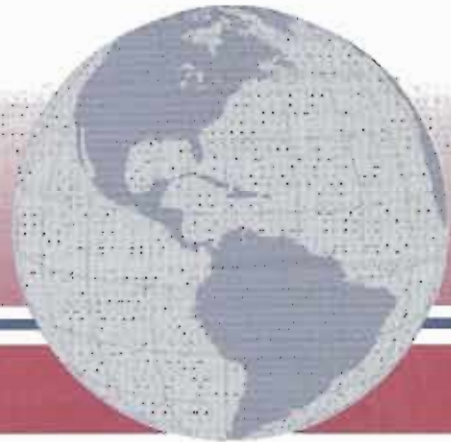


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Bible School Graduation

Comali, Honduras

November 27, 2003

December 8, 2003

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers in Christ,

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:16, ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the POWER OF GOD unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”*** We are coming to the close of 2003, and we can say we have truly seen the POWER OF GOD working here on the mission fields of Honduras and Nicaragua. Villages have been changed and lives have been changed. Grown men and women, *who were never able to take their dads' last name because their parents nor their grandparents were ever married*, can now change their names on their birth certificates because mom and dad got saved, got married by the law and then in the church dedicated their lives and their families to the Lord. We have seen parents and the grandparents get married at the same time. **This is the POWER OF THE GOSPEL.**

A leader in the village called Purgatory had never heard the Gospel because people were afraid to witness to him because he was so mean...well, he heard the Gospel on Samaritan Radio, rode his horse to a place where the pastor of the Los Planes church was preaching, and he openly testified that he had repented and received the Lord. He sold his pistols and bought a Bible. **This is the POWER OF THE GOSPEL.**

Nine young men graduated from the Bible Institute in Honduras which was held in the beautiful Comali tabernacle. The tabernacle was completed this year after three years of watching the Lord provide week by week for the labor and materials that went into the building and when it was finished, *just as everything else He does here, not one cent was owed.* **This is the POWER OF THE LORD.** We have seen Him provide week after week for the 39 young preachers whom He has called out from all parts of Honduras and Nicaragua to come here to study full-time in this Bible Institute. We knew if this Bible Institute was going to be successful it would have to be the Lord...we started with nothing at the beginning of the year and ended the year owing no bills! Thirty-nine happy young preachers finished their first year and sang Amazing Grace at the graduation ceremony. **This is the POWER OF THE GOSPEL.**

Since our last newsletter we have had many wonderful groups from the U.S. to visit us here. Several groups have come for our new church building dedications that they helped to make possible. On September 28th, all over Honduras and Nicaragua, thousands marched in the streets for the annual Bible Day Parade. With Bibles in hand, they celebrated the 434th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into the Spanish language. In the town of Duyure, we had the privilege of having Brother Rader Ogden, pastor of the Victory Baptist Church in Staunton, Virginia. He preached in the park after the Bible Parade. In the town of El Corpus, after the parade, a heavy rain came during the preaching in the park and the pastor reported that everyone stood in the rain to hear the Word of God, but tried to protect their precious Bibles from getting wet. We remember when the first Bible Day parade was held in the town of Palacaquina 33 years ago. There was not a multitude of people but the same spirit could be felt...The people were so proud of their Bibles because, even though the Bible was already translated into Spanish, it was forbidden for the people to read them. ***Now everyone has or wants a copy of God's Word and they will stand in the rain to hear IT preached.*** **This is the POWER OF THE GOSPEL.**

Fifty-six young people graduated from our high school on November 30th. These young people have been with us, many of them, for three or four years and they are now leaving with Jesus in their hearts and a good education to face the future. **This is evidence of the POWER OF THE GOSPEL which has worked in the lives of these young people** - the majority of whom are in the Opportunity of a Lifetime Program with sponsors in the U.S. helping them to have a better life. Brother Steve Gunter brought the graduation message. He is the son of our dear friend, Doyle Gunter, who is now with the Lord. He and his mother, Sister Margaret, were with us for this occasion.

Our Grammar School graduation is always a beautiful ceremony and this year 70 sixth-graders graduated and will be coming to our high school to continue their education. We also had a graduation for our Sewing

Academy, which was a blessing. These young ladies graduated in beautiful dresses they had made.

