



MFH

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# KINGDOM CONNECTION

## WELCOME

to the first MFH Kingdom Connection Newsletter. This is a space where we celebrate what God is doing among us-sharing stories, highlights, and moments that reflect His faithfulness in our church. The newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis and will be available in our church app and our church website. Feel free to share this newsletter with a friend or family member.

Thank you to Pastor Omar for giving the green light with this publication.

We hope you enjoy our content.

## HONORING BISHOP PHILIMON AND OFELIA ANAYA

We joyfully honor Bishop Philimon and Sis Ofelia Anaya for a lifetime of faithful service to God and to His church. From Lansing, Michigan to Escondido, California, their lives have been a living testimony of steadfast faith, humble obedience, and unwavering love for God's people. Through every season, they have served with grace, generosity, and a servant's heart, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to bless generations. Their commitment reminds us that a life surrendered to God bears fruit far beyond what can be seen. We thank God for their faithfulness and celebrate the lasting impact of their devotion to God's Kingdom.

“Well done, good and faithful servants.”  
Matthew 25:21



# FROM OUR PASTORS

## OMAR & DAMARIS CORTEZ



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
As we have closed out 2025, I want to take a moment to thank God for His faithfulness and to thank each of you for being part of what He has done in and through our church this year. This past year has been filled with moments of joy, growth, and learning. We have seen God move in ways both visible and quiet-through changed lives, strengthened faith, faithful service, and the steady work of the Holy Spirit among us.

Through every season, one truth has remained constant: God has been with us!

I am deeply grateful for every volunteer, ministry leader, and servant who has given their time, prayers, and hearts to the work of the Kingdom. Much of what God does happens behind the scenes, but nothing goes unnoticed by Him, your faithfulness matters, and it is making an eternal impact.



As we prepare to step into 2026, we do so with hope and expectation. A new year brings new opportunities to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, to love one another more fully, and to serve our community with compassion and purpose. I believe God is calling us not just to attend church, but to be the Church-living out our faith everyday. The year ahead may bring unknowns, but we move forward with confidence, knowing that God goes before us. Let us enter 2026 with hearts anchored in prayer, committed to unity, and open to the work God wants to do in us and through us.

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your love. It is an honor to serve as your pastor. I am excited for what God has in store for our church family in the coming year.

May 2026 be a year of renewed faith, strength, and purpose. God Bless!

Until Everyone Hears  
In His service  
Pastor Omar and Damaris Cortez



# THE HOUSE LIGHTS FEATURES

## Assit. Pastor Abraham Gomez English Ministry Leader

**How did you first get involved in ministry, and what led you to serve in English Ministry?**

*I came to MFH in 2012. I started to play drums, then was a worship leader. I then led our Praise team for four years. Throughout that time, God was dealing with me to go deeper in ministry. I ran from the call for many years. I was a deacon at the time but I wasn't ready to take that next step. I began to serve in any area that I was needed and when Pastor Omar came to MFH he asked me to lead our English Ministry and, here we are by the Grace of God.*



**How do you stay spiritually refreshed while balancing leadership and everyday life?**

*I stay spiritually refreshed by always making it a point to hear God's Word through a message or reading the Word. Not to get a message out of it but to receive something. Especially early in the mornings. Praying and fasting also strengthens me.*

*I have pastor friends that I talk to when I need advice or encouragement. I'm learning to be intentional about balancing my ministry life and personal life. It gets difficult, life gets busy and my job can demand a lot of my time.*

**What does a typical day off look like for you when you get a chance to unplug?**

*I'll meet up with some friends for lunch or dinner. Go for a 3 mile run or play a round of golf with friends or my brother. Visit my parents.*

Thank you Bro Gomez for taking the time to share a few things about yourself. We are blessed at MFH to have you as our English Ministry Leader. God Bless



**What has God been teaching you personally in this season?**

*God is teaching many things but most importantly to trust and rely on Him. God is showing me many things through His Word about myself, about people and the importance of feeding myself spiritually.*

**How do you hope people grow through being part of the English Ministry?**

*My hope is that people grow to be mature and strong believers just as the Bible tells us to do so. My hope is that they connect and serve using their gift to bring glory to God.*





## Spanish

Nuestra comunidad hispana es una hermosa muestra de la fidelidad de Dios—rica en cultura, fuerte en la familia y profunda en la fe. Su pasión por la adoración, su compromiso con la oración y su corazón para servir fortalecen a toda nuestra iglesia. A través de la unidad, la perseverancia y el amor, continúan siendo un poderoso testimonio de la gracia de Dios, recordándonos que el cuerpo de Cristo es más fuerte cuando caminamos juntos como una sola familia

