Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **—Romans 12:1-3**

This we pray...

Your presence is always with us, Lord. Thank you. I am so gratiful that you bless our time of corporate worship at Hope Chapel San Pedro with your presence. Thank you for the worship team, and its leader, Pastor Tom. Lord, continue to raise up leaders who are seeking you and desiring a connection with you through song and music. Lord, let us be a people who worship you in spirit and in truth. Let us be a people who seek to live a life of radical obedience. Let us sacrifice our selfishness on the alter and embrace living a life of service to you and you alone. Reveal yourself corporately to us, Lord. Reveal yourself privately to us, God. Speak to us, Spirit. May our lives and words be an acceptable sacrifice to you.

One of Hope Chapel's most cherished assets is our top-notch Worship Team. In worship, we lift up holy hands in praise, surrender our lives to Jesus and often feel the presence of the living God in our souls. God has a lot to say about worship in the Word. It seems as if His Word and worship are interconnected. According to the above passage, our spiritual act of worship involves giving up our selfish desires and living sacrificially to God. As Pastor Tom Ferjo sums up, "Worship is living in such a way that brings honor to God. Our musical praise is an element of this, but true worship encompasses the whole of our lives." Let's go to prayer, thanking God for blessing Hope Chapel with such an amazing worship pastor and the blessing of a talented 27-member Worship Team—led and directed by Him.