

February 16, 2010

Greetings from Jitotol,

We Have arrived safely and in good spirits and prepared to be a blessing to our Mexican neighbors. Situations at the airport was the usual organized chaos, which is not bad at all considering we are traveling with 51 people and much luggage and equipment. As most of you know, Bob had extreme problems in securing a guaranty that our medicines would be allowed through Mexico's very strict "no pharmaceuticals policy at customs. After receiving a flat out "no" just 24 hours before our arrival the Lord once again turned the winds of strife for us. Waiting at the airport for us were Adrianna, Aramara, and Benenise. They carried the hefty title of "Health Officials from the Department of Protocol" In their hands were documents for the exception to the rule. One of the biggest reasons why we were turned down over and over was because Mexico does not want any religious group coming in trying to convert the people by use of medical care as a bribe. Once we were able to convince them that our medical, dental and optical care would have no religious strings attached but just the physical welfare of the folks it was agreed to let us bring in our supplies We were prepared to let them confiscate over 100,000 children's vitamins if need be and many totes of medicines brought by Dr. Roy. But the Lord over ruled the situation. The rest of our medicines we have planned to buy here in Mexico. Bob was straight with them and explained that yes, we are a church group and yes we would be having an evangelistic meeting. But, our medical care is purely that. Medical care! No charge and no strings attached.

The airports in Mexico are beautiful and well maintained. The only concern we had was for the graft that takes place by the local police. They charged us \$90.00 to bring the bus into the parking lot to load our people and baggage. No receipts or documents were given to us for this payment and Maria, one of our local helpers said that is how they pad their pockets.

A very interesting thing happened to Dr. Roy on our way to Tuxila today. He had a conversation in Spanish with his seat mate on the plane about what we have come to do here in this country. He then mentioned to the woman that he has a brother Paul that lives in Mexico. Well guess who this woman's own physician turns out to be? None other than Dr. Roy's brother! We have all seen far too many works of the Lord to believe in coincidence. Especially while we are on these Mission trips that are run by the Lord. How exciting it will be when we are in Heaven and find out the rest of the story . There is a reason he was placed next to his brothers patient when they don't even live in the same country. You know the Lord has a plan in this meeting, perhaps we will be allowed a glimpse of that working now, but if not now then for sure in Heaven.

We are staying at Linda Vista S.D.A. University for the next two weeks. It is a very impressive place in its beauty, cleanliness and dedication to Godly education. They make all their own food as well as grow much of it in the agricultural department. Even the uniforms the students wear are made here in the sewing department. It is much cooler than you would expect for Mexico, but that is because we are at a high elevation. This is part of the cloud forest area. Driving to

the school was a test of stomach strength for some. This was by far the most continuously winding roads that we have ever encountered. We are in areas over 5,500 ft. Although the school itself is in a valley at around 3,500.

There is much to be done to ready ourselves for the work that will start tomorrow. But everyone is in a good spirit and all are filled with the excitement of being able to see first hand how our Lord works. The chance to meet folks of a different culture and not only to help them but to make a friendship with them that has the opportunity to last through out eternity is a thrill and a blessing to all. More news to come tomorrow. Keep praying for us and for these people that God will be glorified in all we say and do.

Smiles to you from Jitotol  
Jennifer Young, Mission Reporter.

He hath shown thee oh man what is good; and what the Lord requires of thee, to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6:8