you who provide us with the resources to continue the evangelistic and benevolent works made possible by our mutual collaboration: Yours and ours.

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