Samaritan Radio Reaches Out Even Further... Land has been bought in the city of Comayagua in the northern part of Honduras where another station will be reaching hundreds of thousands more people. Samaritan Radio is a testimony of the **POWER OF GOD and the POWER OF THE GOSPEL** as hundreds of phone calls and letters are received daily telling what the radio means to their lives. One call was received from San Jose, Costa Rica...a place we had no idea the radio was reaching.

So our lives have been busy this year. We've had some unexpected illnesses and when you receive this letter, we will be in the States for more medical tests. Bob is doing good physically but still battles the memory problems. We just thank the Lord **He is still using us in HIS work** in spite of these bodies growing older and not in as good a shape. This is our life and we are praying He will let us continue living here and working for Him until He comes for us or calls us home.

There is not enough space to express our gratitude to everyone of you for all you have done to help us carry on the Lord's work here. You have encouraged us, supported us, prayed for us, and showed your love in so many ways. Just as the Lord keeps our hearts filled with joy and peace, we ask that He will do the same for you during this Christmas season and in the New Year to come. **Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!**

Love in Christ,
Bob and Joan Tyson and All the Good Samaritan Missions Family



The Good Samaritan High School boys' basketball team was invited to participate in the Honduras Olympics and also chosen to carry the Olympic banner, which appeared on the front page of the sports section in the Honduras Newspaper. Here we celebrated their coming in 4th place. One of our students won the silver medal in most points shot during the games. The most important thing was the good testimony our boys left with all the officials.

Parades were going on all over Honduras and Nicaragua to celebrate the 434th anniversary of the Bible translation in Spanish.



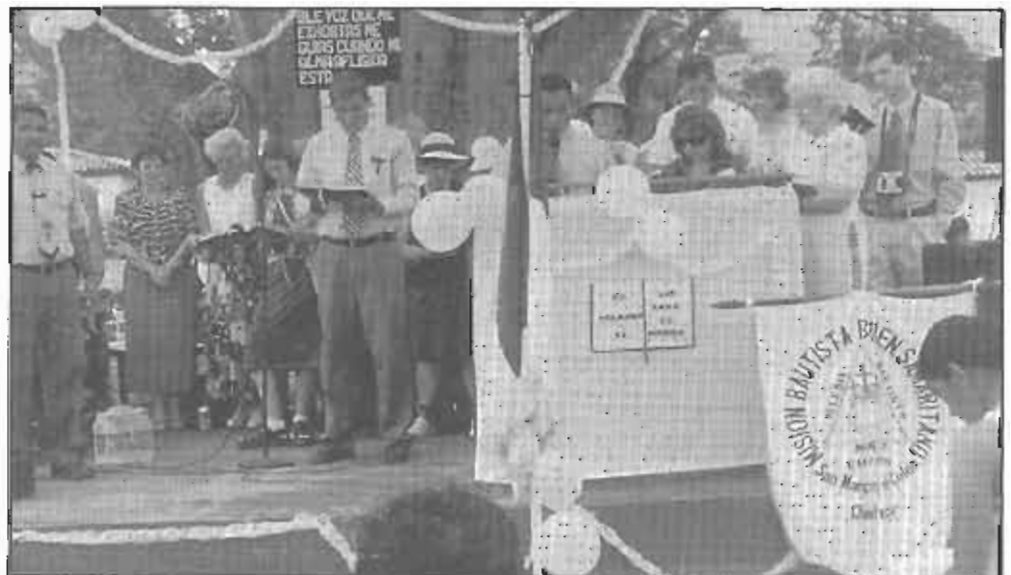
*Psalms 119:105
"Thy Word is a lamp
unto my feet and a light
unto my path."*

*Matthew 24:35
"Heaven and Earth
shall pass away, but my
words shall not pass
away."*



*Service in the park of
Duyure, Honduras*

*A powerful message on the
Word of God was preached by
Pastor Rader Ogden. The
government of Honduras has
officially declared the last
Sunday in September every
year as "National Bible Day".*





