



"Give Ye Them To Eat"

An Integrated Development Program



Happy New Year's mission followers of "Give Ye Them to Eat" (GYTTE)! "Give Ye Them to Eat" continues stronger than ever. This mission founded in 1977 by Muriel and Terry Henderson continues firm because they clearly believed in educating people for sustainable living, meaning for a lifetime. This legacy is what keeps the mission of "Give Ye Them to Eat" substantially active. As the new missionaries my husband Alejandro and I, Carmen, with the direction of the Holy Spirit are committed to continue this great legacy.



The "Give Ye Them to Eat" mission is an oasis to the locals of the rural sector in Tlancaulpicán, Puebla - Mexico. As per the Oxford Dictionary an oasis is a pleasant or peaceful area in the midst of a hectic place or situation. The rural sector of Tlancaulpicán is an impoverished sector that lives through difficulty daily. It is GYTTE, "Tree of Life" training center where people are trained on how to help others help themselves through its various curriculums: The Community and Family Health Program, Community Development Program, Agricultural Development Program, Livestock Development Program, Church and Faith Development Program and the Alternative Work-study and Reality Experience Program, known as the A.W.A.R.E. Program. These programs empower people with: productive learning, lifelong skills, work experiences they can apply to improve their way of life and obtain valuable knowledge they can share with others for the transformation and improvement of more lives. Definitely the mission "Give Ye Them to Eat" offers solace and hope to those that come to drink of its water to overcome hunger and poverty. As in the English Standard Version Bible, 2 Kings 3:16-17 states:

¹⁶ And he said, "Thus says the LORD, 'I will make this dry streambed full of pools.' ¹⁷ For thus says the LORD, 'You shall not see wind or rain, but that streambed shall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, you, your livestock, and your animals.'



Praise God! This promise continues to be fulfilled through the "Give Ye Them to Eat Mission". Your donations allow these pools of training and development to continue this empowering and sustainable lifelong cycle by transforming people's lives giving them the opportunity to achieve the full promise and potential as children of God.

We have had an amazing year end 2013 and an awe-inspiring 2014.



Community and Family Health Workers - Group J

December 1st, 2013 my husband and I arrived to the “Give Ye Them to Eat” mission. During December 8th - 14th, 2013 our Community and Family Health Program known as “More Than a Bandage” held its third health course. Our nurse Verónica Palacios is our Health Program Coordinator. I am grateful to God for having hosted this group with a faithful volunteer Annette Smart, also co-founder of the program. Her support and instruction has been a continuous asset to this program. This Graduate Class named “J” was honored to have Annette sharing with them. This amazing group of women humbly placed their hands to the service of the Lord by learning



how to: respond to immediate first aid medical needs and teach about preventive health measures of diseases and illnesses within their community. The locals, of their various communities from which they come from, seek them for educational and medical support. Members of this class provided preventive dental hygiene workshops during their evangelistic church campaigns. Others due to their knowledge of reading prescriptions saved children from having their parents overdose them. Some women applied the disinfecting procedure of fruits and vegetables which avoided frequent visits to the hospital. Many provided the community with the health information of ecological bathrooms. Women saved strangers from choking by using The Heimlich maneuver. These are medical situations we sometimes take for granted but for the rural reality in which these women live they are life threatening realities.



All the women emphasized on how the program has been a blessing to them for the wellness of others. They are grateful that they have been empowered through: education, the provision of adequate resources and real life applicable experiences.



Annette Smart and Verónica Palacios

Our Christmas vacation was short because after the Community and Family Health Program we were getting ready for an A.W.A.R.E. Team from the Brentwood and Belmont Methodist Churches in Tennessee which arrived January 3rd, 2014. Having hosted this team with the support of two dedicated volunteers: Reverends, Joaquín and Barbara García was a blessing. This A.W.A.R.E. Team was an outstanding group which possessed many gifts, skills and talents. They were immersed in the rural reality of: labor, health, community, agriculture, livestock, including church and faith of the locals that live in Tlancualpián.



