



Mision De Candelilla

ANGING LIVES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

a Palabra De Dios En El Desierto

Praise God!

It has been a busy summer. We are grateful for all that the Lord has done! It is exciting to see His hand touch the lives of the people we serve!

On May 24th we joined hands with our Rotary friends in Piedras Negras to facilitate a Well-Child Clinic in a nearby village (Navaja). The small village (ejido) has a school (1st thru 6th grade) of approximately 25 children. Here are a couple of photos from that clinic.

On June 10th we left for a trip to Paso de San Antonio. We were joined by a group from Hill Country Evangelical Free Church led by Pastor Kelly
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Bobbi Grimmer testing the hearing of a child in Navaja!



Dr David Pope is giving physicals as former Rotary Club President Manuel Faz interprets for him in Navaja.

Fiesta 2013

Wow! We lack words to describe the success of the Fiesta. I wish we could list each of the folks individually who contributed to that success but I do not have the space to do so. So let me say this to all of you who volunteered, planned, attended, contributed or
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Good Friends Make a Difference

Fiesta 2013 was a tremendous success this year. We are very grateful to all of you who served in one capacity or another to make this year's Fiesta truly the best ever!

One of the contributors to this success was our local newspaper.

The Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post

As they have in previous years they published several articles leading up to the event. This year they also published an editorial about Misión de Candelilla written by Ken Esten Cooke owner and publisher of the paper.

We are so grateful for their generous support. Below is a reprint of that article published in our newsletter with Ken's permission.

Hearts know no borders

Twenty-seven years ago, a mission to provide medical and agricultural assistance to two small villages in Mexico began.

Since that time, Misión de Candelilla, based in Fredericksburg, has provided medical and dental needs to hundreds of residents in and around the villages. Its volunteers also have helped install water distribution systems, irrigation systems, constructed buildings and provided needed materials for these projects and more.

Lastly, but certainly not least, volunteers have helped fulfill the spiritual needs of those isolated communities in the spirit of Christian care.

Misión de Candelilla will host its sixth annual fundraiser at 6 p.m., Saturday,
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Fiesta 2013's honoree Carol Smith.

Remaining Schedule for 2013

San Vicente Med Trip Sept 17 -22

San Vicente construction Sept 27—30
 Sponsor FBG United Meth. Church

Alamos De Marquez Med Trip Oct 16 - 20

Christmas in San Vicente with
 FBG United Methodist Church Dec. 4--7

Well Child Clinic Dec. 12---13

Medical Clinic Trips 2014

January 8th thru 12th Boquillas

March 18th thru 23rd San Vicente

April 23rd thru 27th Alamos De Marquez

June 25th thru 29th Boquillas

Sept 23rd thru 28th San Vicente

Oct 15th thru 19th Alamos De Marquez

Other 2014 Trips

Feb 14th—19th Construction Trip to San Miguel with Oak Hills Church **

May 15th-16th Well Child Clinic to Navaja

June 19th-14th Construction to Paso De San Antonio with Hill Country Evangelical Free Church

July 21st-26th Heritage School
 Local Missions Week *

October 3rd -7th FBG United Methodist Church construction to San Vicente**

December 3rd-6th Christmas in San Vicente with FBG United Methodist Church

Dec. 11th-12th Well Child Clinic to Centinela

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at Oak Hills Church and Event Center on FM 2093 (Tivydale Road.) Even if you are unable to attend, we urge readers to appreciate how this international mission has grown out of love and concern, and to support it with time, talents and/or treasure. (Visit their website at www.misiondecandelilla.org to learn more.)

The needs of these communities are modest, but the spirit of the volunteers who cross the border and spend time there are large. This shows that the heart knows no border when it comes to care and sharing of our bounty. Oftentimes, mission volunteers say they got as much out of their service as did those on the receiving end.

If we walk a mile in the shoes of those who have so little by our standards, it is easy to see how Misión de Candelilla has helped the quality of life in these communities. We are appreciative of the efforts of these many volunteers and organizers, and we hold this up as the highest form of Christian charity and love.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40.



Old Friends Carol Smith and Pastor Santos Oñate greet each other after many years.

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supported in any way “Thank You”. Each of you made it possible for Fiesta 2013 to be a bright spot on our calendar. It has become an event that folks want to attend.

We were blessed by the presence of James and Estella Avery as the honorary co-chairs of the Fiesta 2013 committee.

This year’s event honored Carol Smith and her husband the late Jack Smith for introducing Sara Allerkamp and Dr Ottis Layne to the tiny villages in the desert. They were working on developing agriculture in the region and saw the need for medical care in the region.

Carol was especially blessed to see Pastor Santos Oñate, an old friend from Las Norias. She had not seen Santos in many years. Santos was there with his son Porfirio.

Parfirio shared a song in both English and Spanish. Many who were in attendance joined him in the singing.



President of the Greater San Marcos Rotary Club (Deanna Lalich) received recognition for her club’s continued support by collecting school supplies for all the children in the villages for the past 10 years. In addition Rotary District Governor Jerry Hardy and Co-chair of Rotary District 5840’s Hunger-Plus committee received recognition for their assistance.

Also in attendance were 8 Rotarians from the Piedras Negras Rotary Club. These wonderful friends help us so very much with our border crossings

Over 300 were in attendance. This is the largest attendance for the Fiesta ever. In addition we grossed \$43,000 with a net of about \$38,000.