Samaritan Bible Institute Graduation

*The graduation was held
in the new tabernacle.*

*Members of the head
table included Pastor
Champ and Dianne
Agan; Steve Gunter and
his mother, Margaret
Gunter (son and wife of
Bro. Doyle Gunter, who
is now with the Lord.)
Also pictured is Bob and
Joan Tyson.*



*Nine men finished
three years of study
and training.*



*Pictured here is the
Second Year
Students marching
into the
graduation.*



Founder of Good Samaritan Baptist Missions, Bob Tyson and wife, Joan



*Pastor Champ Agan and his wife, Dianne
- Member of Board of Directors and a
friend for many years*



*Evangelist Steve Gunter and mother, Margaret
Gunter - The graduation was dedicated in
memory of our beloved friend, Doyle Gunter.*



*Director of Bible Institute, Santiago Colindres
Assistant Director, Ramon Urrutia*

High School Graduation

Second from left is a man from the Board of Education in Honduras. He made this statement: "I have shed many tears since I entered this building tonight. I feel a spirit here that I've never felt before." We thank the Lord for a dedicated Christian principal shown on the far left... Elma Herrera, who comes from the church in Duyure, Honduras.



Bi-Lingual Secretary Graduates



Bachelor in Computer Graduates

The high school auditorium was packed for this very special event and, as always, the Gospel was preached. Bro. Steve Gunter brought the graduation message.





Antonio Inestroza translated for Evangelist Steve Gunter at the Bible School Graduation.



Nine young ladies graduated from the Good Samaritan Sewing Academy.



Spencer Hawks, student at Bob Jones University, brought a message to the sewing graduates as Brother Antonio translated.

*Pastor Champ Agan
preached the
Grammar School
Graduation as Bro.
Antonio translated.*



*Seventy 6th graders
graduated from
Samaritan
Grammar School.*



*Pastor Donald
Jones of Victory
Baptist Church in
Jemison, Alabama
baptized 5 people in
Tapaire, Honduras.*





Brother Neal Anderson and several from his church visited the construction of the church pastorium in Santa Mira. Women and men were working on this day. Pastor Antonio Suarez, who never before had a floor in his rented house, said of his new pastorium: "I feel so unworthy because our Lord didn't even have a place to lay his head and just look what a beautiful house I am going to have to live in."



Pastor Neal Anderson of Ole Country Church in McDonough, Georgia, prepared to baptize in the outdoor baptistry of Los Tablones.



Santos Casco, National Director, baptized in La Plazuela, Nicaragua.

**Brother Bob Tyson and
Pastor Jeff Pangle of
Smithboro Baptist
Church in Monticello**

*- It was a blessing to have
Bro. Jeff and several of his
people to come and dedicate
the new church building in
Limon de Jalapa, Nicaragua.
We don't have pictures of the
dedication yet but will show
these later.*



*The Lord just keeps on
sending very special people in
our lives. Three of these we
met in the November group -
Becky Thompson, along with
her son, Grant, and his wife,
Kelly. This precious family
sent funds to build a church
in memory of their son who
was killed in an auto accident
and they came for the church
dedication.*



*Terri Hyatt (front row-right),
our office manager, brings
the groups down and is a
special blessing to the Good
Samaritan Baptist Missions
and to the Tyson family.*

*Several members of
Edgewood Baptist were in
this group along with others
from several different states.*





Brother Thomas Garner (on the right), and his wife, Runnet, were also on the November trip. Bro. Thomas feels led to represent Good Samaritan in the U.S., which is a greatly needed ministry.

He's had many years experience in the pastorate and we feel sure he will be a blessing not only for the mission but to your church as well.



Carolyn Gilbert gave out candy to the children in El Puente, Honduras. The children eagerly await visits from the groups to get a piece of candy.



*Independence Day
Parade
Good Samaritan
High School*

The road “ran out” on this group visiting us the week of September 27th.

We, the “elderly”, were led by the younger. After wading and crossing several small creeks, we arrived at the “Fountain of Life” Baptist Church in a place called Permuta.

Later, crossing all the creeks again, Brother Rader Ogden baptized nine young people and adults in another large creek. This little church needs so many repairs. Any offerings would be appreciated to help us make it more presentable for the Lord.





