



Yucatan Evangelistic Association News Letter

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Annual Yucatan Evangelistic Association Meeting

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend our annual YEA meeting. It will be held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church Family Life Center in Ruston, Louisiana, Saturday, **18 October**, and will be covered dish. Tea, water and coffee will be provided. The meal will begin at **12:00 noon** with our annual meeting following. Come and hear what God has been doing through YEA volunteers this year. Four new YEA board members will be elected at this meeting. The nominations currently submitted are: Annette Murphy, Lili Nettles, Mark Plunkett, Ana Webb, and Sony Wilson. Other nominations may be received, in writing from YEA members, at the annual meeting upon the consent of the nominee.

Another mission trip has come and gone, and once again we were not disappointed in how God is working in Yucatan. I really appreciate the work YEA is doing with the leadership of Bro. Shelby Boyd. As the focus of this trip was starting the orphanage, I could see the difficulty of dealing with the governmental red tape of Mexico. I truly believe this is one of Bro. Shelby's gifts as he oversees the legal aspects of starting an orphanage.

There were nine that made this trip. It was a blessing to see two of our church youth go. I believe their eyes were opened to the blessings these people are to us. The Yucatecan people receive us as family, because we are family—the family of God! No matter the language barrier, love ALWAYS translates when we go to the Yucatan. Our immediate plans, as a church, are to raise money for the orphanage.

Again, thanks to Bro. Shelby for his hard work and dedication. But most importantly, may God receive all the glory and honor for the great things He is doing in Yucatan! — Mission report from Bistineau Mission Team

As a member of the Yucatan Evangelistic Association, I would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming a member of YEA. The mission of YEA is simple: To see Jesus save the people of Yucatan. Through backyard Bible studies, orphanages, Bible schools, and many other ministries, the Word of God is being preached in Yucatan. If you join by giving \$10.00 a month (or any greater amount as God leads), this will greatly further the efforts of YEA and its ministries. YEA is a 501 (C) 3, charitable organization and donations are tax deductible. And of course, prayerfully consider a mission trip to Yucatan. YEA is currently building an orphanage in Tekax. Whether you desire a construction mission, evangelical mission, a medical mission, etc., there are countless opportunities to serve. And remember to pray for Bro. Shelby Boyd and the work God has called him to in Yucatan. — God bless, and thank you!! — Floyd Smith

In July of this past summer I traveled with Oak Street Baptist Church from Graham, TX, on a mission in Yucatan, Mexico. While in Mexico, I enjoyed helping build an orphanage for the community surrounding Tekax and witnessing to the local youth. That trip to Mexico gave me a new outlook on what gives people happiness. Most of the inhabitants of the Yucatan do not have an immense amount of material wealth and yet they are still extremely happy with their life as it is. None of them ever complained about what they did or didn't have. They had the right point of view on what life is really all about. — Russell McCarson

Hola! Como estás?! Something that happened on the Oak Street mission that I thought was amazing was the night we went to the park and Eddie Perez shared his testimony with all the guys gathered in the gazebo. We had one Bible with us and were trying to figure out what guy we should give the Bible to. Russell McCarson, Eddie, Abby Fore, Cathy Fellows, and I all felt led to give it to the same person . . . we all had one person in mind and it was definitely a message from God. That night was my favorite night. It was Wednesday night in the park at Tixcuytun.

Another good night was when Russell shared the Word with all of the basketball guys right after we finished playing. Two or three guys accepted Christ that night and that made the whole trip way worth it.

— Katie Thompson

Hola hermanos,

Let me start by thanking YEA for indulging in the thought of a Medical Mission Team. Many of you may not know that there has already been some work towards this idea. In 2006, a group of 5 of us went into a small village named Cenote Azul with Bro. Shelby. Along with day and night Bible studies we also performed health & hygiene classes. We mainly focused on proper hand washing and mouth care. The people of this village were very attentive, loving, and appreciative.

During a trip in August, Leann Williford of Heflin, LA, Bro. Shelby, and myself were in Tekax with a large group mostly from Ruston, LA. While there we had a meeting with a friend of Bro. Shelby's, Dr. Lopez. Dr. Lopez lives and works in Oxkutzcab, which is northwest of Tekax. Of the items discussed were the need for outreach care to meet some to the basic health needs in remote areas outside of Tekax and Oxkutzcab. He expressed excitement of working with a medical team with walk-in day clinics, specialty care when available, and possibly immunizations. He is currently performing a needs assessment to decide where and what type of needs are the greatest. Bro. Shelby and I will be in contact with him soon to gather more information. We will be gathering random medical supplies as they become available. If anyone has any donations, or suggestions, they will be appreciated.

Our goal is to have our first official Medical Mission in November. If God places a burden on your heart to help with this mission, or any in the future, please call anyone in the association, or myself any evening at 318-377-9727. Keep in mind that God calls anyone, and anyone can be used for HIS glory. That still does apply if you feel a calling to work with any of our medical missions. It is not necessary for you to be a licensed medical professional—just a person willing to put in several long, hard days of work. When God calls we are just to be still and listen.

Keep us in your prayers, — Renae Merritt

The **Yucatán Evangelistic Association, Inc.** (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, orphanages, etc., 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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