



MARANATHA MEDICAL MINISTRIES

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GREETINGS

Dear M.M.M. family and friends. You are ever in our thoughts and prayers, and we know that you also remember us in your prayers. Over the past few months, we've had quite a number of volunteers come to assist us here in the mountains, and what a joy it has been to have each one experience "front line" missionary work. We know you all would like to visit our Outpost and share in the rich blessings one only receives by giving of him or herself in service to others; But, since most of you cannot visit us, we'd love to share with you some of the experiences our volunteers have had. May these stories inspire and encourage you to continue working for the Lord in His vineyard.



Missionary Volunteers—Joe

Just a few weeks ago, we were blessed by a visit from our friends Manfred and Sheri Bauer. Some of you may know them. They both play the guitar, and when they first arrived we asked if they'd be willing to play a couple of musical selections at the church. Well, we didn't have to ask twice; after all, this is their ministry. Hearing them play was like listening to music from heaven; it was simply beautiful. Not only did they minister in church, but in the mountains and in the hospital.





One would think that you need to be of youthful years to be of service in the foreign mission field. Well friends, the Covington's are an example to us all, that you're never too young, or too old, to work for the Lord. This dear couple has moved here to Honduras, learning the language as they go, and are active medical missionaries for Christ. Praise God for people like the Covington's, who sacrifice all for the service of God.

“In choosing men and women for His service, God does not ask whether they possess worldly wealth, learning, or eloquence, (or how old you are). He asks, “Do they walk in such humility that I can teach them My way? Can I put My words into their lips? Will they represent Me?” *Ministry Of Healing, p. 37*



Joanna, Ariel's wife, is a multi-talented person. She makes sure all of us here at the Outpost, the staff and the M.I.C.E., are well fed. After the breakfast meal, Joanna moves into her teaching role. She instructs three tiny MICE in math, reading, and, of course, the fun of arts & crafts. Ariel and Joanna also come to us from Colombia, S.A.. They will be with us for one year. We would love to have them stay with us indefinitely, but it is their desire to one day establish a sanitarium in their home country. What a blessing to have the two of them with us.

By God's Grace! By Elsa

My Dear M.M.M. family, I could not let another newsletter be sent out without my sharing with you about God's faithfulness to His promises. These past few months have been so busy and full of challenges for me. I recently read something that encouraged me greatly, and I would like to share it with you: "The worker in a foreign field must carry in his heart the peace and love of heaven: Amid perplexities and trials, discouragement and suffering, with the devotion of a martyr and the courage of a hero, he is to hold fast to the hand that never lets go saying, I will not fail nor be discouraged....Let him be cheered by the words of the Saviour, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Planning for the beginning of a new school year is always challenging. Who are going to be the teachers? It is always a time for prayer and agonizing, but God is so faithful to hear the cries of His children. Once again, even if it was at the last moment, God moved and provided, what I consider, the best teachers to teach true education; Ones that have the same mind and burden to prepare young people and children to stand for God in these last days. So, by God's grace, Maranatha Institute of Christian Education is in full swing in its third year.



Teresa instructs her students on a surprise project



Ariel (left) instructs the M.I.C.E. in agriculture

As you can imagine, the restaurant is a full time job; the purchasing, accounting, and all other business that running a restaurant entails, is sometimes overwhelming, but thanks be to God, souls are being reached. We now have regular customers that have noticed a difference in their health, and to them, the restaurant is like a haven. Yet, by God's grace, we're moving forward. The Lord just sent us a young man from Colombia, whom I consider a true vegetarian chef,...isn't God good!!! He always sends us the best.



Wilson is, in every sense of the word, a professional Vegan Chef. The dishes he puts together are simply delicious. Every day our customers look forward to a surprise new dish they've never tried before.

The house of prayer here in La Zona is also moving forward. They are truly blest by all the volunteers that come to share their knowledge and the light that God has given. Sometimes I worry that they have received so much light, that they might take it for granted. Pastor Domingo Nunez recently came for a revival meetings at the church. We were blessed by his messages, for we knew they came from God.

As you can see in this issue, we have lots of activities going on, in the midst of everything else. And as one of the volunteers said, "the half has never been told, I don't know how you all keep up with everything." But my answer is always the same, "it is by God's grace and His alone."

And I would like for you, our M.M.M. family, to join me in this prayer. When I'm tired, and there is always another chore to do, I look up to God and say, "Lord, this is all for You, that You may have souls prepared for your kingdom that Jesus may rejoice because souls from Honduras may be saved as a result of this work."

May the Lord keep us faithful as we near the end of this earth's history; may we learn to live by faith and know by experience to say, "Not my will, but thine be done."



