



# Lighthouse Missionary Outreach

Over a decade of ministry to the children of the Caribbean

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## Gifts for Guatemala



Myra Smith, who helps the poor in the central mountains, joyfully sorting clothing for her people

What a great joy to share with others at Christmas time, especially with those who have little or with those who have dedicated their lives to working with them. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35) We most certainly found those words to be true as we sailed to Guatemala with a boatload of clothing, toys, medical & school supplies, and Spanish Bibles donated by churches and friends back home.



Pastor Martinez of the Livingston COG gets new Bibles and tapes

We are anxious to return to these precious people, to share in ministry as the Lord leads. Our prayerful plans will have us there in a couple of months to train pastors, do child evangelism, encourage those who labor for the Kingdom, and to 'bear more gifts' as they are passed along to us. The spiritual and physical needs are plentiful and we can see that a long and special friendship with Guatemala has begun!



Children at an orphanage on the Rio Dulce river get gifts of toys and clothing. We also presented the staff with medicines and school paper. They are poorly funded and need whatever help we can bring.

Keep us in your prayers as we make ready for our next mission trip, that it will be at least as fruitful and wonderful as this has been. Lord bless all who helped us, giving unselfishly "gifts for Guatemala"

- David & Debbie Goodrum



Pastor Clara Vela, who oversees more than a hundred churches in the north district of his country and operates a Christian radio station receives 200 Spanish Bibles and the Bible on cassette for use on his broadcasts.

### 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. She needs to have a well dug right away so construction can begin.



Any financial help or a visit by a church group would be greatly appreciated.

Visit her website at: [wmotw.com](http://wmotw.com) for more about her faithful ministry to the needy.



Pastor Martinez' church suffered during the past hurricane season as well as the weathering of time.

The roof has many holes in it and the rafters need to be replaced. A group of church men could get the work done as well as enjoy the beauty of this tropical paradise. Give us a call at 910-200-8065 for information and pictures.



Contact us or visit our website: [www.SailingServant.org](http://www.SailingServant.org) for more information on how you can help these worthy needs

**Ephesians is for sale!!** We need to sell our first mission boat to help pay off the balance owed on our new trimaran. She is a very special boat and will give someone a lot of pleasure. If you know anyone who may be interested please suggest that they call us at 910-200-8065 (leave a message). The price will be very reasonable, especially to anyone who may wish to use her for ministry purposes.



# Free Indeed

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

On our return home we had to sail through the Yucatan Channel, which separates Mexico and Cuba, a turbulent area of strong currents and confused seas. Late in the night we came upon a boat load of Cuban refugees. They had been adrift for four days, now without food and water. One young girl was going into shock from dehydration. We were able to nurse her back to health and to get all 17, including three women and a small infant, safely to Mexico. Had the Lord not delayed our travel by storms and windless calms the week prior we would not have crossed their path and they would likely have drifted endlessly into the currents of the Gulf of Mexico, never to be heard from again.



Some of the 17 Cubans celebrating on Faith's deck



This little one year old hugs the Teddybear Debbie gave him.

During the seven hour sail to Mexico I thought much about the courage and desperation that led so many to risk all to escape the tyranny of life under communism in search of freedom. Listening to their stories was heart-rending. We in America take so much for granted in enjoying the rights and privileges our forefathers purchased through their own blood and sacrifices. Certainly one can say that freedom isn't free. But these benefits are only temporary - there is something better!!



Hopeful looking ahead as Mexican officials escort us in.

We shared with many of our 'guests' recently been saved in Cuba. But others freedom through the sacrifice of Jesus not the only ones who had "rescued"

Of all the pursuits in this life that noble efforts and accomplishments, the final hours of this life is whether or not freedom' of the heart set free. Some some may never. That would be the that would be lost forever!

Jesus said that if it is He who frees the captive and enduring. Consider yourself, your loved ones, at sea', drifting in the wrong direction, thirsting your boat around and be a part of the 'rescue'?



Spanish gospel tracts and learned that several had took to heart the precious message of an everlasting and, by tears and gestures, let us know that we were them that night. Praise the Lord!!



we may venture forth to do, all the one thing which will matter most in the we had found that 'everlasting of these seventeen souls did - but greater tragedy than just lost at sea:

then that freedom would be genuine your neighbors - are you or they 'lost for 'living water'? Why don't you turn The experience is exhilarating!!

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*This was a very humbling experience for Debbie and me, to be used in the saving of so many lives. We have returned home with an even greater conviction of the importance of our ministry, having a much firmer commitment to complete our repairs, raise our support, gather our supplies, and get back to the field quickly. Thank you to all of the churches, friends and families that have helped to make this and all of our trips possible!!*

Can you help us?

We have been serving the Caribbean during the past twelve years, ministering to children through our 'Children's Crusades', and providing training for pastors, teachers, and youth workers. We also reach many boating families from around the world, and carry medical supplies & clothing to needy nations. Ours is a faith supported ministry relying on love offerings and personal gifts for our support. We have a special need right now for a video projector for showing the Jesus film and training videos. Thank you for any help you can give us towards this project, and for our expenses as we sail onward for Jesus... *David & Debbie Goodrum*

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