



LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONS

By Dave Huffman

As always, I want to thank my Lord first and foremost for the opportunity to work with this mission effort. I know that with His help all things are possible.

Also I am thankful for all the prayers, e-mails, and phone calls that I receive that offer so much encouragement and support; it means so much to Sharon and I.

Children's Home Panama

In September 2006 I spent some time with the children in the home, "Casa Hogar," to learn what needs they had. Since that time, Miguel has updated me on several pressing needs for the home and for Esperanza.

- Two Washers
- An Air Conditioner Unit
- New Mattresses for the Children
- Clothes and Shoes
- A Blender
- A Mixer with a large capacity

Esperanza had her cast removed in December, but has not started to walk with crutches yet. She fears breaking her hip again if she starts walking on it. Her leg is very weak since she has not used it in more than a year and she does not trust it to hold her up. Insurance in Panama is not the same as it is here; Esperanza will have to pay for her physical therapy which will cost about \$300 per month.

In addition to all of this, she will need another surgery on her knee to finish restoring her leg to be fully functioning. But first, she and Miguel need to pay the expected cost of the surgery up front. The cost of the surgery is \$2,500 and the funds are not available to them at the present time.

Additionally, they still owe \$950 for her hospital stay from last year, which they have been paying on as they have been able.

Please keep them in your prayers that Esperanza will be able to receive her surgery and start her physical therapy soon. This will help her to move forward and become more independent. If you can help with the financial burdens they face, it would be an answer to prayer.

My Travels

Since I started working with Latin American Missions and traveling from Florida to Missouri and from Georgia to Alabama, I am greatly pleased to see several congregations excited about being involved with LAM.

This summer I will be traveling to Nindiri, Nicaragua, a small town outside the capitol city of Managua. From there I will go on to Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This will be my first time traveling to Nicaragua. I'm looking forward to working with both congregations in spreading God's word and helping the children. In Nicaragua I will be working with Roger Leonard, one of our other

missionaries, who's main focus is working with the preachers in this country. In Honduras I will be working with Larry Calendine who works in Honduras, Panama and El Salvador.

Please keep us in your prayers that we can be effective in both locations in spreading the gospel.

The Huffman Household-News from Sharon

At the present, things are fairly quiet around our house. Natalia, our daughter is home on summer break from college. She attends Freed-Hardeman University where she is majoring in accounting with an emphasis in Business. She is very strong in her faith and does not hesitate to stand up for what she believes in. