

Give Ye Them To Eat

An Integrated Development Program for the Rural Sector of South-Central Mexico

On September 19th the south-central part of Mexico experienced a devastating earthquake of a 7.1 magnitude. The GYTTE program's, Tree of Life Training Center and the surrounding villages were at the epicenter of the quake. Village homes, schools, churches and businesses sustained major damage so reconstruction is on everyone's mind. At the training center where we built with native materials like compacted earth, clay/straw, straw bales and others, the buildings sustained cosmetic damage. The twelve structures that were damaged will need to have walls plastered and roofs tiled, but fortunately there is no major structural damage.

Due to the great need for home construction in the neighboring villages and repairs at the Tree of Life Training Center, we have a two-fold plan for earthquake recovery. The GYTTE staff have connected with several NGOs (nongovernmental organizations) and universities to start the construction process in several targeted communities. Villagers will come to the training center for a three-week construction workshop. Each week they will spend a day at the center learning how to work with native materials using appropriate technologies that are old or ancient but with some modern twists. Then the participants and the GYTTE staff will go to the targeted village to build the rest of each week. The villagers will be housed and fed at the training center and travel out to the village to work on the house construction. The community is not in condition to house and feed people as so many of the families in these villages are without a home themselves. By staying at the training center, the villagers will experience life using the technologies they are learning about and living in structures built with the materials and methods they'll be learning to build themselves. With these hands-on training experiences villagers will soon be able to start home construction in their own communities.

The first village where a two-room house will be built, is the community of San Juan Pilcaya. Twenty or more people from three additional villages, Escamilpa de Guerrero, El Platanar and Buena Vista, will participate in this first three-week-long workshop. The NGOs with whom GYTTE is networking are going to provide extra transportation for the villagers, as well as basic food supplies such as rice, beans, lentils, and dry corn for making tortillas. They are also raising the funds for construction materials for village homes.

The GYTTE program is providing the instructors, who are the GYTTE staff, as well as instructional materials, supplemental food items (fruit, vegetables, eggs, meat, milk, cheese and bottled water), and the use of the program's pickups and facilities (dorms, dining room & classrooms, etc.). In order to do this, we do need help from others to cover the expenses and these costs are listed here.

It's also urgent that the repairs continue at the Tree of Life Training Center so the facilities are ready to house the workshop participants. Thus, funds are needed to cover these expenses.

We trust that there will be individuals, families, groups and churches that will be able to assist us in this ministry so the GYTTE staff can once again be about training people for a better future. You are invited to join us in sharing the love of Christ in Mexico.

Earthquake Recovery Plan

Repairs & Replacement Expenses at the Tree of Life Training Center

Tlancualpican, Puebla, Mexico

Repairs on 12 Structures

Materials Needed:

- 2 Solar Hot Water Heaters
- Roofing Tiles
- Window Panes
- Bamboo Sticks & Beams
- Straw Bales
- Masonry Materials (cement, lime, sand, & gypsum plaster, etc.)
- Hardware (screws, nuts, bolts, anchors, wire, rebar, etc.)
- Tools & Equipment (Battery-powered drill, generator, painting equipment, etc.)
- Paint
- Labor

TOTAL Cost in U.S. Dollars: \$10,000.00



The straw bale staff house at the Training Center has been repaired and will soon be painted.

First Pilot Project House

The Village of San Juan Pilcaya, Puebla, Mexico

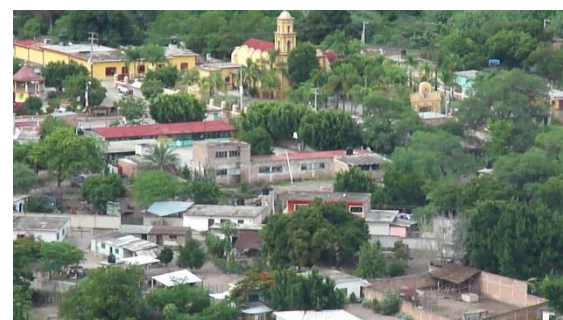
In the Region of the Epicenter of the September 19th, 2017, Earthquake

The community of San Juan Pilcaya is a 60 minute drive from Tlancualpican where the Tree of Life Training Center is located.



Objectives:

- Train people in Pilcaya and the surrounding communities in old construction methods using native materials that are available in their area
- Construct a two-room house with each room measuring 4 meters X 4 meters; with a quarry rock foundation and 4 quarry rock buttresses for roof support; with straw bale walls and roofed with 4' x 8' sheets of water-resistant plywood covered in asphalt shingles with bamboo support beams
- Construct a dry composting toilet system with rebar and cement; with the walls and roof out of the materials the family has available



Workshop Expenses

Expenses	Cost In U.S. Dollars For a Three-Week-Long Construction Workshop
Labor: For a period of three weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Women for Kitchen & Custodial Help • 2 Laborers • 2 Masons 	\$600.00 \$300.00 \$500.00
Housing: Twenty village participants at \$30.00 Dollars per person for the duration of the 3-week construction workshop	\$600.00
Transportation expenses for the two GYTTE trucks to transport staff and supplies between the training center and the village during the 3-week construction workshop	\$300.00
Supplemental food and cooking supplies for the 20 villagers, NGO volunteers and GYTTE staff for the 3-week construction workshop	\$500.00
1 Separator toilet, 1 urinal, tubes and hardware for the dry composting toilet unit	\$200.00
Total Expenses:	\$3,000.00

As NGOs come forward with funds for construction materials, more small homes will be built. We know many other villages have similar needs so more workshops are anticipated. Each three-week-workshop will cost approximately the same, \$3,000. Dollars.

There has always been great need in the region where the "Give Ye Them To Eat" ministry and staff serve in south-central Mexico but now these good but disadvantaged rural families are in greater need than ever. Thank you for considering GYTTE's Earthquake Recovery Plan in your giving.

The house of the Quiroz family was so badly damaged in the earthquake it had to be torn down but a new straw bale home is replacing it!



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