



Lighthouse Missionary Outreach

Sixteen years of ministry to the Caribbean

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"Always An Adventure"



Some of the cargo waiting to be stowed down below.



Map showing our sailing route to Central America

Well, we should have known it would be another 'typical' mission trip for us. Afterall, it started with all the usual problems (and some unusual ones, too!) Soon, though, the blessings began to fall and for the next five months, beginning in Guatemala and ending in Honduras, another of our 'adventures' unfolded with many opportunities for ministry. Our trimaran sailboat *Faith* was filled to her limit with clothing, medical supplies, school materials, Bibles and more, all donated by churches and friends in North Carolina.

Our first 'errand of mercy' was rescuing 3 Cuban refugees who had been adrift for 10 days. Just like the 17 we saved during the last trip these, too, would have been lost forever in the Gulf of Mexico had we not found them.



As we arrived in Guatemala we visited with Bryan and Riechelle Buchanan, the 'Jungle Medics', delivering to them life saving saline IV formula. They invited us to assist their team in doing a medical clinic for a Mayan village, a very heart stirring experience for us.



Next we journeyed into the mountains with a trailer full of supplies and encouragement



for Myra Smith who works with some of the poorest of Guatemala. She led us up into the hills behind



her home where we visited many of those she ministers



to and saw the feeding center she is trying to complete.



As we visited two orphanages and a Mayan school several hundred children attended our children's crusades, some seeing puppets and hearing the Gospel for the first time! What joy to watch their eyes light up and hearts open! This has always been a highlight of our ministry wherever we go.



A very special thank you to Kyle and Lorin Van Zandt for joining us on part of our mission trip. Their help, both onboard and on shore, went a long way to enabling us to do more ourselves. But they, too, had a mission 'objective' - to make their own contribution to the needs of Guatemala and to explore a calling to missions that in their hearts they were ready to make. It is our prayer that the Van Zandts get the clear direction they seek for their lives, and also that the Lord will send others our way that we may be able to



And the many Bibles and supplies we were able to give to needy ministries. A successful trip, but not without cost. Our boat suffered considerable damage in storms on the way home. However, as the Lord supplies the funds we will make repairs - load up again - and set sail once more. Afterall, serving the Lord is supposed to be 'always an adventure.'



instruct and inspire, multiplying ourselves, as truly "the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few" [Mat 9:37] Thank you Kyle, Lorin, your families and your church!



Check out our website!! We updated our site throughout the mission trip with these and other photos, and uplifting stories which we know you will thoroughly enjoy. Also, on the site are back issues of our newsletters, photos and testimonies from the previous two trips, and other devotional articles on discipleship from a missionary's perspective. www.sailingservant.org

Doing What You Can

In a world so full of poverty, so full of hurt, so full of need - what difference can our one small effort make?

There are two stories that I think of when I ponder this thought. The one tells of a little boy who, early one morning after a storm, busily ran about on the beach near the water's edge picking up and throwing back to the sea starfish that had been washed ashore during the night. An elderly man watching nearby commented on how futile it seemed since there were far too many for that young lad to 'save'. "It can't matter, what you're doing there", he said. The little fellow picked up the next one and holding it up for his critic to see replied, "It matters to this one!"

The other story I heard at a Full Gospel Businessmen's Meeting several decades ago while pastoring in Germany. An oriental man spoke of his experience in Hiroshima on the day the atom bomb was dropped. As a doctor he had just completed a house-call in a tall, steel reinforced apartment building. Just stepping out onto the street, the bomb made its impact.

Though he himself was sheltered, everything around him was destroyed in an instant. The shock of the carnage, and especially the magnitude of human suffering (injured and dead were in every direction), left him stunned in place. Although a doctor with medical bag in hand, whatever could he possibly do - the need was too great.

But then he felt the tug of a frail, weak hand on his pants cuff. Looking down he saw an elderly woman, badly burned, at his very feet. Stooping to her side he began doing what he could. As quickly as he finished, there was a next one - just nearby. Going from one to another until all of his supplies were gone he had exhausted himself, yet wanted so much to do more.

The lesson for us from his testimony was that, indeed, the need is too great and we could hardly make a difference if we see all of it, the whole. But if we would just look down at our feet, at the needs that are there, and do that which we can do it will matter - even if it is just "to this one!"

Jesus said, "Ye have the poor with you always" [Mk 14:7] but that would never be reason enough to dismiss or ignore a responsibility to do what we can to help. To the contrary, He said, "Whatsoever ye do unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me" [Mat 25:40] That is how individual and personal the Lord would consider our acts of charity. [Read the whole sobering passage of Mat 25:31-46 !!]

It is also significant that a cup of water, a little food, some clothing, a visit - such simple efforts made the difference. A widow's two mites [about one-fifth of our penny - Luke 21:2-4] were measured as the greater offering because it came from the heart, it was all she had and she gave it! Whatever it is that we can do, whether seemingly small or not, will indeed make a difference, if not to a world that rarely cares, to a Lord who always will. ... *David A. Goodrum*



Ephesians is for sale!! We need to sell our first mission boat to help pay off the balance owed on our current one, the 40ft trimaran *Faith*. This is a very special boat and will give a lot of pleasure. If you know anyone who may be interested please suggest that they call us at 910-200-8065 or email us. The price will be very reasonable, especially if she is to be used for ministry purposes.

Mission Projects for You or Your Church



Our dear friend Myra has an exciting vision to build a feeding center and school for her poverty stricken area of Guatemala. Any financial help or a

visit by church groups would be greatly appreciated. See her website at: wmotw.com or call us about this faithful ministry to the needy.



Bryan Buchanan, know by the locals as the Jungle Medic, with wife Riechelle, tends to the medical needs of the Kek'chi Mayan indians, as well as Spanish Guatemalans, living in the remote hills and river valleys.

Their work is neverending and any assistance will go directly to aiding the poorest and most desperate. Visit them through their website at www.junglemedicmissions.org

Richard Briggs, our sailing friend who has unselfishly given of himself to promote education and health to the Mayan village of Cayo Quamato, is trying to raise funds to build a much needed clinic. We ministered here and feel this is a very worthy project!



Please contact him through his website: www.lavidafeliz.com or inquire with us.

Mike and Karen Rhea are building a children's home that will be a safe, loving environment for



many of Guatemala's precious but forgotten children. See pictures of their progress at our website on page 8 of our recent mission trip or go to

their website: www.RayodeEsperanza.org. Like all mission visions the one thing lacking for completion is finances. Please consider this effort as well as their clinic at Esperanza (also see photos on page 9 of our mission trip).

Contact us for more information on other opportunities to participate in missions.

Sponsors needed! We have been serving the Caribbean & Central America during the past fifteen years, reaching children through our 'Children's Crusades'; providing training for pastors, teachers, and youth workers; and ministering to boating families from around the world. We use our boat to carry medical supplies, clothing, and Bibles to needy nations. Ours is a faith supported ministry relying on offerings and personal gifts. Thank you for any help you can give us towards our expenses as we sail onward for Jesus...

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