

Martinez Mail

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A lot going on.....



Ministry in Huehuetenango, (Robin's birthday weekend) most people on their birthday are expecting a flurry of gifts and well wishing. That is, unless you're a missionary; in your heart the people come first. Robin and I traveled to Huehuetenango to explore ministry among

the indigenous Indian. We are pleased to be welcomed by a tiny church where we are invited to share, teach, and preach.



In many places, Bible lessons are received in meager locations like this, with make-shift tables. Yet, the light shines through like this single bulb.

Visit to Santa Barbara, the Saturday before we visited this remote rural area, about an hour outside of Huehuetenango. We turned off the main road and onto a dirt road, the dirt road narrows into a trail, and then no cars at all. The people we encounter are all on foot, bearing various loads, and some have animals packing a burden. Our intention also was to visit with the workers of La Burbuja and La Montana; this was not to be today but we sense, very soon. The rutted and steep trail was too arduous for our mini-van to continue. The Lord has set in our hearts to search for the lost in these out-of-reach places.

Maya Project needs, our desire is to minister directly to the heart of the people; we continue to search out and test locations to find the next work God would have us take on. Along the way, necessary equipment continues to find its way into our hands. We will believe God for a sound system sufficient to reach rural groups of about 400 people. Such a system is approximately \$650-700 USD.

Car Repairs: Thankfully, our 2000 Plymouth Voyager keeps plugging along, many times in areas that it was not intended for. This month we were able to give our trusty ride a few needed repairs. The loud clicking when turning was remedied by installing new constant velocity (CV) joints. Leaking water pump and hoses are now dry as a bone. And, with new control arm bushings, the vehicle drives straight. PTL! Any outreach further afield can only be accomplished by a heavier, 4X4 vehicle. Pray, believe, and visualize with us, for this needed equipment.



You don't need to speak the Mayan language to know what this woman needs.

Medical Campaign 21-30, in these next hours, Robin and I (Chuck) are preparing for a medical campaign, hosted by Living Water Teaching. The location will be the municipality of Santa Maria Chiquimula in Tonicapán. As I write this, advance teams are en-route to set up the base of



Ebenezer was a big help speaking both Spanish and Mayan.

operations i.e. treatment, examination, pharmacy, and ministry areas. Ministry drivers are on their way to Guatemala City to receive 24 volunteers from the U.S. By Tuesday afternoon, Guatemalan doctors, dentists, and eye specialists will be on site for this medical campaign.

With U.S., Guatemalan, missionary, and volunteer teams settled, preparations are completed by night fall for the next three days of ministry. Day one, the lines are always modest even though



the word has been filtering throughout the surrounding regions for a month in advance. Many of the people in these areas are weary and cautious of outsiders. Many will speak only their Mayan

tongue. This is where coordination with bi-lingual church members bridges the gap for doctors, pharmacy, and ministers.



At first only the town dwellers fill the lines, and then as the word spreads, rural people begin their barefoot march to where the medical treatments are given away for free. But that is not all that is free; each will hear the Gospel in their own language and have the opportunity to receive everlasting life through faith in Jesus Christ. Later in the evening, praise music, preaching, and testimonies will bring more salvations and healings.



Over 3,300 people from in and around Santa Maria Chiquimula, in Totonicapan, received medical, dental, and vision treatment for their physical needs. Most important, 347 received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Robin and I have the best job in the world!



Chuck & Robin Martinez

Your missionaries in Guatemala-

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