"Called For Such

A Time As This"

By Teresa Jimenez



"And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward". (Exodus 14:15)

I just want to say a word of praise to our Savior for His faithfulness. During the last months we have been planning the 2008 Youth Bible Camp: "Called For Such A Time As This." Upon starting the planning, we had almost no idea of how we could ever put it together... we had no speaker for this event, we had not teachers for the classes, we had no money, we had almost nothing! After speaking with Sister Willis we believed it was God's will for us to move forward with this project. As we stepped out in faith it was clear to see that God was opening doors for us. A group of young people from Pastor Kang's ministry in Georgia contacted the Willis's about volunteering their services in Honduras. And wouldn't you know, Maranatha Medical Ministries directed them to the Youth Bible Camp 2008. Praise the Lord!!! we have our teachers; we could see the program taking shape: the schedule was almost ready, the classes had been organized and most everything was planned, except for one: we still didn't have a speaker. One morning as we sat having breakfast We all touched on the subject of true education, (which just so happens to be one of the subjects that Brother Hernando, my fellow teacher at M.I.C.E. is teaching.) Just then, we all looked at each other in silence. It was as if a light bulb came on in each of our heads at the same time. Sister Willis and I looked at each other and knew what the topic at the camp would be and that God had called brother Hernando Cuesta to be the speaker for such a time as this.

Truly, we can say with the prophet Samuel: "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". We rejoice as we see His hand working and guiding, and always reminding us that He is in control. Yes, there are still challenges before us, but we can trust in Him who has provided thus far, for the work is His.

As the Lord commanded the children of Israel to go forward, even though the sea was before them, He bids us today to go forward in His name. Let's not look around, at the difficulties that surround us, let's look at our Savior always, let's trust constantly in the power of His might, and let's go forward by His grace, to the fulfillment of the work He has called us to do.

Determined, For Christ—Joe



While all of our M.I.C.E. are special in their own way, Roger is quite exceptional. For the past two years he has watched our students mature and grow mentally, physically, and spiritually. He has seen that true Christian education is indeed superior to any education the world can offer. This year, Roger enrolled, and was accepted, into Maranatha Institute of Christian Education. He is now one of our M.I.C.E.

Roger is quiet, energetic, and a bit shy; But within him is a persevering spirit that all Christians would do well to have. You see, Roger is determined to receive, not only the best education possible, but a Christian education. Through his entire life he has faced one crisis, one difficulty, after another. Not having parents to love and nurture him is hard enough; He was raised by his grandfather, who obviously taught him not to feel sorry for himself, but to make something of himself. Roger knows how to persevere and overcome even the most difficult of situations. When Roger mentioned to his grandfather of his desire to attend M.I.C.E., he told him he could,...if that was what he wanted to do; BUT,...that he would still have to attend public school in the nearby town of Santa Barbara.

You may think, “that’s not so bad.” But friends, this is no easy task for Roger. Every day, he has to get up early, before dawn, to milk the cows; then, he has to make it to M.I.C.E. by 7:30am. With our school letting out at 3pm, Roger has just enough time to make it home, get cleaned up, and head off to the public school, which starts their classes at 5pm. Roger doesn’t make it back home until 10pm. I wonder how many of us would have such drive and determination, just to receive a Christian education. Yes, Roger is a very special young man. He is also one of our crisis children; therefore M.M.M. will help him with all of his educational and health care needs. Maybe you would like to write to Roger, and send him a few words of encouragement. I think he would like that very much. You can write to him at:

Maranatha Medical Ministries—Apartado Postal #39—Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara—Honduras, C.A.

Medical Work Continues:



L. Ruberman, the young man who had a large cancer growth on his upper chest/side, recently had the cancer removed and is at home recovering. While removing the cancer, doctors also felt it necessary to remove his left lung, which was 90% cancerous. The good news is, Ruberman is alive. Though the cancer is malignant, and doctors are encouraging him to undergo chemotherapy, Ruberman insists on natural remedies to destroy any remaining cancer cells in his body. This young man believes in God's natural remedies. Please dear friends, let us pray that God bring complete healing to this young man, who trusts in God's way of healing.

