



Mision De Candelilla

ANGING LIVES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

La Palabra De Dios En El Desierto

Neither Do I

We all know the story. Jesus is presented with a woman who has committed adultery. The Pharisees were attempting to trap him. Jesus confronts them with "He, who is without sin, cast the first stone." They all leave. Jesus then asks her "Where are your accusers? Has anyone condemned you?"

She responds, "No one."

He responds, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more (change the way you live)."

Lately the words "Neither do I" frequently echo in my ears.

As I look around I see many people behaving badly. I wonder, "What is the world coming See "Neither do I" on Page 2

Changes to the 2012 Schedule!

We have had to make some changes to the 2012 medical trips schedule. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for those of you who have already made plans for 2012. Please note the new schedule below.

2012 Medical Trips

Boquillas.....January 4th –8th

San Vicente.....March 13th—18th

Alamos De Marquez.....April 18th –22nd

Boquillas tripJune 27th –July 1st

San Vicente trip.....Sept. 18th ---23rd

Alamos De Marquez.....Oct 24th—28th

Well Child Clinics

If you are looking for a very short easy trip come with us to Piedras Negras. We will be hosted by the local Rotarians on the following dates.

May 10th – 12th *

December 6th – 8th *

*These trips depart on a Thursday evening and return home on Friday or Saturday.

We can use your help!
Sign up today!

The Drought

Here in Texas we have suffered a severe drought. Many ranchers have had to sell off most or all of their herds. I myself had to cull my herd to all but the youngest of animals. In Mexico the suffering is even greater.

A February freeze that killed all of the baby goats and a drought that has killed many of the cattle has devastated the income of most of

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New Board Members

We are excited to announce that we have 3 new members of the board of directors joining us in January. On the other we are sad to see 5 of our current board stepping down.

Agreeing to serve three year terms are Eric Mustard, Anthony Saur, and David Turpin. We appreciate their willingness to give of their time.

Leaving after serving faithfully are

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2012 Non-medical trips

February 16-20th Screen windows and doors----Jaboncillos

Early July ---E-Free Church Trip either to Boquillas or La Union.

August 7th-12th Big Bend Tabernacle with Heritage School

December 14th-16th Christmas Trip to San Vicente with Fredericksburg United Methodist Church

Finishing the Year with a Flourish!

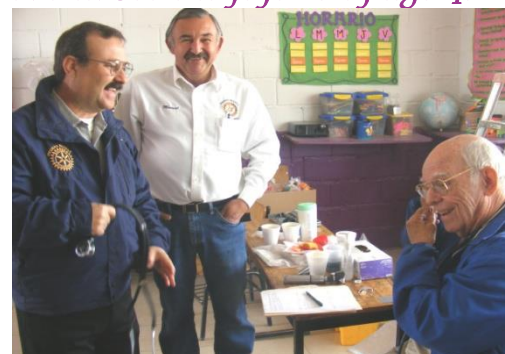
2011 was a difficult year in many ways! Our groups have been small and our finances have suffered. But through it all, the Lord has sustained us! He never promised it would be easy rather, He promised He would be with us!

The year began with a screening trip to Las Norias. Every house had all the

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2012 Spring Fling Bazaar

We need your help! We need items for what used to be our annual garage sale! Perhaps you have the talent needed to prepare items for this unique event! See the flyer on page 4!



Giberto and Manuel of Piedras Negras Rotary club are enjoying a light-hearted moment with Dr David Pope during the Well-Child clinic in Centinela last December.

Fiesta 2012 on August 4th!

Even though they were very short-handed a crew of 6 was able to bless the folks of Boquillas, Las Norias and Jaboncillos last September with much needed medical care! Lupe Ureste of Boquillas joins with the group in this photo.

The group consisted of left to right Juan Flores, Ottis Layne, Rudy Nava, Gary Marburger, (Lupe Ureste), Curtis Allerkamp and Sid Duderstadt.

We considered canceling the trip but we were really glad we didn't. We saw a lot of really sick folks. The people were grateful we had come!

The team was blessed not only with the work that was accomplished but by what the Lord did in their hearts as well!

Praise God!



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to? The old man in me has a desire to see God's judgment fall upon them. Someone should throw stones at them! Then His still quiet voice comes to me and I hear Him say, "Neither do I."

