



# Mision De Candelilla

CHANGING LIVES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

## La Palabra De Dios En El Desierto

### Why do we go?

In course of conversation with people about Mexico we often hear certain questions. "Are you still going, Isn't it dangerous?" and "Why do you go?" top the list.

With the constant drumbeat from the news media about the violence in Mexico folks are incredulous that we are still traveling to Mexico. Even if this perception of the violence were accurate I would still go.

I could give you biblical reasoning as to why we go. The scripture gives us clear instructions in regards to spreading the gospel and meeting the needs of others. In Matthew Chapter 25 Jesus makes our responsibilities very clear. But one of my primary reasons for going is more personal.

Last week we were in Mexico on a recent  
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**The children of Centenila at last year's Well Child Clinic there. We are going there again in December. We need your help! We would like to bring each child a gift as we did last year. We need about \$400 to do this? Can you help us? Contact us at 830-997-6542 or [callerkamp@beecreek.net](mailto:callerkamp@beecreek.net)**

### HELPING CINTHIA

I thought that those of you who have met Cynthia Prado from Muzquiz might want to know what is happening with her. For those of you who don't know Cynthia's story: I brought Cynthia to my home when she was twenty three years old for the removal of a nonmalignant tumor inside her left ear and impinging on her brain. Without removing the tumor Cynthia would not survive. Even the doctors were shocked at the size of the tumor. That was in 2007. I picked her up for yearly follow up visits and to have another tumor removed from her groin in 2010.

Unfortunately the tumors continue to grow in various parts of her body. This year she has been traveling to Guadalajara to receive radiation to shrink two other tumors, behind her right ear, inside her head. **Two more tumors** have been discovered on her upper spine. She will need to have an operation next year. The doctor has told her that she will need to stay in Guadalajara for one month. This means that Cynthia needs money for a place to rent, for food, and public transportation. If you want to help Cynthia with the expenses in Guadalajara, please send us a check

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### Fiesta 2012

Our fifth annual fundraiser this year was a tremendous success! We raised a net of \$34,000, but more importantly we celebrated what the Lord has done. During the event we honored the Piedras Negras Club for the assistance they give us as we pass through Mexican Customs. We also honored Dr. Charles Burg for his 17 years of service to the mission.

A big thank you goes out to all of you who attended and/or contributed to Fiesta 2012. We could not do what we do without your help. A special shout out to all of you who helped to make this event so successful. You guys are the best!



*President Jesus Casas attended Fiesta 2012 and receives recognition on behalf of the Piedras Negras Rotary Club*



*Dr Charles Burg more affectionately known as "Charlie" sitting in his "siesta chair" while Dr. Layne and Curtis Allerkamp Roast (honor) him at Fiesta 2012 for his 17 years of service!*

## Mark your Calendar Fiesta 2013 is on August 3, 2013!

### Remaining 2012 Trips

**Centinela Well Child Clinic**  
December 6<sup>th</sup> thru December 7<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas in San Vicente

Sponsored by Fredericksburg United Methodist Church  
December 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 14<sup>th</sup>

### Our wish list

#### New Electro Cardiogram Machine

(our old one is 10+ years old and we are having problems with it) **A new one will cost about \$2500.**

#### New used pickup

Needs to be  $\frac{3}{4}$  or 1 ton 4 wheel drive with less than 125,000 miles

Our old one has 245,000 miles many of those miles on very bad roads pulling very heavy loads. We had originally planned to use this vehicle only 5 years. That was ten years ago. **We can get one for 10 to 15 thousand dollars**

#### Building Project

We also have another need. Currently we run our operations out of our home and a barn. We are simply running out of space to store all the goods and equipment that the mission possesses. We currently spend \$150 a month on storage.

In addition when preparing for trips we load all of the supplies outdoors which is fine when we have good weather but in times of inclement weather it creates great difficulty trying to keep the moisture from ruining equipment and goods.

We have been making plans to build a 30' X 40' building to store everything in addition to using it as an area to prepare for the trips. We also hope to create a small office in it.

It will be a simple building and will not require highly professional skills to construct. Our hope is that various church groups (youth or adult) would help us with this project. If you would like to get your church involved contact us at 830-997-6542 or [callerkamp@beecreek.net](mailto:callerkamp@beecreek.net).

### Other Trips in 2013

May 9<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> Well Child Clinic in Navaja

June 6<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> Construction trip to Paso De San Antonio

December 5<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Well Child Clinic in Centinela

December 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas in San Vicente



(Above) In December 2011 Fredericksburg United Methodist Church sponsored a trip to San Vicente to celebrate Christmas with the people of San Vicente. They are going again this year. If you are interested in having your church do something like this contact us at 830-997-6542 or [callerkamp@beecreek.net](mailto:callerkamp@beecreek.net).



