

Guatemala Mission Trip Report
Reported by Jim Kilmartin 8/31/04

Our 1st international ministry trip to Guatemala was a great success! A team of twelve, primarily from Joshua House, traveled to Guatemala City to work alongside pastor Alvero Cabrera & Mount Hebron Church of Christ in the Limonada district during the week of July 28th - Aug 4th.

We saw the local congregation and neighborhood impacted deeply by the loving hand on God. Our focus was on the youth of the church, as we hosted two full days of training and relationship building. The evenings were directed toward the whole church body. During the miracle service, Saturday evening, the Lord miraculously healed and delivered over twenty individuals of various diseases and deficiencies.

The local congregation was impacted deeply, but I believe our team may have been impacted in an even greater way. Each person saw miracles and God's supernatural touch in different ways. Matt, 14 yrs old, saw several people's eyes healed as he prayed for them. Byron, 15 yrs old, developed life changing relationships in just a few days through the Spirit. Elliot, 14 yrs old, spoke, prophesied, danced and raised his hands in worship for the first time in public. Todd, 32, was melted by the embrace of the little children.

We arrived Wednesday night around 10pm.

Thursday: We prayer walked the Limonada and became acquainted with the area during the day. Pastor Sheng-Tung Wu preached a dynamic message during the evening church service that called each individual to be the message of Christ.

Friday: We traveled to Antigua to sight see and do some shopping in the market. Antigua was the old capital before it was covered by the volcano that overlooks it. Pastor Jim Kilmartin, team leader, ministered a prophetic message to the congregation during the evening church service. The inspirational message complimented Pastor Wu's message from the night before.

Saturday: Two training session for the youth an then an evening miracle service. Pastor Jim spoke on vision and then a wineskin to contain God's move in one's life (7 Basic Disciplines). Andy Kauffman and Nicole Peters led the afternoon session that focused on purity before God and each other. This was a very moving and powerful message among the youth. There was much repentance following the message time. Then the miracle service was off the hook! There was an absolute open heaven as we saw the power of God heal and deliver many. Pastor Jim preached on Christ the Healer, and as words of knowledge were given and people responded, the Lord touched and healed many. It was breath taking seeing the team, young teens and adults, move among the crowd ministering the love of God and knowing that the Lord was using just ordinary people

to do extraordinary things. During this service, the church's pastor-Alvero Cabrera, was miraculously healed of a serious heart problem. As he walked around the room, the Holy Spirit rested on him and healed him. The coolest thing about it was that no one prayed for him!!!

Sunday: Pastor Wu spoke during the morning service. Andy and Nicole led the afternoon sessions. The men and women were divided and shared about themselves and their testimonies. This was a particularly powerful time among the women as reconciliation happen among the older and younger women. Then Sunday evening was the final church service and instead of having a main speaker, we lined the whole team up in front of the congregation and each person shared from their heart or a prophetic message to the congregation. The younger members of the team captivated and hilariously cracked up the congregation as they spoke. There were many tears and laughs following this service. But we realize that this is only the 1st of many trips to the Limonada! Monday and Tuesday were sight seeing and packing days. We traveled to Lake Atitlan that hosts three volcanoes in the middle of the lake. Then we went to Almolonga, a city that has been highlighted by the Transformations video. It city has seen over 80% of the people become born-again believers and the vegetation has been supernaturally blessed by God. The carrots are the size of men's arms and the cabbage is twice the size of a man's head. It is truly amazing.

Wednesday: we left our apartment by 5:30am to catch our flight back to the US. Most of us were ready for American food for sure but we would never give up this experience. Our team became a family in less than a week. We shared many laughs, tears, smells and all around good times together that we will never forget. Especially when they locked me in the same bathroom that they dumped buckets of water on Matt :)

Thank you for praying and financially supporting us. This was a life changing trip for many in Guatemala and all of us!

Sincerely,

Jim Kilmartin