Sometimes I feel hurt and wounded by someone's words or actions. My heart cries out and says this is unfair. My mind demands retribution. I want to throw stones at them! Then He quiets my heart by saying to me, "Neither do I."

Sometimes when I experience failure in my life I want to run and hide. My mind recognizes that people have been hurt by my failure. My heart experiences brokenness and I know I should be punished. Someone should throw rocks at me. As I shrink in shame I hear His sweet and gentle voice say, "Curtis, neither do I."

Psalms 51 Vs 16-17 from The Message. *Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice.*



(Left) Evie Velchoff leads (Right) the children of Jaboncillos in song during our evening worship service there.

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Kenneth Loth, Adam Knapp and Joe Frantzen of Fredericksburg. Also stepping down are Pastor Julian Garcia of Weatherford, TX and Lizbeth Solis RN of Bandera, TX. We will miss them.

The Board elected new officers for 2012. They are Judy Hutcherson RN **President**, Reverend Harold Vanicek **Vice-President**, Donnie Burgner **Secretary**, and Dr. Ottis Layne as **Treasurer**.



New Board Members left to right: David Turpin, Anthony Saur and Eric Mustard

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the families. To top it off there is no market for their mama cows leaving them no choice but to watch them starve.

Even now, while we have experienced some relief with recent rains and our market has rebounded they are concerned that they will not be able to sustain their cattle through the winter. So much so that they are butchering their small calves so in hopes of sustaining the mother cows through the winter.

Please pray for our friends in Mexico.



We saw Joaquin a few years ago for the first time. None of us will ever forget his tears of joy as he experienced being able to walk without pain. It is always good to see him! This photo is from this January as he came to see Dr. Layne for another treatment.



The people of San Vicente enjoy a Christmas party on December 16 2011. Fredericksburg United Methodist Church sponsored a trip to bring gifts for every person in the village. We handed out gifts (given by families of FUMC) and then celebrated with a feast. The feast was followed by a worship service. After the service, food packages were given to each family supplied by a generous friend from San Antonio, Texas.

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windows and doorways screened. No more mosquitoes and flies!

In March we kicked off our medical trips. We had a great team composed primarily of folks from Stephenville TX. What a way to spend Spring Break!

Two more medical teams journeyed to the villages in April. On one of the teams we did not have a doctor. Two nurses took charge and we were able to meet most of the needs.

June rolled in with a trip to the Big Bend Tabernacle in West Texas. We had a large group (over 30) from the Heritage School of Fredericksburg TX. Great progress was made on the dormitory that will house folks who come there to be healed. What a joy to see the lives of these young folks touched by the hand of the Lord!

The year ended with a bang even though we were not sure we could do fall medical trips (The medical teams were very small.)

In September we took off with a group of 6 (all men, Dr. Layne says this is a first) to Boquillas. We saw a lot of sick people. We were glad we had come.

October 12th Dr. Burg led a small medical team on the San Vicente trip. There were 7 of us. This is a very small group to do 4 clinics, but with hard work and perseverance they got it done!

Later in the month Dr. Layne led another team on the Alamos De Marquez trip. We were glad to have Dr. Donald Prior (ophthalmologist) and his wife (Jane) travel with us. Two of the clinics we were so busy we were unable to hold worship services as we did not finish the clinics until after 10PM!

Finally in December we finished off with a Well Child Clinic in Centinela (a small village near Piedras Negras) and a Christmas trip to San Vicente.

The clinic in Centinela is done in cooperation with our Rotarian Friends in Piedras Negras. A couple of their members have been instrumental in helping us get our supplies through Mexican customs. The children got much needed care and we are able to do a favor for our friends at the border.

Just before Christmas (December 15th -17th) 13 of us went to San Vicente to bring some Christmas joy. This group was composed primarily of folks from Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. Everyone received a gift! We then had a party followed by a worship service. After the service each family received two bags of groceries (provided by Robert Maycott of San Antonio). Everyone in the village received a blessing!

In spite of the difficulties we have faced this year, I can look back and I can truly say we are blessed! It is such a joy to be used by Him to touch the lives of people with His Love!



Many of you know Nena. She has been faithfully cooking for us in Boquillas for many years! It is always a joy to see her and her husband (Lupe, photo on page 1) when we arrive. We know we are going to eat well!

YES! I want to join you!

Our fees to 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.

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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