



Yucatán Evangelistic Association News Letter

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Hola hermanos,

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We recently completed a Crusade near Palenque, Chiapas, and had 116 adult professions of faith. The sponsoring church there is very solid, so our new Christian brothers should be well nurtured. Be sure to pray for them.

Brother Tim Wint, from Lewisville, Texas, donated a 1999 Ford pickup to YEA, and it has already been a great blessing. Brother Gene Murphy and Brother Bill O'Kelley braved driving the truck all the way down from Louisiana. They received a taste of police corruption while passing through Matamoros, but still seemed to have an enjoyable trip.

The flu virus has played its course out in Mexico. Schools, restaurants, and government offices have reopened and buses are traveling throughout Mexico again.

I am looking forward to all of the groups this summer and looking forward to getting a building for the mission in Oxkutzcab. We really need more groups this year. Hopefully, we can get a couple of fall groups. Thank all of you for your prayers and support.

Shelby

A Personal Note

Date: Tue, 26 May 2009

For many years now, Pat and I have spent much of our time apart. Last week, again, I was in Mexico for our wedding anniversary, and she was in Louisiana. It will not be that way for much longer. On June 26, 2009, Pat will be officially retired. It doesn't mean that she will spend 100% of her time in Mexico, but retirement will certainly afford her to spend as much time here as she wants. It should make it possible for her to be here through the busy summer months. I am elated! I will finally get the summer helper that I have been dreaming and praying for, for years. Please pray for us as we make adjustments in our lives.

Shelby

It's hard for me to start writing because there is so much I want to say that I can't say. When Bro. Shelby writes of those precious children being subjected to pedophiles and forced into child prostitution, he isn't writing of something he has just heard about. There were the two boys, dressed as girls and working prostitution on the streets of Mérida, he rescued and found a temporary home for in Oxkutzcab; there are the two girls, 4 & 5 years old, he rescued from being used in child pornography; just last week he rescued a ten year old girl and her seven year brother, both physically, mentally, and sexually abused. Bro. Tomás was recently brought a newborn baby boy to find something to do with until the orphanage opened. He and his wife, Ileana, are adopting this baby themselves. My greatest desire is to go into remote villages of the Yucatán, bringing them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, this has to be put on hold until we get an orphanage in operation as a refuge for so many neglected, abused, hungry & hurting children. If you feel led to help us, financially, to get these orphanages running it will be greatly appreciated. If you feel led to come down on mission to help build, that's great, too. Just let us know.

Gene Murphy

Although Mexico has fewer orphans than many Latin-American countries, more than 6% of the children here are double orphans; either both of their parents are dead or the children have just been completely abandoned. One of every twenty children are left to survive as best they can, without adult role models or supervision. Most of them have little chance of completing even elementary school. They often are taken in by pedophiles, or forced into prostitution at a very early age. This number does not include children whose parents are incarcerated or addicted to drugs. Unlike our country, there are few programs in Mexico to care for these children. They have no future, and have little knowledge of what love is. We, as Christians, can help these children. We can teach them how to love and be loved, and can teach them the love of God. We can offer them opportunities to get an education. We can shield them from a life of prostitution and crime. We can let them eat from a plate instead of from a garbage can. We can do this with the orphanage we are building in Tekax. We really need your prayers and help to get this finished and operating. It is very near completion, but we are short of construction money. The structure is completed but still have a lot of finish work to be done. We need to install doors and windows and finish the floor tile, the electrical and inside plumbing. We want to install a commercial stove and refrigerator in the kitchen, and start with at least four folding tables, with chairs, for the dining area. Twelve sets of bunk-beds are needed, with mattresses. Hopefully, we can get a 32 inch television for the living area. We also need to equip the nursery and purchase cooking supplies for the kitchen. We can not open until we have a bed for each child, and have the kitchen equipped and inspected. Because of inflation, the cost keeps rising. We are so very close. Please help us to raise the necessary funding to get the orphanage open, and provide for these children. It is going to cost about \$18,000 U.S. dollars more to provide basic equipment for the building. I've made a commitment that I would not return to the States until the orphanage is completed. Not only is this an opportunity to help the children, but the orphanage gives us an opportunity to share the gospel with government leaders and the community as well. Please pray for the completion of the orphanage. On the next page is an early orphanage photo.

Shelby

The **Yucatán Evangelistic Association** (YEA) is an organization to coordinate and support the evangelical effort on the Yucatán peninsula. Through concerned Christian volunteers, the evangelical and construction work in the Yucatán has had great results with these receptive Mayan people coming to know the Gospel. Volunteers are needed to continue the Lord's work, whether it be the construction of churches, assisting with revivals, holding VBS day camps, performing with puppets, doing drama, conducting a medical mission, or conducting a sports program. **YOU** can help do a mighty work for the Lord by volunteering your time, efforts and/or resources in the Yucatán. Each individual who goes and serves truly bonds with these wonderful Mayan people and will receive such a blessing! If you would like to know more about the opportunity to become involved in this mission endeavor, please contact us.

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