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Using medicines to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2009 Year-End Update

Dear Friends and Supporters of Medical Missions Ministries,

We greet you with love and gratitude; we thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for what is going on in Guatemala and through the teams and individuals that come to Guatemala. We know you have eagerly been waiting for this letter to hear testimonies of how your prayers work and release us to release others and empower them to see the plan of God for their lives being performed.



Medical Missions Ministries staff

History, and seeing God's plans being unwrapped in front of our eyes in 22 years of ministry are the things that excite us and keep us passionate and encouraged to continue to surrender our lives and to be available to be used by God, not only for the transformation of Guatemala but for the reconciliation of all men around the world.

As we have mentioned in previous years, we are more than just "Medical Missions Ministries"-- we are a ministry of transformation. We remember when we were focused on how many patients we could see in one year and how many people we were able to convince to pray to receive the Lord in their hearts-- we were trying to impress our supporters and be super heroes. Through the years God has helped us to understand that it is not about how much we can do, but instead, how much we can release the church and empower it to be mobilized to possess the land we have been given and establish in it the Kingdom of God.

Through the years, the devil has numbed and confused the church, deceiving it, thinking that we are being the church just because we meet in a building and remain sitting for one and a half hours in a Sunday service. God told us that He has given

us, Medical Missions Ministries, the same passion He gave Joshua and Caleb to mobilize the church and to possess the land, specifically in these times of confusion where politicians and rulers think that they can determine the fate of this world. The earth is the Lord's and everything in it (Psalm 24:1).

God has empowered His church to do the same works of Jesus and even greater, and it is time for the church to awake,

influence and reconcile men and women with God.

By being part of Medical Missions Ministries you are joining us in God's work of transformation and the establishment of His Kingdom both in Guatemala and in the individuals that come.

More than just statistics we have been able to witness many different miracles with teams from the USA-- miracles of salvation and reconciliation with God, miracles of healing, miracles of people being released from bondage and miracles of people being healed in their souls. Loving the people, meeting their needs, and serving and teaching them has released us to motivate transformation and also to be part of it.

Parents that came with their children testified that one of the greatest pleasures they experienced was to see the life of Jesus becoming a reality in their child's heart. Team members experienced unity and real closeness, victory over distractions, fear and pain. Some chose to praise God for over three hours at times, totally on their own, even

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ignoring pizza, while testifying of a life change.

Parents told how they got so close with their children. A touching story is that one of the parents, who shared about the great time he had with his son, died and went to be with the Lord about three weeks after their trip to Guatemala this summer. But his son has testified that his dad left him the gift of knowing how to share Christ and serve others. While the pain of loss is great, God granted a special time for father and son before calling the father home.



In one of the clinics some of the children, around 11 - 13 years of age told a story of how they prayed for a deaf man, 64 years old, who after the 4th prayer was able to hear loud and clear.

At the Pastors Conference in January, desiring for the pastors to see what God sees in the church and the power of influence and transformation that as a church we have, we were able to see among 192 people passion, calling and restored marriages. We, the staff of MMM, have experienced in ourselves a bigger desire to be used by God and to be able to see what God is doing and wants to do through us. We used to think that we were going to mobilize the church and now, we see ourselves being mobilized with other believers.

Our first Teachers Conference hosted over 20 people. The local teachers were inspired to have the passion to be used by God to raise a generation of students in a creative and attractive way.

We have helped plant eight new churches through evangelism applying the four principles of friendship, intercession, fasting and spiritual warfare. Of the over 4,000 people that came to the clinics who were not Christians, 974 people have prayed to receive the Lord so far this year. Ilse has been incorporated into the team providing eye exams, prescription and reading glasses to over 160 patients.



Pastors are so interested in mobilizing

their members to become like Jesus, serving their communities, becoming effective witnesses and asking us to share with them the principles of a healthy church. We have had six different seminars and believe that when the new training center is built, Medical Missions Ministries will have a bigger part in a powerful transformation of Guatemala, seeing the church become an even greater light for the kingdom and more dangerous toward darkness. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of our ministry.

Truly in God's Love,

Your Guatemalan Team



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Prayer Requests

- May God give us the perfect design for the new ministry training center.
- Grace to communicate the vision and spread it to others in a way that people will want to get involved financially, physically and prayerfully.
- For the 2010 Pastors' Conference.
- For the provision of new vehicles.

We humans keep brainstorming options and plans but God's purpose prevails. — Proverbs 19:21

This Go Journey began two years ago with a vision of Dr. Hermann Alb and Dave Polstra when they thought of ways to help and encourage the educational system in Guatemala. The 2009 Team had the joy of being a part of their vision through teaching and loving. Jody Brawner, Eileen Konigsberg, Dave Bullard, Melissa Duffy, Sharon Moye, and Shelly Knudsen, were the initial members of the team, but at the last minute Jody had to stay behind for health reasons. Bobby Scott joined us later.



We arrived on Saturday and Sunday and worshiped at Vida Real with the Alb family. We also visited an orphanage and received lots of hugs!

On Monday the first-ever teacher conference began. Mana de Vida, FLC, and Xetzitzi sent representatives from their schools.

Eileen taught the importance of Habits based on Charlotte Mason's methodologies. Dave led a fun hands-on Math class. Shelly taught on using Narration, and Bobby spoke on dealing with Learning Difficulties. I taught Nature Study and how to make beads from magazines. Sharon shared about Living Books and distributed the examples we had brought with us. A PCS



fundraiser and a new relationship with a local bookseller allowed these teachers to select books and maps for their school's living libraries! (See verse above)

At Xetzitzi we celebrated Parent's Day. Marveling at the beauty of the people and their situation, we shared a meal which their school board had prepared in our honor. Humbled, we were reminded to give generously...not necessarily out of abundance.