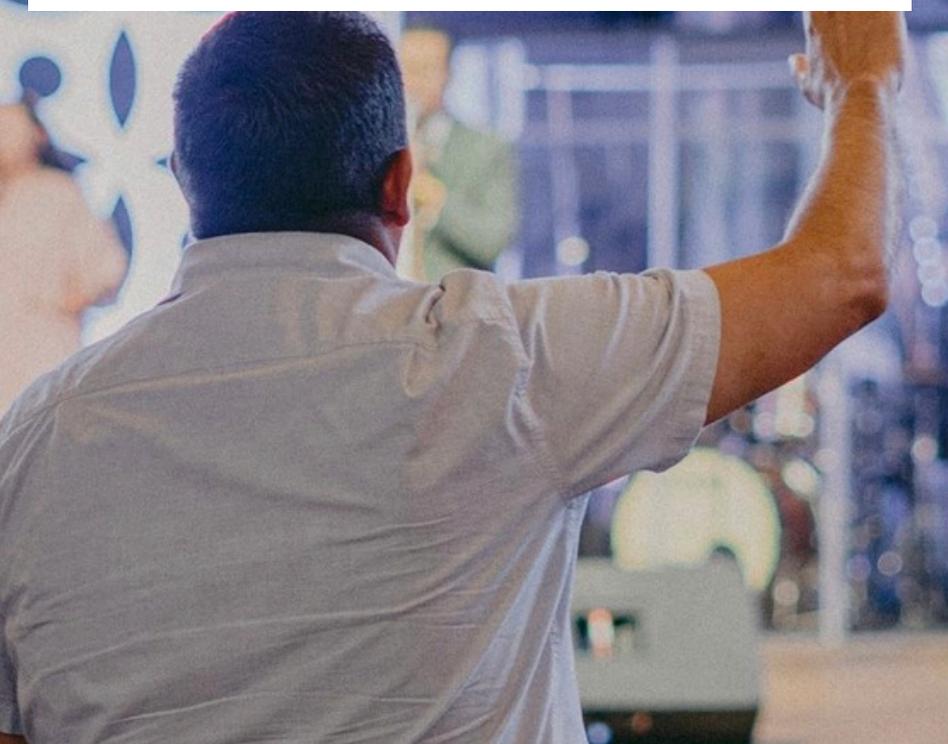






# English

Our English Ministry is a vibrant and welcoming community where faith comes alive through the Word of God, meaningful worship, and authentic relationships. It is a place for individuals and families to grow deeper in their walk with Christ, be encouraged through fellowship, and be equipped to live out their faith, bodily in everyday life. Together, we are building a Christ-centered community that reflects God's love, strengthens believers, and reaches others with hope and truth. We invite you to join us as we grow, serve, and pursue God's purpose-together.



A man in profile, wearing an earpiece, is playing a guitar. The background is dark with a blueish tint. The guitar is in the foreground, and the man's face is in profile, looking down at the instrument.

# MFH Ministries

Serving is one of the ways we grow in faith and love. If God is stirring your heart, we would love to help you find a ministry to call home. Now is a great time to get connected and become part of what He is doing in our church.

If you don't know what your spiritual gift is, serving will help you find it



## Life Groups

Life Groups are where our big church becomes a smaller family-gathering to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and walk through life together. We encourage everyone to be part of a life group.



## MFH Kidz

Through age-appropriate lessons, worship, and activities, our Kids Ministry help children discover God's love in meaningful way. Our goal is to plant seeds of faith in young hearts and nurture them as they grow in Christ.



## Media

Through audio, video, live broadcast, and digital media, our Media Ministry helps communicate the Gospel and extend the reach of the church beyond the walls.



## Praise & Music

Our Praise & Music Ministry is committed to worshipping God with excellence while encouraging unity and participation with the church family.

Need more information, email us at [mfhenglishministry@gmail.com](mailto:mfhenglishministry@gmail.com)

# KINGS ACADEMY

Choosing the right educational path for your child is a decision that impacts their academic growth, character development, and spiritual foundation. Kings Academy offers families a Christ-centered learning environment where faith and education work together, setting it apart from traditional public schooling.

The schooling environment also fosters a sense of safety and community rooted in Christian values. Students are surrounded by peers and adults who model respect, compassion, and encouragement-giving parents peace of mind about the influences shaping the lives of their children.



