LIVING ON MISSION IN PALM VALLEY AND AROUND THE WORLD

"Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

1. Our mission is to <u>LOVE GOD</u> with everything we have (The Great Commandment — Matthew 22:37-38).

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me."

John 14:23-24 (NIV)

2. Our mission is to <u>LOVE OTHERS</u> as much as we love ourselves (The Second Greatest Commandment — Matthew 22:39-40).

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:7-12 (NIV)

- 3. Our mission is to share the <u>LOVE</u> of <u>GOD</u> with others and help them <u>GROW</u> in their faith (The Great Commission Matthew 28:18-20).
 - GO to all nations, starting with those in our life right now.
 - <u>BAPTIZE</u> them into the family of God.
 - TEACH them to follow Christ.