Blessed for believing, without having seen.

John 20:29 Jesus said to him, because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.

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Blessed is the nurse that has believed, that has placed their HOPE in God. It does not matter where you are planted, nor the titles or hierarchical position that you have achieved, it is your FAITH that sustains you, and allows you to bring Hope to others, in such a turbulent time in the world: with wars, natural disasters, etc.... being present in the different processes of life and death in humanity, taking care of the environment in which it moves, promoting the factors to maintain health, preventing those that provoke or cause illness.

Our hope is greater than our reality. Therefore, we should not consider what we can see, our reality, problem, situation or circumstance that we are going through, but instead keep the Faith, ask the Father to give us more FAITH, because visible things last for an instant, but those that are yet to be seen will last forever.

When the farmer takes a seed, he sees its potential, imagines the fruits that he will obtain from it. However, he knows in advance that everything will not happen that simply, or quickly, he knows that there is a time and a process which must be completed. The SEED will go through a transformation, it will germinate, it is no longer the same as at the beginning, then it will grow and bear fruit. The farmer provides the conditions for the seed to begin its transformation process: good soil, air, sun, water.

This is our vision and mission, to be bearers of SEEDS of hope, peace, love, joy, kindness, benignity, faith, temperance, meekness, fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5:22) that we must increase more and more, and then sow it in our colleagues and trust that the result is from the Lord. Casting all our anxiety on Him, because Jesus cares for us (1 Peter 5:7); because He already warned us that in the world we will have affliction but to trust, He has overcome the

world (John 16:33), and gives us His peace which is supernatural, He will not let our hearts be troubled (John 14:27); Feeling tired and fatigued we can confidently go to HIM (Matthew 11:28) He is our comforter (Isaiah 51:12); His grace upon us is the work of our hands and confirms us among ourselves, if He confirms it (Psalm 90:17). Our effort does not fail, because we wait on the Lord and pursue our call, encouraging our hearts one to another (Psalm 31:24) firm and constant growing in His work because we know and have believed without "seeing" that all our work is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58) and that we are more than conquerors through Him who called us (Romans 8.37).

In the love of Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit, let us be filled with His presence and power, guiding us to all truth (John 16:13), rekindling the fire that was lit on the day we believed without having seen. (1 Thessalonians 5:19).