(Above) Last February we brought a team to Jaboncillos to screen all the windows and doors in the homes of the village. This trip was underwritten Rotary District 5840 Hunger-Plus Committee. We are grateful for their commitment to help us help the folks of this remote area we serve. In this photo you see some of men of the village participating in the building of the screens. **If you are interested in having your church or group do something like this let us know! We would love to help you make a difference.**



2012 in Review

Although it is only November I would like to put this year into perspective. We have had a wonderful year. Seven years ago Sara and I decided to do this work full time. There have been many difficult days but the Lord has been there for us. There have been many challenges but His wisdom always come through! We are so grateful!

On January 4th we went to Boquillas, Las Norias and Jaboncillos. We facilitated clinics in each of the villages. We had a great group consisting mostly of folks from the Stephenville First United Methodist Church.

In February we took a 4 day trip to screen all the windows and doors in the homes of the people of Jabocillos. It was cold but the people were touched by the warmth of the love of the Lord

In March during spring break we traveled to San Vicente, La Union, Piedritas and San Miguel. We had busy clinics and great worship services in each of the villages.

After we got back we held our annual garage sale fundraiser (Spring Bazaar). Sandra Macs headed up this effort and added some great new ideas to this effort.

On April 24th we went to Alamos de Marquez, Paso de San Antonio and Alamos de San Antonio to bring clinics to each of these communities. We were grateful to see that after a severe drought in 2011 they had finally received some rain.

On May 10th we departed to Piedras Negras to do a Well Child Clinic in Navaja on the 11th. We were assisted by the Rotarians of Piedras Negras.

June 27th took us back to Boquillas to do a clinic there as well as in Las Norias and Jaboncillos. It was hot but the presense of the Lord was refreshing at all of the Worship services.

July we stayed home to work with Heritage School to facilitate a vacation bible school. Primera Iglesia Bautista and Fredericksburg United Methodist Church joined in with the effort to bring the message of the

gospel to the children of Fredericksburg. The Youth camped out on our place where we fed them 3 square a day. In addition to facilitating VBS at their school in the evenings they worked on service projects in Fredericksburg during the day.

In August Fiesta 2012 was a tremendous success. We praise God for all that He has done with this event. It is becoming an event that folks look forward to every year!

In September we traveled to San Vicente, La Union, Piedritas and San Miguel to bring the second clinic this year to each of these villages. We also delivered school supplies provided by the Greater San Marcos Rotary Club.

In October we traveled to Alamos de Marquez, Paso de San Antonio and Alamos de San Antonio to bring clinics to these villages.

In December we will be bringing our annual Well Child Clinic to Centinela. Finally on the 12th of December we will travel to San Vicente to celebrate the birth of Christ with them.

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.

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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medical trip. We had learned previous to our travels that our good friend Martha of Paso de San Antonio was out of town to see a doctor in the city of Chihuahua. She has been struggling with various illnesses for over year now. We were saddened that we might not see her.

True to our fears Martha was not there when we arrived to hold a clinic in Paso de San Antonio. We completed the clinic on Friday and on Saturday morning after eating breakfast we were having a devotional time before getting ready to pack and move to the next village to hold our last clinic of the trip.

During the middle of our devotional Martha walked in to the room. Tears of joy streamed down her face and on our faces as well. There was hardly a dry eye in the room. What joy!

I can give you many reasons as to why we go to Mexico. All of them are valid. Perhaps none are more important than the relationships we have with the people and the hope that we bring them. This reunion with Martha reminded me of what is really important.

Our God is very personal. We see it throughout the scriptures. He desires to be close to us and I desire to be close to Him. I cannot be close to Him if I do not have close relationships with His family.

Our relationship with these precious people brings hope, peace and joy to their lives. In return we are reciprocated with these same gifts. What joy it is to serve our Lord in this capacity!

Curtis

**PS I know that you who go with us have your reasons. Would you write us a short article and let us know why you go? We will publish them in future newsletters.**

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made out to Mision de Candelilla, but with a note stating that it is for Cinthia's stay in Guadalajara. I will make sure she receives the money.

I need to tell you, that Cinthia is a fighter and a very resourceful person. She has been knitting caps and selling them for \$10-\$20. Some of you have seen her work; it is excellent. If you would like to make a donation and would like us to send you one of her caps go to : Facebook and search for:Rosa Maria Prado Escareno. Then click "untitled" There are many pictures of the caps Cinthia has knitted. Write to Rosa on facebook or me and I will have Cinthia hold it for you, and I will send it to you when I get it from her, which could be as early as December 7.

Contact me at 830-992-9454 or [sallerkamp@beecreek.net](mailto:sallerkamp@beecreek.net).

Sara

**Medical Trips 2013**

Boquillas—January 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>

San Vicente—March 19<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>

Alamos de Marquez—April 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>

Boquillas—June 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>

San Vicente—September 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>

Alamos de Marquez—October 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>

We hope that you come with us on one of these medical trips next year. The cost is \$350 per person. This includes all expenses except for travel day meals (1 or 2) and the cost of a Mexican tourist card (\$22). In addition to these medical teams we will be doing two well-child clinics. The first is on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the second is on December 6<sup>th</sup>.



*Cynthia expressing her gratitude at Fiesta 2010 two years ago. Sara interpreted for her.*