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## Another Summer Adventure . . . This Time to Central Mexico



Late last year, I was asked if I would consider heading a mission team back to Peru. I said, "Yes," of course. When the opportunity opened to work with churches in Central Mexico, we had a bit of a dilemma. It would be a time, finance and energy challenge to do both. In fact, orders came down from headquarters that I could NOT do both. The truth is, Diane said, "NO." That was too much time for me to be gone. I wisely agreed. We left this in the Lord's hands and learned a few weeks ago that the next Peru trip will not be until January or June of 2015. That gave us clear direction.

Steve Montgomery is a missionary working with sixteen national churches in Central Mexico. We tried to connect several years ago, but plans did not work out then. At a recent meeting of the church leaders working with Steve, they officially invited me to come and assist with outreach training, focusing on the use of puppetry. The plan is as follows: I will fly in to Guadalajara on July 15th, where I would then travel to Jiquilpan; training is planned there from July 16-18. They are the starting point because they will be holding a VBS in the afternoon that week and would be able to apply what they are learning.

From there we will go to Arandas for training each afternoon from the 19th to the 21st. This church has puppets and a stage and has been using puppetry sporadically for some time. From there we will go to Guadalajara for training from the 23-25. This is just before their annual VBS.

Finally, and most difficult, will be the 5 hour trip to Puerto Vallarta, July 26-30. To save an extra day of inland travel, I will need to fly out of Puerto Vallarta on the return trip to Spokane. Three days of training are planned at each location. An extra day has been scheduled in Guadalajara at the beginning of this adventure to purchase needed materials. Housing and meals in the different locales will be covered by hosting churches. The older I get, the more I hate to fly and do not like to travel. I know God wants this to happen, so we are adjusting to His plans and purposes.



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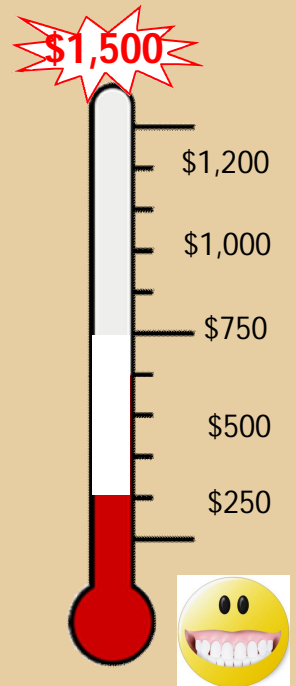
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The church in Atotonilco has puppets, but they have been through a flash flood and will need some repair & TLC. They will start on that before I arrive. Arandas has puppets and a stage. The churches at Jiquilpan, Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta do not have puppets. A retired children's worker here in the Spokane area has offered to allow us to go through the puppets she has and take whatever can be used. We will also be helping make puppets for the churches to keep and use for future outreach and evangelism. I would like to take some materials with us. I will be duplicating at least four sets of plans/patterns and will be leaving those with the churches as well.

We already have a gift toward the trip and are estimating our total cost to be approximately \$1,500. Expenses include the following:



- Plane Tickets
- Possible extra luggage charges
- Transfer of VHS to DVD puppet training tapes
- Supplies to construct puppets
- Copy charges to duplicate large puppet pattern plans
- SURPRISES—There are always SURPRISES.

If you would like to partner financially with us, simply write "Mexico" on your check. Culture and language differences are always challenges. We definitely need you to pray with us to be effective in communicating the Gospel, for physical strength and endurance and for continued good health. We have sent our seminar workbook ahead and it is being translated. Steve is planning on traveling with me to serve as a translator and I'm brushing up on the little Spanish I know.



## ESM Barnabas Fund . . . Maybe YOU Could Champion This Idea.

We continue to seek God's clear direction in setting aside funds to assist Pastors who have special needs. These needs include, but are not limited to assisting with medical bills, vehicle expenses, vacation time, gift baskets, a dinner out, or other ways to encourage. This in God's hands and we trust Him to impress people to partner in this effort, in His time. It is difficult to encourage giving to something that is a bit ambiguous, but it is also disheartening to see a specific immediate need and not being able to assist. **SOMETIMES THE SIMPLEST GIFT IS THE BIGGEST ENCOURAGE-**



## PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH US

- Pray for LaRae Damshen, Pastor Warren's wife, as she adjusts to Pastor Warren's passing into eternity. There are also several other ladies in the same church at Seven Bays whose husbands recently passed away.
- PRAISE: We have gone five months with no ER visits for our son or Diane.

