

# Tecate Mission International News

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Dear friends,

Lately I have been studying how to assay gold. To assay is to; “test or analyze an ore or metal.” The assayer tests the ore containing gold, or a gold chunk to determine it’s purity or quality. In



In I Peter 1:6-7, we read, “*In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire— may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*” The three words used here for testing each speak of the proving or examining of our life or quality of faith. In the process of assaying gold (historically) two main things are used, **fire** and acid. From my study, both are used more than once in the process, in fact, the purer you want the gold to be, the more times it goes back into the **fire** and acid. Our Lord states clearly that He values our faith more than gold, so as Peter states, “in this you rejoice” that when Christ returns” our faith more precious than gold”... may be found to result in praise and glory and honor”, unto Him.

As we face and go through the trails and testing that seem t come at us all too frequently, it gives us cause to rejoice in that our faith can be purified in His praise and honor.

**Through the fire** our Heavenly Father lovingly draws the impurities out of our lives so that we may become more like His Son... our Lord Jesus. We need to have confidence in His working in our lives, towards His plan and purposes.

The Lord is moving in and through the lives of the missionaries serving with Tecate Mission International. We rejoice as He continually molds more of the image of His Son into us. We trust that you too can rejoice in this purifying process.

We continually give thanks to our heavenly Father for you who stand prayerfully and financially with this ministry and it’s workers. **You, the senders, supporters , and intercessors**, are vital members of this team, for whom we are grateful! **Thank you!**

For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things.!”

Romans 10:13-15

**Sincerely,**

**Ron Hoffman, Executive Director**