***New mission work in
El Coyol***

This is a ministry of the church in El Triunfo where Bible Institute student, Ismael Osabas, is raising up a work. They have bought this shed for the people to meet. Land has already been bought and we're trusting the Lord will touch hearts to build a church building in this place.



***Victory Baptist Church in Yalaguina,
Nicaragua***

This church is being rebuilt with funds provided by Victory Baptist Church in Thorsby, Alabama...who built the first church almost 30 years ago.



***A new mission meeting on a porch in
Monte Cristo,
Honduras***

This is a mission of the Filadelfia Baptist Church.



Years ago we put the above picture in a newsletter with Bob describing us as a pair of oxen "yoked" together in the work of the Lord.

The years have passed since the day in October, 39 years ago, when God gave a definite call to Bob Tyson to take the Gospel to the towns and villages in Northern Nicaragua who had never heard. Bob obeyed that call and we went to Northern Nicaragua, then to Honduras to escape the war. Through radio and national preachers, the Gospel is reaching many, many places in five different countries.

We are still "yoked together" for the Lord. He has given us a wonderful life together and we thank Him for His divine call.

Thank you, our dear friends, for being our co-laborers and making this great work possible.



Honduras

Luis Alonzo Pastrana, Azacualpa

Saved 21

We're averaging 17 adults and 44 children in our new mission.

Benigno Rodriguez

Saved 16 Baptized 8

Three women and five men were baptized in August. Also, it was our missionary, Bro. Bob Tyson's birthday and all the pastors and their families came together to celebrate Bro. Bob's birthday. Many people are reconciling with the Lord and are a part of personal evangelism, testifying and singing in the services. Five more adults were saved in October.

Carlos Ordoñez, El Triunfo

Saved 5 Baptized 1

God has called four young men from our church to the Bible Institute. All of these men are now preaching in missions of the church.

Carmen Carcamo, Guaimaea

Saved 5 Baptized 9

God is blessing us here in this cool climate which is good for my health. On July 27th, we had two weddings. Many lost people attended which was a great opportunity to preach the Gospel.

Juan Ramon Aguirre, San Marcos de Colón

Saved 41 Baptized 21

In September, I had the opportunity to preach in the large city of Tegucigalpa. God saved six people. God also saved many people in the village of Sombrerito when a group of North Americans visited us, giving out solar-powered radios. We've had street meetings here in San Marcos de Colon with approximately 500 people hearing the Gospel. We opened up a new preaching area in a neighborhood called Cabañas where 23 have been saved.

Jose Donald Aguilera, Tapaire

Saved 5

In September, I preached for fifteen days straight in different mission camps of the church. Also we celebrated Bible Day in the town of El Corpus with hundreds from different churches of our mission participating. Also Children's Day was celebrated and brought much happiness to all the children.

Antonio Suarez, Santa Mira

Saved 6

The pastorium is finished and it is so beautiful and comfortable. I think of our Lord who didn't have a place to lay His head and I feel so unworthy of His blessings.

Rene Gabriel Lagos, Los Planes

Saved 1

Please pray for Samaritan Radio because many people here in the mountains give testimony of being saved through the radio. *Also, we are praying for a pastorium and two Sunday School rooms.*

Heber Rios, Caire

Saved 8

We have a new mission in Trapiche with 30 adults and 22 children.

Jose Mario Zamora, El Progreso

Saved 3

We've had two weddings and our young people are going to the high school to present the Gospel.

Edwin Edgardo Miranda, La Permuta

Saved 11 Baptized 7

The 27th of November was my graduation from the Bible Institute. Now I will be spending all my time in the Work of God in Permuta and surrounding areas. With those who have been saved and reconciled with the Lord, we have 16 more in the church.

Rommel Gomez, El Naranjal

Saved 12

Two young men from our church have been called to preach.

Manuel Chavarria, El Corpus

Saved 44 Baptized 2

We're working in a new area five kilometers from the church and nine adults and five children have been saved here. On September 10th we celebrated Children's Day and 25 children asked Jesus into their hearts. We also celebrated Bible Day with preaching in the park. It came a heavy rain and we tried to protect our Bibles from the rain but we had the blessing of hearing God's Word in the rain. There were some 1000 people in the park here in El Corpus.

