



Yucatán Evangelistic Association News Letter

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Mark your calendars — our annual Yucatán Evangelistic Association, Inc., Member's Meeting will be Saturday, October 24, 2009, at Bistineau Baptist Church. We will have a pot-luck covered-dish meal beginning at 12 noon with the Member's Meeting to begin somewhere around 1:00 p.m. We will be electing seven YEA Board Members at this meeting. The ones currently nominated are: Liz Allen, Chad Conner, Wade Hampton, Jason Hogg, Bill O'Kelley, Max Rasbury, and Floyd Smith. If you are a current member of YEA and would like to nominate someone, please contact us. Contact instructions are at the end of this newsletter.

Directions to Bistineau Baptist are as follows:

Get off I-20 at **exit 47** and go south through Sibley
Drive for **12 miles** and turn left on **Franklin Road** at Martin Junction
This is shortly after you pass United In Christ Pentecostal Church
There is a tall dead pine tree on the right and a Bistineau Baptist Church sign on the left
Go **1/2 mile** and turn left on Bistineau Baptist Church Road
You can see the church from Franklin Road

Tekax orphanage update, September 9, 2009

The orphanage in Tekax is very near completion, and is really looking good. The construction part should be completed in about two weeks.

The floors, gate, bathrooms, patio, and windows are completely installed, and most of the wiring and lights are up. The electrician has the wiring in place for the fans, and will begin installing them Tuesday. The plumber still has to connect to the sewage system, and has to install a secondary water system.

The building and health inspectors have added some requirements that have increased our cost considerably. These requirements include two Sumidors for the septic system, an alternate source of electricity, an alternate water system, and an underground wiring system. There were several other less expensive requirements.

The Sumidors for the septic systems are two 18 foot deep holes with concrete foundations, and concrete tops. One of them is 5 ft. square, and the other is 8 ft square. I chose to use a power generator for the alternative electricity, and a cistern for water.

In order to keep from soliciting more money, I paid for as much of the cost as I could afford. However, we still lack about \$5,275.00 USD to meet all of the requirements. We need just a little more financial help.

We have purchased most of the furnishings, but won't have them delivered until the building is completed. The tables and lockers are stored at Second Baptist Church. I will move them, and have the other items delivered in a couple of weeks.

Gilberto and I met with our lawyer Monday, and are working on all of our permits to operate the orphanage. The actual operating permit is easy to get, but we are also seeking a permit to act as an adoption agency. Since selling babies is not uncommon here, it is difficult to get this permit. We are also working with Social Services and the Judicial systems in order to ensure that all children are processed correctly when entering the orphanage.

For legal reasons I will have to temporarily return the Ford truck to the United States, and I need to attend the annual YEA meeting, so I am going to wait until the first week of November to hold our orphanage grand opening. We are waiting for a reply from the Governor to set the exact date. The orphanage, however, will probably open before then, as we are expecting the birth of our second newborn on October 22. The first newborn was adopted by Brother Tomás and his wife, Ileana.

Shelby's update on mission churches, September 9, 2009

I had some free time this last week so I took this opportunity to visit all of our mission churches.

The Alpha and Omega mission, meeting at the Mérida seminary, will soon be constituting. They had 41 adults in attendance, and about 70 children. Was a wonderful service, but the heat was almost unbearable. Their doctrine is sound, and they have an excellent children program. They have purchased land and will start building this month.

The Oxkutzcab mission is also going strong. They, too, are ready to constitute as soon as we can finish their building. They also have another large group to baptize this month.

The San Felipe mission is strong in number but they are frustrated by the lack of a meeting place. Since their usual meeting place is used as a seasonal resort, they had to meet in members houses for all of the summer vacation. There is no available land to build on so the only option that they have is to purchase, or lease, an existing building. We need to pray that God will provide financial funding to obtain property for the mission there. This will be about \$25,000.

Seminary

Go.....Teach.....Baptize. Matthew 28:19-20 sets the priorities for YEA ministries. Our seminaries are vital for us to accomplish our mission in the Yucatan. It is through our seminaries that we prepare the indigenous workers to carry out the "great commission".

There will be 31 students graduating from the seminaries this year, many of whom are trained to start, and pastor, new missions throughout the peninsula. Others will be teaching in the sponsoring churches. These students will have completed a two year curriculum, including Bible studies, church administration, and Baptist doctrine.

Our January enrollment is expected to be the highest ever. In addition to the campuses in Mérida and Tekax, we are attempting to open satellite campuses in Bolonchen and Campeche. This plan is to support our effort to start five new mission churches in the Bolonchen area in the spring of 2010.

Please remember to pray daily for our seminary professors and students.

We could also use preachers and teachers to conduct seminars at all of our seminary locations. Please pray about coming to help us with this need.

A Word from Pat

The Holy Spirit is busy in the Yucatán! He is convicting, encouraging, energizing, prodding. At summer's end, three YEA mission teams were blessed to have witnessed forty-four adults in the Tekax/Oxkutzcab area choose Jesus as their Savior.

Yucatecan saints were uplifted and stirred with evangelistic drives, revivals, and VBS activities in which mission teams from Graham, Texas, Ruston, Castor, and Saline, Louisiana were privileged to participate.

Seminary students continue to faithfully study God's Word in Mérida and Tekax in preparation for discipling fellow believers in their churches. Thirty-one students will have completed a two-year curriculum by year's end. Future plans include offering seminary classes in Bolonchen and Campeche.

The mission in Oxkutzcab, sponsoring church, and mission teams continue construction on a meeting place for the body of believers.

Amid evangelism, seminary activities, construction,...an orphanage designed to accommodate sixty-eight children has been completed. It awaits permits and utilities from the city of Tekax to go into operation.

Busy about God's business...loving the Lord Jesus Christ, loving the Yucatecans to Jesus, ministering to spiritual and physical needs.

Nothing can be compared to joining God where he is working.

Pat

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, conducting a sports program, or working with an orphanage. **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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