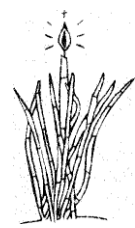


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We Are Still Lame

The other day I was outside feeding some of our animals. As I was feeding them I took special care to make sure a little lame kitten got some food as well as the other cats. I noticed she was lame some time ago. Apparently she was either injured or perhaps she was even born that way. As I was feeding her I realized something kind of ironic. I have a three legged dog. So he is lame. I have a cow that broke a hip a little over a year ago and by some miracle she survived, but she is very lame as a result. I have this kitten I just described to you and to top it off, one of my hens injured one of her legs about a month ago and is likely to remain lame as well. All of this got me thinking about Mephibosheth.



The Santa Elena Sanitation Department.
During the Santa Elena trip this crew built an outhouse to accommodate the teams while working the clinic. Simon Marquez is not shown in this picture but worked late into the night to help finish this project. Beginning on the left they are Kara Turner, Dana Sherrod, Kevin Wheeler, Jose Lopez (kneeling), Tyler Torbeville, Trey Eppright, Katy Sauer, Hannah Ham, Ivy Holland and Curtis Allerkamp.

Red Alert!

You must have your passports in 2008. It takes at least 14 weeks unless you pay an extra \$100! Even then it will take 3 weeks or more! The average wait is currently over 4 months! There is no time like today! You may apply at your local post office or court house. No one goes with us next year without a passport!!!!!!

If you recall Mephibosheth was a descendant (Grandson) of Saul. In 1st Samuel Chapter 9 king David inquires if any one of Saul's family is still alive. When he finds out that Mephibosheth is still alive he orders his men to bring him to his house. We also find out that Mephibosheth is lame. Mephibosheth is quite understandably fearful of the situation. But David decree's that Mephibosheth is to reside in Jerusalem and sit at his table as well. At the end of this chapter it states that Mephibosheth always had a place at the table and makes sure to remind us that he was lame.

In a way we are kind of like Mephibosheth. We were not of the family of God but we were brought into the family by the King of kings.

We are invited not only to reside there but we are given our very own seat at the table. The bible says that Mephibosheth always had a place at the table and so do we. We celebrate His life in communion with Him.

It is interesting to note that a few chapters later we find that Mephibosheth betrays David but he still has his place at the table. This reminds me of Psalm 89 verses 30 thru 37, (continued on page 2 column 1

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Holy Ghost Lutheran Church of Fredericksburg Texas continues to bless the inhabitants of Alamos De Marquez. They went with us for the third time in less than 1 1/2 years. This time the group closed in a roof that will better protect the patients from the elements when they come for the medical clinics, did some plumbing in and around the local church, installed a hand pump on a hand dug well at the local church, built a bathhouse for the groups that come to work in the village, repaired broken windows, screened some windows and lastly but probably most importantly purchased and delivered ten water storage tanks for the local inhabitants to use at their homes.

Thank you so much Holy Ghost Lutheran for all that you do. We love you so very much. We ask His blessings on you and yours. Below is a list of team members who participated in this great work.

Tony Watson	Chris Beckman
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What a great group! They all hailed from Holy Ghost Lutheran except for Jessie Ahrens (Utopia, TX) and Patricia Priem (Georgetown, TX).

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We thank each of you for your hard work. Many of you not only spend your vacation time with us but you support us financially as well! We praise God for you every day and pray that He blesses you in all your endeavors

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as stated in The Message, “If his children refuse to do what I tell them, If they refuse to walk in the way I show them, If they spit on the directions I give them and tear up the rules I post for them, I’ll rub their faces in the dirt of their rebellion and make them face the music. But I’ll never throw them out, never abandon or disown them. Do you think I’d withdraw my holy promise? I’ve given my word, my whole and holy word; do you think I would lie to David? His family tree is here for good, his sovereignty as sure as the sun, dependable as the phases of the moon, inescapable as weather.” This is a promise the Lord made to king David. Since we are in Christ we are descendants of David. What a promise we have in His word!