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A couple of weeks ago a young boy from far up in the mountains, cut his left forefinger nearly completely off. On his way to the hospital, he decided to stop by our clinic to see if we could help him. I must admit, I was a bit hesitant about doing anything, but I knew that if this boy went to the hospital in Santa Barbara, they would certainly amputate the finger instead of trying to save it. I have no training in vascular or neurosurgery, but God did bless me with a basic understanding of the human anatomy, and of course, my army "use what you've got" training helped too. I figured that I couldn't do any worse than the hospital in town, and I did know that this boy would get much better care at our Outpost clinic. Upon examination, I saw that the bone, muscle and much of the nerves were completely severed. This young fellow had a 50/50 chance of losing this finger anyway, but I had to give him a chance. My assistant was a volunteer medical missionary, Pearl Mayer, who bravely held the finger in alignment as I sutured it back in place. We then splinted the finger in place to prevent movement. This happy young fellow came back yesterday for a follow-up visit, and his finger looks great. He has some movement and full feeling in the finger,...Praise God. We told him that to pay for the operation, he must promise to use his hands to work for the Lord and help others. Another happy customer :).

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MINISTRY MATTERS—

M.M.M. Summer Itinerary: Every year we come into the U.S., visiting churches and sharing God's blessings. Which part of the country we travel to is determined by the number of invitations we receive from a certain area. This year, we received most invitations from the East Coast. Although we will begin our presentations in Arkansas, most of our presentations will be on the East coast. We now have the entire month of August open on our calendar; so, if your church would like to have us come and share with you, (mission reports, slide presentations, evening devotionals, or our exciting "Healing Edibles" presentation, do let us know as soon as possible, so we can schedule you. Hope to see you this summer. West coast M.M.M. family, God willing, and if the call demands, we will see you next year.

**A special thank you to Pastor Domingo Nunez—Who came and conducted a mini-crusade at our House of Prayer, and helped greatly with our outreach programs.

**Don't forget,....Our M.M.M. web site will be up and running by the end of the summer. Be sure to write down our web address and visit us often. The web site address again is - www.maranathamedical.org.

**To Our Youth:

"Let nothing mar your peace. Give your heart's best and holiest affections to Him who gave His life that you might be among the redeemed family in the heavenly courts. Striving for the crown of life will not make you dissatisfied or less useful. The Great Teacher desires to acknowledge you as His helping hand. He calls for your cooperation. Will you not consecrate your talents to His service? This life is your sowing time. Will you not pledge yourself to God that your seed sowing shall be that which will produce, not tares, but a harvest of wheat? God will work with you; He will increase your usefulness. He has entrusted to you talents that in His strength you may use to produce a precious harvest." *Letter 228, 1903*

Young people, the enemy of all humanity is working desperately to direct, allure, entice you to give yourself, your time, your energies, your service, to the world. Doing so, would be the same as giving allegiance to Satan,...the destroyer of souls. Don't let it happen. Don't give the enemy one opportunity to claim your soul. Let God direct your path. He will never leave you or forsake you; And He will never disappoint you. Work for the Master, and you will never regret it.

Prayer Corner:

"All heaven is looking upon the inhabitants of the earth. The angels and the God of heaven are looking upon those who claim to be Christians, and weighing their devotional exercises." May we be ever faithful in our daily devotions to God. As we pray, please remember to lift up the following before God.

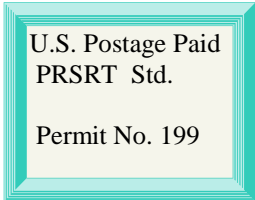
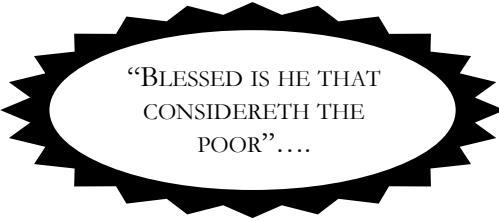
Pete Raimondo—Healing and restoration of eyesight
Sis. M. Vincent—Continued faith and trust in Jesus
Ruth, Sally, and Steve Willis—Health, healing, and trust in God
Al Rouche—Health & healing
L. Ruberman—Continued health & healing
M.M.M. Volunteers—Blessing as they faithfully do Gods work
Joe & Elsa—As we prepare to minister in the U.S.
Robert Pannekoek & Family—Health & healing
S. Thomas— Proverbs 3:5&6



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God loves you with an everlasting and unconditional love.
Draw nigh to Him, and He will draw nigh to you. Maranatha



All around us we see want and suffering. Families are in need of food; little ones are crying for bread. The houses of the poor lack proper furniture and bedding. Many live in mere hovels, which are almost destitute of conveniences. The cry of the poor reaches to heaven. God sees; God hears. 3T, vol. 6, p. 385

Christ regards all acts of mercy, benevolence, and thoughtful consideration for the unfortunate, the blind, the lame, the sick, the widow, and the orphan as done to himself; and these works are preserved in the heavenly records and will be rewarded. On the other hand, a record will be written in the book against those who manifest the indifference of the priest and the Levite to the unfortunate, and those who take any advantage of the misfortunes of others. Ibid., pp. 512, 513

Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.... I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

Job 29:12-16