Roberto Espinoza, Marcovia

Saved 26 Baptized 15

Some of our young people who used to eat in the kitchen are now working in the church.

Federico Canales, Danli	Saved 11	Baptized 5
On the 21st of July we celebrated the 6th anniversary of the church with many people in attendance. Also, with the Lord's help, we now have a van to bring people to church and also to visit the mission camps. I'm happy also to be a part of Samaritan Radio where millions are able to hear God's Word. <i>We are praying for \$4000 for land to build our 2nd church.</i>		
Juan Ramon Maradiaga, Concepción de María	Saved 25	Baptized 10
We thank the Lord our beautiful new church building is finished and work is now beginning on rooms for the pastor and children's kitchen.		
Oscar Vallejo, El Puente	Saved 35	
Everyday God gives me strength and wisdom to learn and to teach the church. I'm so grateful to God for everyone of you who support this work. You are like family to me and you have to have a lot of love for God and His work to do what you do. Pray for our oldest daughter, Bignia, who is getting married on the sixth of December.		
Efraim Sandoval, Jacaeapa	Saved 11	Baptized 6
In October a family of six were saved. In November I graduated from the Bible Institute.		
Mavin Renan Ortiz, Las Pitas, El Corpus	Saved 7	
The other week I told my wife I would not go to the Bible Institute because I could not leave her and the children without anything to eat but she insisted that I go and she would go to my parents and stay. When I passed by El Corpus the pastor asked why I came late and I was ashamed to tell him. Then he told me to go back home and we would go together the next day but first, he said take this bag of food with you that was left here for you. I went back home rejoicing and my wife cried and we thanked the Lord together.		
Jose Rene Linares, El Carmen	Saved 10	Baptized 1
We have SS at 9:30am in El Carmen and 2:30pm in the mission at Monte Cristo. We are praising the Lord for a house next door to the church made possible by a young couple from the US to be used as pastorium and children's kitchen.		
Denys Alexi Vallejo, San Francisco	Saved 24	Baptized 5
The Lord willing, I will be getting married in February. A young man from our church graduated from the Bible Institute in November.		
Jose Santos Sanchez, Duyusupo	Saved 28	
I am now preaching in a new place that I never preached before until a group from the U.S. came and we visited there. I have been preaching there ever since. I'm in another place nine kilometers from Duyusupo and one man has been saved.		
Merlin Lopez Mendoza, Choluteca	Saved 38	Baptized 4
A group of brothers and sisters from Arizona visited us and 27 people made professions of faith in Christ. In November I finished my studies and graduated from the Bible Institute.		
Ronald Martinez, Choluteca	Saved 7	Baptized 3
When a policeman in the city of Choluteca told us we would have to turn our speakers down to preach, I told him man could not stop us and that God could cause the rocks to speak out. And if he ran me from our street corner, I would go to another. I thought he would hit me but he didn't and this caused other policemen to come and a multitude of people gathered and they all stood in reverence listening to the Gospel.		
Jorge Rizo, Nacaome	Saved 4	
Jose Manuel Ramirez, Yusguare	Saved 4	
Roman Martinez, Divisadero	Saved 10	
Santos Reyes, El Cacao	Saved 3	
Pedro Estrada, Choluteca	Saved 18	
Julio Aguirre, Los Tablones	Saved 4	Baptized 1
Santiago Colindres, Duyure	Saved 15	Baptized 9
Ciriaco Vallejo, Moratico	Saved 4	Baptized 8
Pompilio Escalante, Vallecillo	Saved 9	Baptized 5

Bellarmino Rios Mendoza, Pillados	Saved 7	Baptized 4
Jose Alfredo Melgar, Military Base in Choluteca		Baptized 1
Totals for Honduras	Saved 478	Baptized 125

