

Thanks to all of you, this has been another great year for our work in Yucatan. Many have been won to the Lord, and the work continues to grow. The building for Second Baptist in Tekax is completed and the church is finally having services indoors. The first service in the new building was a graduation ceremony for eleven students from the seminary. The building is already filled, with more than 500 attending evening services, and will soon need to have two evening services. They are planning to add a second floor for education space. Second Baptist has also assumed responsibility for the work in Oxkutzcab. This mission has struggled for the past two years, but Brother Tomas has found a meeting place near his home and has a seminary student to help with the work. The building in Ticum has been completed, and was constituted last month. They elected to constitute as an interdenominational church, instead of Baptist, because many of their members have an assembly of God background. Their new pastor seems to have a great love for God, and for his people. They need our prayers as they continue to grow and meet the needs of their community. Both campuses of the seminary are functioning well and we have the best professors in Yucatan. The seminary will provide pastors for our missions and churches for years to come. Since our commitments in the Tekax area have been met, we will be evangelizing the northeastern part of Yucatan for the next several years. Our immediate tasks will be to start and reinforce churches in Valladolid and Tizimin (the second and third largest cities in the state). These churches will become sponsor churches for missions in area villages. I, personally, would like to challenge YEA to begin a medical division, have a YEA mission conference in Texas, and adopt the orphanage in Merida this year. Please pray for guidance concerning these objectives.

Thank you for making this a great year, and let's make next year even better for the glory of God.

On a personal note...Thank you for our prayers and expressions of concern following my recent heart attack and hospital stay.

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