



Mission Moments E-Newsletter

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MET...EXPERIENCING MEDICAL MISSIONS EVANGELISM



Lessons from Dr. Walter Sierra



Students with dentist, Dr. Marcos Lux

“My physician is a Christian, but he never prays with me.” You won’t hear those words in HTI’s remote clinics. The ten university students who comprised the 2008 class of our Medical Evangelism Training program learned firsthand why it is important to move beyond “presenting symptoms” and to minister to people in every area of their concerns. A biblical model for integrated health care will include close attention to a person’s spiritual, physical, emotional and communal well being, no matter what the presenting symptoms are.

MET is a six-week program providing a complete introduction to serving Christ through medical evangelism. What students learn in Guatemala is easily applied to any cultural setting –even right here in the USA. The program begins with a week of language instruction, a 3-day orientation period at Clinica Ezell, followed by two weeks of work with HTI’s permanent staff on Guatemala’s Boca Costa among a mostly culturally mixed population and two weeks in the Mid-Western highlands among the predominately Mayan cultures.

MET students live with Christian families in small villages and in rural settings and become part of the family. They travel to remote locations with our physicians, dentists and health promoters, providing hands-on physical and spiritual health care. They listen, learn and do. Their early anxiety is replaced by the knowledge that they have done something that matters. They have made a difference in a place few will dare to go and still fewer dare to stay. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about the 2009 MET program in Guatemala, write Juliewheatley@healthtalents.org.

...by Roger McCown

2009 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST TIME!



HTI's 2009 calendar will be stunning, if the above photo is representative of the entries! Go to our website: www.healthtalents.org

to vote for your favorites. The twelve best will appear on the 2009 calendar. Voting began June 1 and continues thru September 1.

Summer Slump

It is summer time, and it's hot. Without enough water, both plants and people begin to slump. Without a sufficient number of monthly supporters, Health Talents begins to slump as well.

Would you like to be like a "drop of water to a thirsty soul?" You can be just that to thousands of people by becoming a monthly supports for the Health Talents ministry. Committing to a monthly contribution means that neither heat nor cold nor rain nor sleet will keep you from supporting a ministry that brings relief, both physical and spiritual, to literally thousands and thousands of Mayan Indians every year.

You can use automatic bank draft or automatic credit card. Contact Marie Agee for more information: marieagee@aol.com or 205-991-9939.

SIZEMORE FAMILY HELPS WITH MET

Dr. Lisa Dunham is still doing her Guatemala govt service, so Dr. Stan Sizemore, his wife Donna, and two of their children gave two weeks of their time to work with MET. They used to be missionaries in Guatemala themselves, so they were a great asset!



LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR

The Men's seminar began Sunday evening, June 15, at Clínica Ezell with an intro to I, II and III John by Goyo Nieto. Goyo is a minister at the Brewer Road Church of Christ in Winston-Salem, NC, a Spanish congregation supported by the Southfork Church/Christ.

At least fifty men were in attendance with representation from more than a dozen congregations and six departments of Guatemala. Goyo has been impressed by the fact that so many of these men leave their jobs for 4-5 days in order to attend. We had ministers, bricklayers, carpenters, gardeners, bakers and bookkeepers attending the class.

MET CLASS 2008



In memoriam

We are deeply saddened at the passing of two very special people, Frank Maddux and Jurdean Reed .

At age 93 Frank was a former HTI board member. After serving for several years, he resigned in 1988 to be replaced by his wife, Carolyn, who only recently resigned. Frank was a very valuable asset to the board.

Jurdean Reed was an eye surgery nurse who helped build HTI's eye surgery ministry from the ground up. Having just turned 68 years, Jurdean had fought a long battle with a brain tumor. She always had boundless energy and so much dedication to the Health Talents eye surgery ministry.

We will miss them both dearly.

2008-2009 Clinic Dates

2008

July 10-15 – Guatemala Mobile Medical
July 19-26 – Eye Surgery
August 2-9 – Gen/ENT/Plastic Surgery
Sept 6-13 – Gen & Gyn Surgery
October 4-11 – Gen & Gyn Surgery
November 5-10 – Guatemala Mobile Medical
Nov 20-Dec 6 – Eye Surgery

2009

January 17-24 – Gen & Gyn Surgery
Jan 29 – Feb 3 – Nicaragua Mobile Medical
February 14-21 – Gen & Gyn Surgery
March 7-14 – Eye Surgery
April 18-25 – Gen & Gyn Surgery

If you'd like to go on one of these trips, contact Marie Agee at marieagee@aol.com or call her at 205-991-9939.