

Feb. 25, 2010

Dearest friends,

The Lord is alive and working in Jitotol, Mexico!

After a lot of maneuvering we were able to get other vehicles besides the bus to take our medical clinic to the last village today. The road was in poor condition, winding and way too steep for a bus to make it. After much work Bob was able to get an ambulance, truck with a back on it, and a van to take our team and supplies to where they were to work today. I hear the views on the way up and over the mountain were spectacular to say the least and that from the top you were able to look down and onto the Indian village. When they arrived all the Indians ran and hid as they did on the pre trip. They are so isolated and exclusive that any stranger is a concern, but to see all these Americans coming must have been overwhelming to them. But once the tribe elder spoke with Bob and decided it was safe they became more trusting. It was a very united group that relied on each other totally. School was canceled so that the children could come and be vaccinated. It was a slow day for the medical clinic though. Dr. Mark said they probably had no more than 20 patients all day. The children received instruction on use of a tooth brush as Jessica and Allison demonstrated the technique. The children were all amazed at such a thing. All were given tooth brushes of their own and encouraged to use them. The medical clinic saw 127 patients today (271 yesterday) and one lady there was 110 years old! Mostly it was for headaches and skin problems. The optical clinic handed out no more than 60 pair and that was including sunglasses. None of the men came to any of the clinics until later in the afternoon. It was as if they waited to see if the women were okay before they would come to the Americans. It is hard to think that in today's world that there are still people so remote that they are just not sure of anyone different. Of course most of Mexico is not like that, we are in the most remote areas. Paul had a special treat today in that he was able to leave the construction site and go with the medical clinic. He said he was able to make a friend of one of the men. They both knew just enough Spanish to understand a few things about each other. The ladies in the village all wear the same patterned homemade dress. It has a split on each side for easy nursing for the babies.

Aurora stepped on a nail soon after we arrived here, she has been such a trooper in that it never held her back from working at all. There are a few more putting on the ole "frequent flyer miles" tonight but still not as bad as it could be. All in all we have a pretty healthy group and without a doubt a happy group, even with sunburn!

The last blocks were put down on the church, that part is finished. The steeple is on and the roof is finished except one small spot. Only 14 blocks left for the wall to be finished. The Maranatha worker here said this is the first group he has seen finish these "one day churches". Plus we put in a security wall. The windows and doors were welded in today also. Steve told me tonight that he must have been "too available today" as he has come back sore! Thank God for wonderful, hard working people! The medical team will become part of the construction team tomorrow as we clean up and

put all the finishing touches on the area. We will be having church service in there on Sabbath.. Plus it looks like we will be having a wedding there also. The woman and man that were living together will be getting married on Sabbath. The mayor who passed the special grant to do away with the 15 day wait will be at this church on Sabbath also. He said he wants to stop in at noon and say a few words to the people. He is so impressed with our team and said so many people in town have commented to him about the great work, thinking it was his doing. No ...it is the Adventist! So he will come to talk to us but he said he can't stay long as he is a CatholicJ He has been just wonderful to us, as has the police department whom we have become very friendly with.

We are back to almost the same size crowd as the first night of the meetings.

So much has gone into this effort and we do not want to walk away leaving any of the souls Jesus died for not invited into the fold. Pray for them, time is so close.

The VBS is still going strong. The puppet ministry is still the hit of the parade, they do such a fantastic job in there. Allison had the health nugget for the children tonight and did a great job.

Peace be with you dear brethren. Don't forget to P.U.S,H...(pray until something happens)

Smiles to you,

Jennifer Young, Mission Reporter

But let all those that put their trust in these rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love they name be joyful in thee; Psalms 5:11