While all of this is important Sara and I felt from the beginning that we wanted Fiesta 2013 to be a celebration of Jesus Christ. We praise and thank Him for this!

**Mark your calendar!
Fiesta 2014 will be on
August 2nd next year!**

Top: James Avery is seated with Curtis and Sara Allerkamp. **Middle:** Estela Avery welcomes everyone to Fiesta 2013. **Bottom left:** (left to right) Judy Hutcherson and Curtis Allerkamp present Deanna Lalich a plaque for her Rotary Club’s support of MDC. **Bottom Right:** (left to right) Ken Donoughue (Hunger-plus co-chair) and Rotary District 5840 Govenor Jerry Hardy receive a plaque from Judy Hutcherson (Board President) and Curtis Allerkamp.

Coming Soon.....Online registration for mission trips!

Praise God continued

Graham. We spent 4 days working with the folks of the village and then returned home on the 15th. Much was accomplished while we were there.

In the mornings the group would work with the people of the ejido to repair and improve a clinic building that we will use this fall on a medical trip.

While there is still much to do to this building, the group was able to add a larger waiting area, install new windows and paint the interior of the building.

After lunch the vans were dispatched to a nearby ejido (Alamos de San Antonio) to pick up kids to join in on the vacation bible school class to be held in the afternoon.

Praise God continued



The crew that went to Paso de San Antonio! They were awesome!

Would you consider helping us continue this work?

Our fees received from participants only cover the basic costs of each trip. All of our other expenses are covered by private donations. If you would like to join us on a trip, help with scholarships or donate to our general fund, please let us know. You may also donate on line at misiondecandelilla.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Contact me about joining a trip to Mexico*
- Enclosed is my one-time donation for \$ _____*
- Enclosed is my monthly donation for \$ _____*
- Contact me to sponsor a volunteer*

Thank you!

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At 8pm everyone attended a worship service at the plaza with the people of both villages attending.

We returned home on the 15th of June to prepare for a trip to Boquillas. We departed to Boquillas on June 26th with a group of 15. 110 degrees Fahrenheit takes your breath away but the team endured. The clinic in Boquillas was well attended as was the worship service.

On the 28th the team packed up and headed to Las Norias. The clinic went smoothly and the worship service was great. The attendance was far greater than it normally is in Las Norias. Praise God!

The 29th found us in Jaboncillos. It is one of our favorite places to go. The food is the reason. Nieves Castillo is our cook and she

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Dr John Ramsey's on his trip with us is examining a child in Jaboncillos. It was such a blessing to have him and two of his adult children with us on the Boquillas trip.



During the Boquillas trip Jerry McCorkle is counting pills in Las Norias. Jerry and his wife Judy have been with us three times this year and plan to go to both of the fall Medical trips.

Praise God continued

bleses us with her talent! Again the clinic and worship services were well attended.

We returned home on the 30th. We spent a day catching our breath. On July 2nd we left to attend the installation of officers at the Piedras Negras Rotary Club. In addition we were able to give them \$2000 to assist them in helping the victims of a recent flood in Piedras Negras.

On July 22nd thru 27th we facilitated "Local Missions week with the Heritage School Students. The students were able to assist an elderly lady in Harper with home repair, clean house for an Alzheimer patient in Fredericksburg, visit with patients at three nursing homes in Fredericksburg, help Stonewall Head Start move to Johnson City and assist with Vacation Bible School at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Fredericksburg.

What a joy to watch these young people serve! They give me great hope for the future.

Finally after we completed "Local Missions Week" we had a week to finish preparations for Fiesta 2013.

It has been a busy year and we are looking forward to a little R and R. We are grateful to the Lord for all the tasks He has given us.

In each of these endeavors we have seen His hand at work and we rejoice in His great work!



Jesus Casas and His family (Standing) at the July 2nd Rotary Club meeting. Jesus is the out- going President of the club. Jesus has dual citizenship and lives in Eagle Pass. Jesus Casas and Manuel Faz have been instrumental in helping us cross the border and assisting us with Mexican Customs.

Need a registration form get one at misiondecandelilla.org

A Short Story

On our last night during the Boquillas trip we were in Jaboncillos. It was getting late (11:30PM) and we needed to arise extra early the next morning for our journey home.

Sara and I went to bed outdoors just inside the church yard fence. I was having trouble sleeping. Half awake and half asleep I hear trucks driving toward the church. I am thinking "I hope they are not headed here." Much to my disappointment two trucks come to a stop right outside the fence where we were trying to sleep.

The door to the pickup opens and I hear a female voice, "Sara.. Sara..Sara." They always ask for Sara.

Reluctantly we get up. Inside the pickup in addition to other family members is a drunk man with a serious cut to his inside left upper arm.

The other truck had two Mexican customs officials from Boquillas. They had brought the man from Boquillas after he had gotten in a fight there.

He is moaning loudly. We worried that he might wake up the rest of the group. After examining him we knew we needed to wake Dr. Ottis Layne.

He was a belligerent drunk and insisted on going to the bathroom before we treated him. After he came back he drank several glasses of water and then promptly vomited into a 5 gallon bucket.

It was kind of like watching an artist as we watched Ottis stitch him up. By the time we were finished he was sobering up and he was very grateful to us.

My hope is that he was touched by the love of the Lord as we ministered to him and that it will have an impact on his life!



On July 22nd the youth of Heritage School began work on the home and yard of 87 year old Harper resident Maxine Prestige. Maxine said that her hope in youth had been restored by this group!