

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Matt 20:28 "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."

December 2009—January 2010 Newsletter

2010 is starting out to be what could prove to be a very productive year! We have a lot going on! Jeanne & Bill have settled into their more extended stay from January-April. Jeanne has a Kids' Klub with 12-14 kids who come once a week for a teaching, crafts and some game time. She is also giving weekly English classes and having movie times a couple of times a month with the neighborhood kids. Bill makes the popcorn! This is on top of her normal participation with Embrace, the School Sponsorship Project and other ministry outreaches. This is definitely not idle time for either Jeanne or Bill as they adapt to their new "retirement schedule" of dividing their time between Guatemala and Michigan.



Bill is coming up with some potentially great opportunities through his networking outreach for the ministry. We have irons on the stove dealing with Operation Blessing, Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs (High School level clubs sponsored by Rotary Clubs) and a fellowship that sponsors university grads to do some extended "field work" after graduation in underdeveloped countries. We're not sure how all of this will pan out but there is potential for long term and on-going assistance for dif-

ferent arms of the ministry and we will keep you updated.

Norma Maness, our other long term visitor, also arrived in January with Jeanne and Bill. She wasn't even here an hour before her first visitor tracked her down! Norma stays busy lending a hand to different areas of the ministry and just spending time with her Guatemalan family! Norma is planning to be here until sometime in April.

On December 5th we dedicated our new facility for the ministry's medical /dental clinic. The new facility is much larger than our old building and is a blessing to see to the people's needs in a more professional and better equipped locale. The clinic's "store" was a real hit over the Christmas season and is helping to bring in revenue to cover the clinic expenses.



The old clinic house has been converted to a caretaker's housing unit. One of the ministry's employees now lives there with his family and can keep an eye on things and be available for after hour problems that may occur.

In December we had a team come from a children's

home outside of Guatemala City, run by North American missionaries. A group of teenage girls, along with their leaders had an overnight outreach in the village of La Puente. They were greatly impacted as they saw how the people lived... a lot different than their city life! They participated with home visits and handed out food bags and Christmas toys, played with the children and prayed with the people.



In January a medical team came from Tennessee and had 5 days of medical clinics. They saw approximately 300 patients per day and left behind their excess meds to be used at the ministry's medical clinic. These teams bring invaluable health benefits to the people.

Our churches are growing and we have decided to have water baptisms every 2 months. 6 people were baptized in January.

We are setting up a furnished apartment for people who want to come to Guatemala for a more extended stay. A one bedroom apartment will provide comfortable living for people wanting to come see the ministry in action and to have some hands-on time to get involved with the many areas of ministry. We have had a good response from people who believe that it is a great idea than can offer great opportunities for people wanting to do something longer than the 10-12 days short term missions trips. We plan to have the apartment ready for use by summer 2010. **If you are interested in more info or want to book a reservation for our "long term stay" apartment, please write me at nsheldon1@gmail.com.**

We started the work for the pastor's house in Ocumbla. The house was marked out there the be-

ginning of January to allow the church men to dig the trenches for the foundations. Our ministry foreman is overseeing the putting in of the foundation to have it ready for the Michigan team that is sponsoring the project and who will arrive in February to help with the construction of the house.



Please remember that we have had a change of address for the post office box for the Michigan US office. This applies to any communications for both general ministry usage as well as Embrace. Please make note of the change as the forwarding service will only automatically send correspondences from the old address for a 6 month period.

We thank God for His favor and for the new doors that are opening! We also thank God for you, our Servant Ministries' team of supporters; that allow us to keep moving forward to accomplish the work in Guatemala!

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