Nicaragua

Aristides Matey, Pueblo Nuevo	Saved 35	
Eighteen have been saved in a new area. We are visiting and evangelizing every home.		
Jose Esteban Acuna, Ocotal	Saved 42	Baptized 24
Our fourth church building in Limon de Jalapa was dedicated on November 26th with Brother Jeff Pangle and several members of Smithboro Baptist Church visiting us for this very special occasion; along with visitors from the United States. We are having six services a day in the different mission camps, all pastored by young men from the church or myself.		
Juan Pablo Gaitan, Totogalpa	Saved 6	
I am walking five hours to a new place where five people have received the Lord.		
Favio Videa, Esteli	Saved 14	
Our attendance has grown since being in our new house of worship. We thank God for the Hensley family whom God has touched to give us this beautiful place.		
Santiago Sequeira, Condega	Saved 39	
God is richly blessing us not only with souls being saved but in material as well. Our church is beautiful with the new ceiling, paint, etc.		
Jairo Gonzales, San Antonio	Saved 6	
We thank the Lord for our new church pastorium.		
Carlos Hernandez, Somoto	Saved 22	Baptized 6
We are rejoicing over a special offering received to re-roof our church.		
Efraim Baez, Cusmapa	Saved 6	
I am preaching in 2 places. <i>In one place I walk for two hours where we have 12 Christians. It would be a blessing to have a mule. Also, my wife is suffering with her teeth but we don't have money for her to get new ones which would be \$150.00.</i>		
Reynaldo Jose Perez, Santa Ana	Saved 5	
The visit of Mrs. Becky Thompson and her son and daughter-n-law to Santa Ana was a blessing. God touched this family to help us have a beautiful church building which was dedicated while they were here along with all the other North Americans.		
Eliseo Molina Castellon, Sebaco		
These have been hard times for our family. Our 14-year-old daughter, Eunice, was operated on the 4th of September for a brain tumor which resulted in being malignant. After the operation she had a set-back and had to be hospitalized for nine more days. Eunice had never been sick. She finished sixth grade two years ago as number one in her class. Please pray for our daughter and for all of us. She is accepting this much better than any of us.		
Monico Alvarado, Leon	Saved 4	
Luis Enrique Ramirez Cruz, Palacaquina	Saved 6	
Juan Jose Gonzales Toruno, Potrerillos	Saved 1	
Luis Gutierrez, El Triunfo	Saved 34	
Gerardo Gonzales, Quilali	Saved 3	
Pablo Castellon Cruz, La Palagua	Saved 20	
Justo Rene Casco, Tranqueras	Saved 1	
Calixto Lopez, San Isidro	Saved 7	

Guillermo Acuna Tercera, Esteli	Saved 2	
Maximo Casco, 2nd Baptist, Ocotal	Saved 8	
Ramon Matey Iglesias, San Juan de Rio Coco	Saved 3	
Sergio Lopez, Rio Abajo	Saved 1	
Julio Herrera Sandoval, El Espino	Saved 8	
Efraim Casco, Arca de Noe	Saved 1	
Margarito Ramirez Videa, Maleconcito	Saved 12	
Luis Ernesto Montalvan Cruz, Los Platanales	Saved 5	
Isaac Rodriguez, Dario	Saved 15	
Eufemio Orozco, Managua	Saved 2	
Mario Videa, Matagalpa	Saved 7	
Luis Alonso Canales, Jinotega	Saved 4	
Patricio Joya Gonzales, San Lucas	Saved 3	
Eduardo Antonio Reyes, La Trinidad	Saved 2	Baptized 28
Santos Matey Iglesias, Maipasillo	Saved 16	Baptized 5
Felipe Caballero Gonzales, La Mesa	Saved 3	Baptized 6
Juan Francisco Torres Gonzales, Los Capules	Saved 4	Baptized 3
Miguel Jiminez, Agua Caliente	Saved 4	Baptized 6
Juan Baldivia Casco, El Pedernal	Saved 8	Baptized 3
Melvin Rodriguez, Limon de Jalepa	Saved 28	Baptized 8
Miguel Rizo, La Plazuela		Baptized 4
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Totals for Nicaragua	<u>Saved 387</u>	<u>Baptized 93</u>

Mexico

Vidal Videa, San Luis Potosi	Saved 90	Baptized 3
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Totals for Mexico	<u>Saved 90</u>	<u>Baptized 3</u>

Costa Rica

Paulino Benavidez Morales, Santa Cruz	Saved 12	
Graciana Urbina, Filadelfia	Saved 14	
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Totals for Costa Rica	<u>Saved 26</u>	

Total Salvations 981
Total Baptisms 201



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