



Dear Friend,

Thank you for praying for us during our time in Guatemala. It was a very blessed time for everyone!



Six different sites – three in the Chisec area and three in the Coban area—graciously hosted the short-term ministry/medical team from a Colorado Springs church. At least three medical clinics came together each day. The medical clinics saw at least 120 patients in all on an average every day. Nancy translated for two of the nurses. I translated for the dentist. The dentist saw 8-10 patients on an average day – many with multiple extractions. There were daily children’s activities. The "Jesus Film" was shown throughout the day – to the people waiting for medical attention.

No one missed a ministry activity or a devotional time because of illness during our time together in Guatemala. Shortly after our return to the U.S., both Nancy and I began battling with bronchitis. We ended up spending a week home from the office trying to recuperate. We are both still battling the cough that came with the bronchitis.

Each short-term ministry/medical team participant became a catalyst to potentially link up the host country churches that hosted the clinics in Guatemala with the church that they attend here in the U.S. by:

- having a North American resource to help meet identified spiritual and financial needs.
- leveling the universal church "playing field" through a face-to-face partnership relationship such as sharing prayer requests.
- transferring of worship norms that will encourage and impact the lives of host country visitors and their extended families and contacts.

Each short-term ministry/medical team participant also became a catalyst to potentially link up the host country churches that hosted the clinics in Guatemala with the field team missionary community by:

- witnessing the network of contacts that a field missionary team unit has access to in North America.
- creating an environment where ongoing ministries would be helpful, appropriate, and greatly appreciated.
- getting a glimpse into the lives of expatriate missionaries as they function within a microcommunity in their conditioned life grids.

Each short-term ministry/medical team participant also became a catalyst to potentially link up the host country churches that hosted the clinics in Guatemala with the field missionary’s sending agency by:

- seeing themselves in a greater picture where a field missionary team unit has an accountability to others.
- wanting to serve as a place where those committing to be missionaries can go to have hands-on learning experiences.
- supplying potential missionary candidates for other countries from sources normally not tapped in a host country.



I was blessed with the opportunity to preach the Sunday that we were in Chisec. I used the time to present P.E.B. – the contextualized Bible education program that we were able to implement in Guatemala. The church leader in Chisec, Manual Ico, is very desirous of his church hosting a P.E.B. This possibility may not have happened if we had not spent the time that we did in Chisec. Thank you again for your faithful prayers. We are very grateful for all that you have done and are doing for us. God bless you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

*Gary - Nancy*