



Mision De Candelilla

ANGING LIVES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

La Palabra De Dios En El Desierto

Doers of the Word

James 1 verses 22 and 27 NKJV

22 But be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

27 Pure and undefiled religion before God is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

If we look at the four gospels we will notice that Jesus often says something about the Kingdom quite frequently. In fact it is the topic he most often references in his teachings. I have come to believe that everything I do needs to be about advancing the Kingdom of God.

A couple of years ago I read a book by Richard Stearns (CEO of World Vision) called **The Hole in Our Gospel**. Notice it does not say the gospel but rather our gospel.

While there are some points in the book I do not fully agree with, I do agree with the primary issue of the book. The author takes issue with the attitude of many Christians in our churches today. The title itself indicates (Hole) that there is something missing in their lives. As a result many Christians today are not living the full gospel life that Christ calls us to live.

I know many who believe that being a good Christian is to be in church on Sunday, pay

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Fall Medical Trips 2011

Boquillas tripSeptember 21st --25th

San Vicente trip.....October 11th ----16th

Alamos De Marquez..October26th.....30th

We can use your help! Sign up today!

The Drug Wars

The violence between drug cartels continues unabated. The areas across the border from El Paso and across from Nuevo Laredo and downstream from Nuevo Laredo remain very dangerous. Fortunately for us the area we serve remains relatively calm. The region is sparsely populated and therefore not a major corridor for drugs to pass through.

Years ago this was not the case. Less populated areas were where the drug cartels

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Fiesta 2011

Plans are well underway for our 4th annual fiesta fundraiser. Each year we try to upgrade this event. We felt that last year's event was the best ever and our desire is to make this year's event even better!

This year we decided to have the meal catered by Delicious Details. Because we are having the meal catered we are requiring everyone to RSVP. The cost to attend the fundraiser is \$25. You may also purchase a table (8 plates) an invite your friends to sit at your table. The main course will be beef and chicken fajitas.

Fiesta 2011 will be held at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church's fellowship hall on August 6th. The festivities will begin at 6PM and last until 9PM. The fellowship hall is located on the corner of East San Antonio and South Adams Street.

Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Williams CEO of Hill Country Memorial Hospital. Duane Weinheimer of KNAF will be master of ceremonies. Jeep Collins is serving as Honorary Chairman of the Fiesta 2011 committee. The silent auction will include a cross made by Jeep in his jewelry shop.

This year a segment of the fiesta will be set aside to honor Dr. Ottis Layne MD for 25 years of service to people of the Chihuahuan Desert in Mexico. Through the years not only has he consistently given great medical care to these forgotten people he has dedicated himself to learning Spanish so that the care he gives is more personal.



Dr Layne seeing a patient in Alamos De Marquez

In addition to musical specials there will be a silent auction and a Mexican Market. The

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Jeep Collins is taking vital signs in Alamos De Marquez. Jeep has no medical background but is not afraid to learn something new in order to help out. We were short on volunteers on two of the Spring 2011 trips. We are grateful for folks like Jeep who are willing to come with us and take on new challenges.

Spring 2012 Medical Trips

Boquillas.....March 14th -18th

San Vicente.....March 27th—April 1st

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



Carlos Servin is showing the guys from Las Norias how to do it. Carlos headed up the carpentry in February to screen all the windows and doors in the village. The project was funded by the Rotary District 5840 Hunger-plus Committee. While the group was working Sara Allerkamp and Juan Flores held VBS classes. Then at the evening worship services the kids would sing the songs they had learned during VBS classes.

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tithes and obey all the rules. These things are good things for us to do but they certainly do not complete the life of a believer.

I often question how any of us can sit comfortably and do little or nothing while the world is rampant with injustice, disease and poverty! Read Mathew Chapter 25 verses 31 through 46. This is where the Lord says he will separate the sheep from the goats. As you read this ask yourself, "In which herd do I belong?" Then read the preceding parable of the talents (verses 14-30). This parable indicates that our whole life should be about the business of the King.

I am not saying that there is no one within the church who is busy doing Kingdom work. There are many individuals who sacrifice both time and money to expand and improve the Kingdom. My concern is that there are too few of us involved in the work.

I often hear people talk about how they love the Lord. I myself proclaim my love for Him. Now according to the scripture if I say I love the Lord then I must also love people. Love is more than a statement. It requires action!

This action can be within your local church. It can be in your community or it can be beyond your community and of course outside of your own country. It can and usually involves both your time and money. What action will you take?

Fiesta 2011 continued

silent auction will consist of the following items (the donor is listed in parentheses : Twilight champagne garden supper for 8(John & Peggy Benson), 2 Lorenzo Castaneda prints(Liz Solis), White Guahacan dress(Marilyn's of FBG), framed G. Harvey print(Roger & Elinor Pomykal), day bed(Glennon & Delores riney), a book on San Jose Mexican pottery entitled "Colors in Clay(Barbara White), six days seven nights in Maui Hawaii condo(John & Judy Hutcherson), Mexican jacket(Judy Hutcherson), Clinton Baermann oil painting(Clinton Baermann), quilted U. S. flag wall hanging(Susan Traugott) and a cross designed especially for MDC by Jeep Collins and donated by Jeep Collins. Four more of the same crosses will be sold after the silent auction. The price will be based upon the amount of money the cross in the silent auction brings.

The Mexican Market consists of handcrafts made by the people of the villages we serve and all of the proceeds go to the people of the villages.

Last year everyone said they had a great time at the Fiesta. This year we are making it even better than it was last year! We hope you can make it. For RSVP information call 830-997-6542 .



Shopping at last year's (Fiesta 2010) Mexican Market

Drug Wars continued

liked to run drugs through, but today's modern technology makes people moving through these areas more noticeable. Therefore the highly populated areas become the areas they like to pass through by blending in to the local population on both sides of the border.

None of this is to say that the area has no problems. The Zetas basically control most of this region and do use it to cache weapons and/or drugs. Recently the Mexican army has been raiding these caches. There was some worry that these raids would become violent, but so far there have been no violent clashes. These raids have taken place south of the area we serve. The villagers, however, have told us that there has been an increased presence of soldiers in the region and this makes them feel safer as well. By all accounts the military is known to not to be a corrupt organization in Mexico and therefore the people of Mexico appreciate their presence.

All in all we still feel confident that we can continue with our work. We will continue to monitor the situation and if necessary we will not hesitate to cancel trips just as we did last fall. Unfortunately that cancellation was based on a false report.

Please continue to pray for us and the groups we take. Pray for the whole of Mexico. This situation is very difficult for the government of Mexico.

In your prayers you might consider going with us on one of the medical trips. I know that fear can be a very powerful emotion. But in my prayers if I look at the situation with a rational mind I can overcome my fears and let my Lord lead me to do things that I might not otherwise do. Seek the Lord and He will guide you. While we do not throw caution to the wind we have to make decisions based on His instructions.

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 \$ _____

Thank you!

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