This group established relationships with their local co-workers with which they were assigned to labor with. They also accomplished many tasks:

- ✓ installed and corrected entire electric wiring of an adobe home,
- ✓ installed two solar water heaters for two dorms,
- ✓ gathered stones to fill gabions which were then installed creating rock walls to hold back water from a dam to avoid erosion,
- ✓ made a new path approximately 150 meters long and 4 meters wide creating an internal shortcut for vehicles,
- ✓ elaborated stacks made by combining soil, sand and straw that will be used to build benches and backs of benches for an area designated for devotions,
- ✓ painted the interior of the old Getsemaní church which is being restored,
- ✓ sewed aprons for the kitchen workers and curtains for the guest house,
- ✓ gathered wood for the fuel efficient mud stoves,
- ✓ watered the plants,
- ✓ cleaned the goat and sheep pens,
- ✓ sorted rice grains in order to obtain the best rice quality for dinner.
- ✓ They hosted the Three King's Day Sunday service. Morgan Stafford humbly preached to the congregation in Spanish of how we are united, one in Christ by embracing diversity. Reverend Joaquín García led the Prayer of Affirmation. The youth Jessica and J.R. Armstrong with the youth of the church El Buen Pastor from Puebla, Mexico gracefully sang and guided the congregational in worship. Ed McDougle sang heartfully, "Oh Holy Night" in Spanish. This service was spiritually uplifting and a blessing to all.
- ✓ The Team also led the Thursday Jan. 9th service successfully as well. Raúl Alegría's sermon was in Spanish and focused on how we must not forget to value our daily blessings and be forever thankful to the Lord for everything and everyone, especially those concerning family and friends. Various team members gave their testimonies of gratitude: Dwight Armstrong, John Kennedy and Ed McDougle. Another heart warming church and faith experience demonstrating we are one in Christ when we embrace diversity and value every opportunity God gives us to share his word and love with others. What a blessing!





The week of January 20th, 2014 we hosted a group from the Gonzalo Baez Camargo Seminary, Methodist Church of Mexico. The Seminarists were young men and women with a passion for God and while studying to become Pastors were actively serving as Pastors in churches. They were a respectful, creative, dedicated and intimate group. Their Director, Reverend Edgar Gutiérrez, has

followed their progressive development throughout their years. He is definitely fond and proud of his students. The sixteen Seminarists successfully completed the AWARE Program. They received workshops of technologies related to the rural reality of Tlancualpicán. The workshops integrated hands on experiences. Topics related to stewardship and leadership were provided. After a warm welcome and a delicious meal we gathered to reflect upon what commitment do we have toward the creation we have graciously received from God. Later workshops began which included: Gabion building, constructing square foot crops, making solar stoves and cooking in them, installing gabions in the riverbank and filling them with stones, building terraces, building stoves that save on the use of firewood, three different types of wall



construction were built using: water, dirt, straw; then mud with straw and lastly mud and dry pasturage. Finally they had to Rally their way to a winning finish line which meant they

demonstrated to be skillful in the technologies they learned! They victoriously organized and executed the entire Thursday service held at the Getsemaní church in Tlancualpicán. This church is headed by Pastor Cornelio Márquez. The Seminarist and Pastor Paula Ramírez Salazar preached about the importance of being good stewards with God's creation, especially with the life and humanity that was given to us because we are called to give fruit. She emphasized that our body is soil that needs to produce. As good stewards we need



to do what is necessary to dig out the unwanted roots in our life that impede us from producing. We need to go through the composting process to be fruitful. As effective stewards we must contribute to protect and restore our natural surroundings as we renew the Holy Spirit within us for the wellness of our future generations while seeking our likeness to Christ among humanity on earth. After the service, the Seminarists spent a wonderful time in fellowship with the congregation. It was a rewarding and blessed week for the Seminarists and our staff at Tlancualpicán. Many Seminarists showed their interest to return during the summer.



To conclude:

- Educating, training women to become health workers while providing them with the recourses they need
- Hosting United Methodist Church AWARE Teams and providing them with a cultural and spiritual experience that transforms lives
- Educating future Pastors to expand God’s kingdom in the world while equipping them with the technologies needed to aid rural areas

These are only glimpses of the river pools of the GYTTE, “Tree of Life” Training Center that empower a sustainable lifelong cycle that transform people’s lives allowing them to reach their full potential as children of God.

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