



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Methodist Church of Mexico's Board of Directors (Patronato) for the "Give Ye Them To Eat" ministry regrets to inform you that Missionary Carmen Melendez has resigned and she and her family have returned permanently to the USA for the wellbeing of the family. Bishop Cruz Hernandez of the Southeast Annual Conference will be consulting with the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) regarding the future direction of the GYTTE program. In the meantime the committed GYTTE staff continue with their responsibilities as they are equipped to do. In this way GYTTE's rural development ministry with the impoverished farming families of south-central Mexico continues under their capable leadership. The Board of Directors and Bishop Hernandez have invited Terry and Muriel Henderson, former directors and founders of "Give Ye Them To Eat," to assist the GYTTE staff with promotion and interpretation responsibilities. The GYTTE Board with the Bishop and GYTTE Staff, along with the retired missionaries and **you**, our prayer partners and the financial supporters of this ministry will continue to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged rural families as together we make non-dependent development opportunities available to people interested in bettering their families' situation and that of their neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

The Board of Directors of the "Give Ye Them To Eat" Ministry
April 2016

Dear GYTTE friends,

We were very busy the end of the year 2015 providing education and services to rural communities that believe in our eco-technologies as a way to improve their living conditions, promoting a safer and adequate hygienic environment. Visit our facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/GiveYeThemToEat>

Beginning the year 2016 there was no slowing down. We received an AWARE Team from Old Mission UMC, Kansas that came to experience Mexico's rural reality and humbly came to serve the local community in need of Tlancualpicán. They were able to experience a glimpse of each of our programs: agriculture, livestock, community, health and church development.



We were honored to receive these servants of Christ with such a self-giving spirit.

Tom, a member of the Kansas AWARE TEAM, was able to share his story of prostate cancer treatment with the village men. His story opened the hearts of the village men to ask questions and express concerns.





Immediately after the team departed we received a group of seminarians and staff from the Baez Camargo Seminary, located in Mexico City, led by Reverend Edgar Gutierrez. This group was equipped with practical eco-technologies and environmental alternatives to help improve the impoverished rural conditions many rural villages live in. This energetic and dynamic group will be able to apply this knowledge gained in the rural church communities they serve.

During the winter villagers contacted us to purchase separator toilets and urinals, animals to improve their local breeds, and organic agricultural products such as Jamaica to make a drink similar to cranberry juice. All this at subsidize prices.



The Staff received training in Aternative Energy by Eng. Israel Huerta and in Efficient Water Management by Dr. José Manuel Cobo.



We received a group of teachers from “Miguel Castulo de Alatraste” Middle School and provided them with an overall guided tour of the Training Center. This tour educates them while providing visual examples of environmentally sound alternatives to improve extremely poor living conditions.

Our Basic Health Course was held Feb. 21st-27th, 2016. Seventeen women initiated their learning to become health workers to serve their rural communities. These women are from 7 different villages from the states of Puebla, Hidalgo, Tlaxcala and Mexico. It was a challenging yet rewarding experience for everyone.





Health care workers involved in learning experiences during the week-long Basic Health Course at the "Tree of Life" Training Center in Tlancualpican, Mexico.



February 28th through March 5th we received a visit from Alice Mar, Executive Secretary of Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security with UMCOR. She provided the GYTTE staff with instruction in writing effective grant proposals. We are thankful to her for taking the time to visit us.



Your love, prayers, mission donations and Christian concern have made these activities, learning events and training sessions a reality and for that we are grateful to you and for you.

In Gratitude,

GYTTE Administrative Staff

P.S. Please direct future correspondence to Clara Palacios, GYTTE Program Administrator at the E-mail Address: GYTTEphm@aol.com



We invite you to consider one of these projects in your mission giving:



Project 1: HEALTH WORKER TRAINING FOR VILLAGE WOMEN - The seventeen village women who started their training as Community-based, Primary Health Workers this past February will need to take their second, week-long course in First Aid later this year. The cost for a scholarship for each Health Worker is approximately \$350. Dollars.

The total cost for the First-Aid Course: \$6,000. Dollars

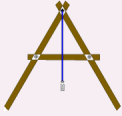


Project 2: FISH FARMING - Within our livestock program we plan to integrate a small scale aquaculture project at the "Tree of Life" Training Center to make this opportunity available to rural families as an option to improve their diet as well as generate income.



Project cost: \$15,300. Dollars





Project 3: WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS - The GYTTE staff estimate they will host seven 3-Day Workshops on various technologies as well as three Creation Stewardship Retreats between April and December with approximately ten villagers attending each training event.

Although the participants cover their transportation costs and give a donation towards their 3-Day experience most of the expense must be covered by the GYTTE program. Choose an amount for your participation in training 100 villagers:

\$ 50. Dollars: Cost per person

\$ 500. Dollars: Cost for each of the Training Events

\$5,000. Dollars: Cost for all Ten Training Events



Project 4: Separator Toilets - The Dry Composting Toilet System is the number one technology villagers request of GYTTE. Taking a workshop to learn how to construct their own toilet system impacts the general

health of a family and community by eliminating the problem of open sewage and contaminated water resources. Most all of the construction materials are available in their village but the ceramic Separator Toilet, which is the key component for this technology, must be purchased from an outside provider. Due to the popularity of this system, GYTTE has run out of toilets and needs the funds to reorder 100 Separator Toilets for the summer and fall workshops.

\$ 40.00 Dollars Per Separator Toilet per family

\$ 4,000.00 Dollars for 100 Separator Toilets for 100 families

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21 (New International Version)



PROJECT SUPPORT:

- ◆ **GIVE THROUGH YOUR CHURCH:** Make check payable to your local church, with the project name and code number noted on the check and have your church send your donation to the Advance GCFA address noted below. (GCFA stands for General Committee on Finance and Administration).
- ◆ **GIVE BY MAIL:** Make check payable to the Advance GCFA. Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068
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Credit card gifts can be accepted by phone. Designate your gift for "Give Ye Them To Eat", Code No. 07629A
- ◆ **GIVE ONLINE:** www.umcmmission.org
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