At Mana de Vida we observed the amazing high school student-teachers. Jessica Sorin carved out a school in the middle of town and utilized every square inch for classrooms...even the roof.

Since it was Kristen Polstra's first week of teaching school, we veteran teachers were happy to advise and brainstorm solutions with her for her classroom issues. Our former PCS student had become a peer!



Schedules had to flex, but we saw that all was accomplished. And it was very good! *Report by Melissa Duffy*

VEHICLES NEEDED FOR GUATEMALA

We need large 4-Wheel Drive SUVs along with some smaller vehicles that get better gas mileage for our ministry staff to use. If you have a vehicle that you would like to donate, please let us know at dave.polstramm@yahoo.com.



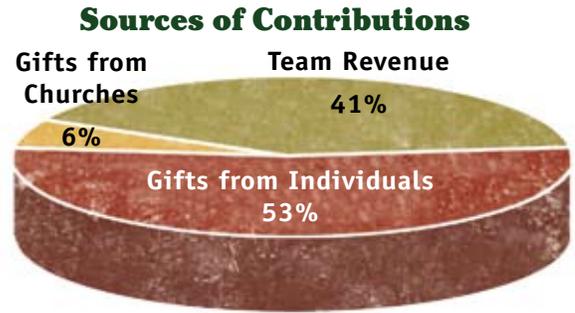
2009 Financial Highlights

“We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking great pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.” — II Corinthians 8: 20-21

Medical Missions Ministries is debt free.

Our annual budget pays for:

- Salaries for Dietrich, Hermann, Hector, Mario, Cristina, Ruth and Federico (i.e., 7 families!!)
- Ministry Center utilities and upkeep for 7 ministry vehicles!



Thanks for your year-end giving!

2010 Calendar

Contact Brad Slaten to schedule your team
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JANUARY

- Jan 11-13 Pastor’s Conference Guatemala
- Jan 16-23 Perimeter Church/Teachers
- Jan 25 - Feb 1 Richard Graves

FEBRUARY

- Feb 5-12 Fellowship Bible Church
- Feb 19-26 Open

MARCH

- Mar 5 - 12 Wadesboro Baptist Church
- Mar 12 - 19 Wadesboro Baptist Church
- Mar 29 - Apr 4 Easter Week

APRIL

- Apr 5 - 12 Perimeter Church (Spring Break)
- Apr 16 - 23 Open
- Apr 24-May 1 Langston Baptist Church

MAY

- May 7 - 14 Open
- May 13 - 16 Business Partners International Phase 1
- May 15 - 22 Fellowship Bible Church/College
- May 29 - Jun 5 New Covenant Bible Church

JUNE

- Jun 5 - 12 Perimeter Church/Jr. High
- Jun 12 - 19 Perimeter Church
- Jun 19 - 26 Perimeter Church

JULY

- Jul 3 - 10 Fellowship Bible Church
- Jul 10 - 17 Fellowship Bible Church
- July 15 - 20 Business Partners International Phase 2
- Jul 23 - Jul 30 Fellowship Bible Church/Jr. High
- Jul 31 - Aug 7 Perimeter Church

AUGUST

- Aug 13 - 20 InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
- Aug 21 - 28 Open

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 3 - 10 Open
- Sep 16 - 19 Business Partners International Phase 3
- Sep 17 - 24 Open
- Sep 25 - Oct 2 Perimeter Church

OCTOBER

- Oct 9 - 16 Stonecreek
- Oct 18 - 25 Open
- Oct 29 - Nov 5 Open

NOVEMBER

- Nov 5 - 12 Praising Place Church
- Nov 13 - 20 Praising Place Church

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www.mmm-guatemala.com

To make a financial contribution to the ministry, please make checks payable to Medical Missions Ministries and send to:

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Business Partners International ("BPI") Ministry Update Fall 2009

What a privilege it's been for our BPI teams from Perimeter Church to go and serve church partner Medical Missions Ministries (MMM) and the Showers of Grace Church this year in Guatemala City. BPI's current mission is to resource the poor of the church that are called to start a business. We accomplish this through teaching a 3-phase Kingdom Company business plan that focuses first on business by the book foundational biblical principles. Then, we help the students in the writing of a 3 year business plan, and in Phase 3, we teach a review of managerial and operational "best practices". After graduation we assist the most viable Kingdom Business graduates with small loan funding.

This is our third year teaching these materials. To date the ministry has funded 8 business graduates out of a Phase 1 pool of about 90. While their products and services vary greatly, they all have one thing in common-- a deep love for the Lord. Each company develops a Kingdom Company "Vision" impact statement that summarizes why the business exists and the strategic importance of the business in terms of advancing the Kingdom through the market place "channel of influence". We pray these Kingdom businesses are agents of transformation in Guatemala and beyond.



Micro Enterpriser selling his beautiful products

We go thinking we have so much to offer the Guatemala poor in the city, but as we serve and learn the Lord reveals that we are the ones that are being taught for His work back in the U.S. God's upside down economy at work again!

Also, while in-country we strive to meet with past graduates to pray and encourage them. We ask them about current challenges they are facing and answer any questions they may have. They face a very

challenging operating environment in Guatemala.

As we look forward to 2010 and beyond, our mission may broaden to the rural villages, beginning with a pilot program. BPI is researching ways to best serve the poor in the villages through a "micro loan plus" combination program of teaching and then micro lending.

To learn more about joining a BPI journey team in 2010 please contact David Pritchard at 404-644-8899 or by email at david@gillna.com. You can visit the BPI kingdom business web site at www.gillna.com/bpikb.

He raises up the poor from the dust; He lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, on them he has set the world. — 1 Samuel 2:8