We are all broken vessels. I am probably more broken than most if not all. Even the great apostle Paul wrote about a thorn in his side. We do not know whether that thorn was physical or spiritual but we do know that he was left with the thorn. Therefore, he chose to rejoice in his weaknesses as Christ is strong in our broken places. In fact if we read the scripture carefully we see that Paul states that he was left with this thorn so that pride would not rear it’s ugly head.

While the Lord desires to heal our broken places (our lameness), He continues to reveal more weaknesses to us. Therefore, in my lameness I have only one choice and that is to reside in the Spirit. It is very apparent to me that the flesh (our earthly nature) will always have it’s weaknesses. This does not mean that the flesh is entirely bad, but that it will always have it’s flaws. So today we must choose not to be ruled by the flesh but by the Spirit!

Having said all of this please be sure and come to His table. You are to reside in His house forever so you might as well have a seat at His table even in your lameness. Even if you feel that your sin or brokenness makes you unable to walk.....have a seat at His table! Su Amigo En Cristo Curtis

Get your passport if you want to go with us next year!



Worship in Alamos De Marquez. What a joy to see the children of the ejidos freely worshipping our Lord! Or heart’s desire is to see more of this in each of the ejidos. We praise God for the work He is doing! By the way, do you notice the light in this picture? This is the result of hard work of Willie Pfeiffer this past winter. With our hands we are letting His light shine! Thank you Jesus!

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Just the Facts

1. Last year we saw over 1200 patients
2. Last year we provided over \$500,000 dollars is medical care including medications at no cost to the patients.
3. Our total budget for last year including salaries was less than \$110,000.
4. The raw cost of each trip is about \$4500.00. This does not include replacement (depreciation) of vehicles and other expensive items.
5. Repair and maintenance cost us over \$10,000 annually.
6. We will spend at least \$2500.00 in Mexico insurance this year. This does not include the cost of insurance in the United States.
7. Transportation of the group is more than 50% of the cost of each trip.
8. While we are well known for the great food we serve our teams, the total cost of food and related items is **less than \$5000 annually**. For this we are able to provide **1700** meals in the desert where there is little or no infrastructure.

WE JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW WHERE SOME OF THE MONEY GOES.

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In December we were given a challenge. A generous supporter of the mission agreed to match up to \$12,500 of monies we could raise by February 28th. Your response to this challenge was absolutely awesome. Your direct response to this challenge was \$27,415.34. We praise God for putting each of you in our lives. In addition to your response to the letter that we sent out we received another \$23,000 from other grants and donors. It is impossible for us to find the words that would appropriately express our gratitude. You guys are the best!

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It is with deep regret that we inform you of a rate increase. With spiraling transportation costs, we are left with no choice but to increase our fees for medical trips to \$200.00. The fees we have charged in the past have never covered the cost. We hope this new rate will (at least for now) cover the cost, however, I must admit to you that this figure is a bit optimistic. We still want each of you to be able to go. So if this presents a problem to your plans, please let us know. We do have individuals who will sponsor someone if we ask. There is no shame in asking for help.

In addition it is crucial that your registration forms and fees are received in a timely fashion. We have been rather lax in this area and the end result the cost of a couple of trips increased dramatically. In one case we scheduled an extra vehicle to accommodate the team and when 3 individuals backed out we had to eat the cost. As a result we will not guarantee your spot until we have your fees. In addition in a few cases we have forwarded fees paid to future trips when individuals have to cancel. We will no longer do this as this practice defeats the purpose of a deadline.

YES! I want to join you!

Our fees to participants do not cover the logistical costs of each trip. Our administrative costs and the remainder of our trip costs are covered by private donations. If you would like to join us on a trip, or help with scholarship or administrative expenses, please let us know.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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- Contact me about joining a trip to Mexico
- Enclosed is my one-time donation for \$ _____
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Thank you!

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Dr. Ray honing his musical skills. The clinic had hit a slow time and Dr. Raymond Smith used this time to prepare for worship services that evening