Please continue to pray with us for improved health and for wisdom for the doctors involved in trying to help George II. To this point, the treatment is to simply to keep his pain level in the tolerable range. Those who determine any further treatment have denied him

- Pray for continued ministry opportunities and effectiveness as we serve God's servants.
- Pray with us for God's financial blessing on the special projects funds for the trip to





## Thoughts from Diane . . . Impressions



Every now and then, I take time to sit and think back a day, a year or even several decades, just to reflect on the past. Anything can spark a memory. Sometimes the memory is strong and vivid, other times a little fuzzy. One very pronounced memory has come back many times and recently I've thought about it often. My first pastor was someone I loved and respected. I loved hearing him preach. I loved being in church. It was a haven to me. It was a home with a house full of people, unlike any I'd known. I watched people. I was quiet and probably pretty invisible to most that attended there, but they weren't invisible to me. When I first came to know Christ, I felt, surely these people, this pastor, were perfect.

After every Sunday morning service, as the last prayer was being spoken, Pastor Clearwaters would walk to the back of the auditorium and with his hands raised over the people, he would say, "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Lately, this memory has surfaced so many times. I now know that my first church family had its imperfections, yet as I look back I am so grateful for a man of God that loved his church and was willing to serve where God had placed him. He has long ago gone on to gaze upon the face of Christ forever, but I will never forget the lasting impression he made on one, shy, fourteen year old girl who God had rescued from the bonds of sin. I didn't grow up in a home that put any emphasis on eternal values, I didn't know anything about the Bible, I didn't even know who Jesus was, but that pastor was a living, breathing example of Christ and in turn taught me more about who God was.

When I placed my faith in Christ He changed the entire direction of my life. I've never forgotten how I watched these Christians so carefully. I saw how they treated others, I watched how they dressed and I heard the words that they spoke. I heard the Deacon that used the first swear word I heard every day at my house. I became the outsider that was shunned by teenagers from Christian families. Oh yes, many people made lasting impressions. Now every day I understand the responsibility placed upon me by God, to make an impression such as the one that pastor Clearwaters made on me. I hope that's the kind of an example you are to others who may be invisible to you.



**Standing firm! Diane I Corinthians 15:58**

## New Laptop Computer . . . We're Getting Closer



We are continuing to explore our options for a new laptop computer and software updates. We currently have just over \$825 saved toward this expense. With tax and new software, we are estimating a total of about \$1,400. If the Lord impresses you to help with a financial gift toward this, simply indicate that by including the word "COMPUTER." Your gift will gratefully be used accordingly.

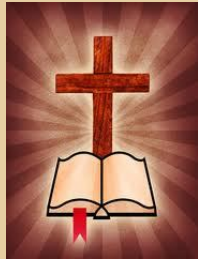


**"THANK YOU" TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED AND ABLE TO GIVE.**



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To Know God  
&  
To Make God Known

**LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT THOSE WHO KNOW YOU, BUT DON'T KNOW GOD,  
WILL COME TO KNOW GOD BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU.**

**Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to  
& Where We're Headed Next . . .**

February 1 & 2—Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, Seven Bays, WA

February 8—ESM Board Meeting

February 9 & 16—Lifeline Ministries, Colville, WA

February 15—Valentine Banquet, Opportunity Baptist, Spokane Valley, WA

February 23—Sunday School Class, Valley 4th Church, Spokane Valley, WA

March 9—Lind Community Church, Lind, WA

April 12—ESM Board Meeting

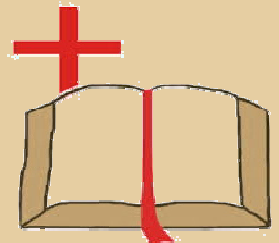
May 2-3—OAC conference, ALACCA Bible Conference Center, Harpster, ID

July 15-30—Mission Trip to Central Mexico

**TO SUMMIT UP**

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10, ESV



**We Are Available for Pulpit Supply, Even on Short Notice.**

Does your church need a speaker for a special outreach program, AWANA or Kid's Clubs, Sunday School, teen or kid's camps, family camp or other special events? Contact us by phone or e-mail. We are here to serve.