## Faith Centered & Family Focused

Kings Academy partners with families to educate the whole child-academically, spiritually, and socially-through a Biblical worldview not found in public schools

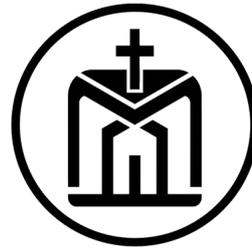
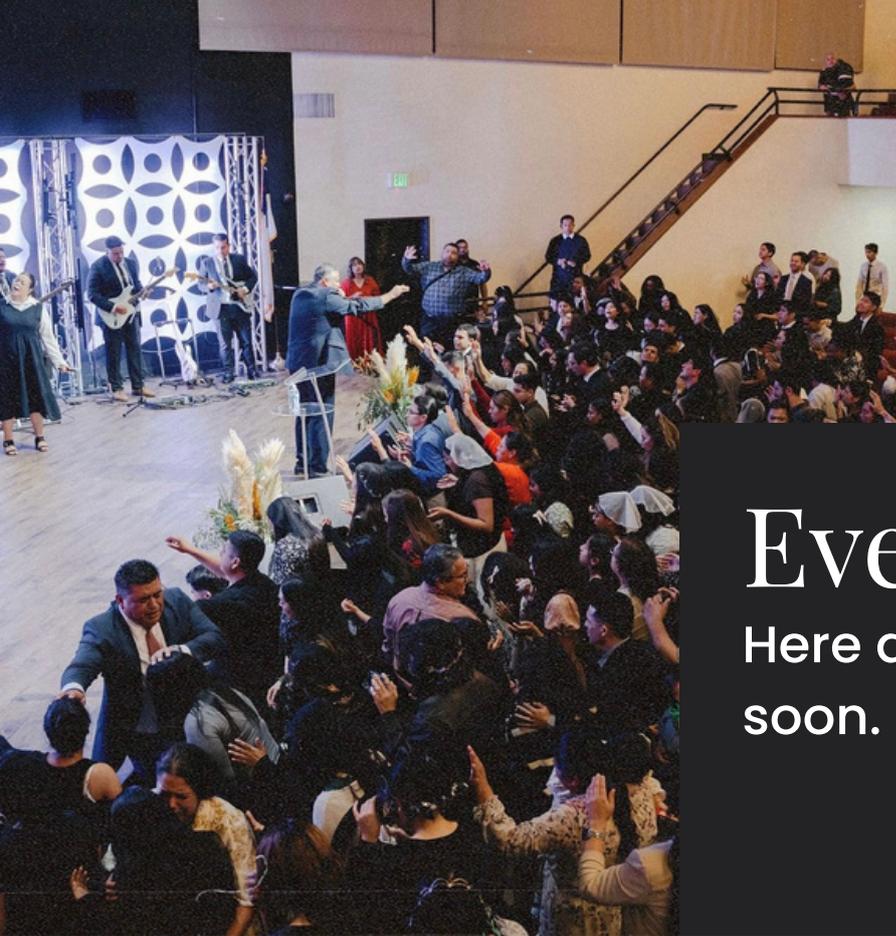
If you would like more information about Kings Academy which is part of My Father's House Apostolic Church please feel free to contact us.

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# Events

Here are some events coming soon. Keep an eye out.

## JANUARY

- > **MFH**  
21 Day Fast starting January 5th
- > **23rd-25th**  
Fortified Families Conferences
- > **12th**  
Life Groups Launch
- > **16-17 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**  
SCD District  
*Clean Hands, Pure Heart*  
Christian Center of National City  
125 Palm Ave National City, CA 91950  
*more info: [SCD Leadership Seminar](#)*
- > **25th**  
First Fruits  
Baptism Sunday
- > **23-25**  
Fortified Families Conferences

## FEBRUARY

- > **7TH Virtual Child Abuse Training**  
SCD District
- > **9th-13th**  
Friends Week (In-Home)
- > **20th-21st**  
NYA West Coast (Santa Ana)
- > **22nd**  
Baby Presentations
- > **22nd**  
Pledge Drive (Heart 4 The House)
- > **28th**  
J4J Service (National City 9am-2pm)

## MARCH

- > **2nd-4<sup>th</sup> GROWTH SUMMIT**  
Faith Tabernacle
- 13TH-14TH J4J National Conference**  
Fontana CA



## From the Editor

### THE FINAL HOURS OF JESUS LIFE



John 13:3-5, 14-15

The night before His crucifixion, Jesus did something unexpected. Though He was Lord of all, He knelt down and washed the feet of His disciples—a task reserved for the lowest servant. In this powerful moment, Jesus showed that true greatness is found in humility.

Afterward, He explained His actions:

“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)

Jesus teaches us that following Him means serving others with love, not seeking recognition or status. Whether in our homes, church, or community, we reflect Christ when we choose humility and selfless service. As believers, we are called to live out this example daily—loving sacrificially and serving willingly.

Reflection and challenge:

How can you serve someone this week with the humility of Christ?

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.” (Mark 10:45)

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### WE’D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

This newsletter is stronger when it represents the hearts, experiences, and gifts of our congregation. Whether you’d like to share something God is doing in your life or have ideas that can help encourage others, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

For the next issue which will be the Spring issue, we will have another Q&A with a minister and highlight one of the many ministries we have at MFH, and more! Until the next issue, God Bless You!

Bro. Leo Carmona



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**'Yes! That's right! The answer is 'Wisconsin'  
Another 50 points for God, and . . . uh-oh,  
looks like Norman, our current champion,  
hasn't even scored yet.'**

