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Mission Trip to Central Mexico



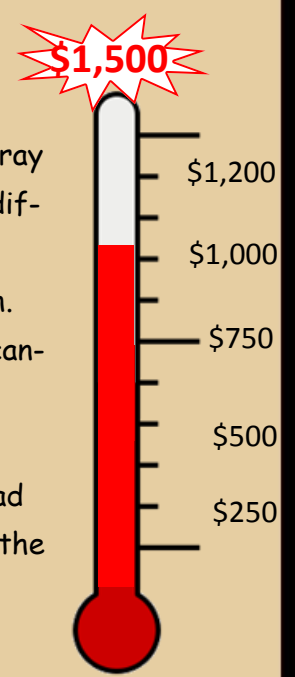
God has brought things together amazingly quickly for my adventure to Central Mexico. Some faithful friends purchased my ticket (thankfully round-trip). I will be working with a veteran missionary, Steve Montgomery, and sixteen national churches. I will be training nationals in the use of puppetry, ventriloquism (for anyone interested) and basic Gospel magic as outreach tools. The purpose is capture attention, to reach the lost with the Gospel message.

I will be arriving in Guadalajara, MX on July 15th, returning home on July 30th from Puerto Vialarta. We will spend a day gathering needed supplies to construct puppets on the 16th. Then follows four workshops lasting three days each in four different locations. Two of these training settings will also involve Vacation Bible School programs. We will be making puppets and learning how to use them along with any immediate outreach opportunities.

I will be staying in different homes. The older I get, the more of a challenge this is. I will be eating different foods and hopefully not drinking the water. Please pray with us that I will maintain good health and stamina. Pray that language and cultural differences will not be a hindrance. Pray that I can be effective in ministry and build a good rapport with the people. Pray also for Steve Montgomery in regard to his health. He hopes to be able to travel with me for the entire trip, but he is recovering from cancer surgery and is uncertain if his health will allow him to do so.

We have most of our preparations in place. I have reproduced plans for constructing puppets to leave for at least four churches. A workbook has been sent ahead for translation. A friend, Nadine Hopp, has made dozens and dozens of puppets over the years. She is no longer using them so she is sending many of them with me for the churches to use. I will probably have extra baggage charges to transport these.

If you would like to partner with us financially for this unique opportunity, make that clear with your gift. We would like to help with supplies for the churches as well. If there are excess funds, we will use those for our next trip to Peru which is tentatively set for some time in 2016. Your prayers and gifts make it possible to serve others and for that we **THANK YOU**.



New Laptop . . . We're Getting Even Closer

We continue to explore our options for a new laptop and software updates. We have \$1,000 toward this goal. It is encouraging to not be desperate in researching a new computer.



I am not looking forward to setting up a new computer. It's never simple and there are always unexpected challenges, but it must be done.

We had a related unexpected expense ; our old router died. We were able to replace it for about \$100 and everything is now functioning well. Thankfully, we have a son-in-law who is able to help us with malfunctions and upgrades like this. He has saved us hundreds of dollars in computer repair, virus protection and update fees.



ONCE AGAIN, "THANK YOU" TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE.

MINISTRY IS:

Giving when you feel like keeping,

Remaining faithful when your flesh wants to quit,

Keeping your word even when it is not convenient,

Caring more about planting seed than the harvest,

Maintaining integrity when "no one would ever know,"

Living truth before people even when you can't see results,

Feeding others when your own soul is hungry, even starving,

Praying for others when you desperately need to be prayed for,

Forgiving those who will not forgive you and refusing to be bitter,

Hurting with other people even when your own hurt can't be spoken.



"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:9-10

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY WITH US

- Pray for LaRae Damshen, Irene Raines, and several other ladies at Lake Roosevelt Bible Church, Seven Bays, WA, all whose husbands recently passed away. Pray for wisdom as this small church is seeking God's direction for the future.
- I don't want to even type this, but Diane's challenge with pneumonia continues. She spent three days at Deaconess Hospital last week. She is doing better and is back to work (Thursday, April, 24th). All we can ask is for God to grant healing from this infection, once and for all. Our son has had some recent health challenges as well.





Thoughts from Diane . . .



ASSUMPTIONS

Not long ago, I did something that I've probably done all my life, but don't think about it while it's happening. In fact, we all tend to do it. Something negative will be going on, yet I don't have the end of the story, so I just start filling in the blanks myself. I shared this thought with my bus assistant at the time and she said, "My husband calls that making up stories." George has told me in the past, "Diane, you can't possibly know that." Yet, even when I don't tell my stories out loud, they still seem to go on in my head.

When I don't see or hear from my children for a while I start assuming all sorts of scenarios. "They must be angry with me; what have I done? Something bad has happened and they're not telling me." Oh, the list goes on and on. Then I find out the true story and it's got nothing to do at all with what I've assumed. I've told myself that I need to think of all the possibilities of the things that could be happening so that I'm prepared for the hammer to hit my head. My assumptions turn into negative thoughts and then I'm at the place where I realize that I should have filled my mind with God's Word and spent more time in prayer.

Thankfully, I don't have to make any assumptions about my relationship with God. He never changes. He is everything right, just, true and so much more. Psalm 24: 1-2 "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."

I'm still learning a lot of lessons in this life. I hope that by taking the time to put my thoughts into text, regarding assumptions, that I can more clearly see from God's perspective. HE has it all under control. I've thought a lot about God's beginning days of creation lately. It's a great place to let my mind rest. I'm not the one who knows the beginning from the end, He is. I am His. His plan is truth. My assumptions are based in fantasy. The same God Who created our universe, our earth and me, certainly is aware of my life challenges. I must remember to give my assumptions over to God and live in His Truth.



Steadfast, Immovable, Always abounding in the Word of Truth,

1 Corinthians 15:58, Diane

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- Financial Encouragement—Give regularly to allow more time for us to encourage and assist
- Ministry Team Support—Provide teams to assist with outreach, VBS programs and other ministries

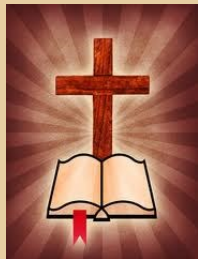
Contact me for more details on how God could use you to serve these unsung heroes who have invested their lives for the Lord in small communities around the Inland Northwest.



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CHANGES COMING SOON!

Within the next couple of months, our ESM web site will have a brand new look and format. Check it out the end of June or early July. Our newsletter will be taking on a new look as well.

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



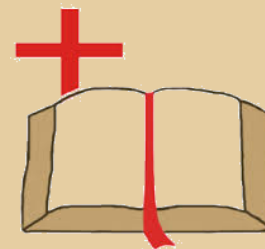
April 26—ESM Board Meeting

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

May 19/June 16—Leadership Meeting, Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA

July 15-30—Mission Trip to Central Mexico

August 23—ESM Board Meeting



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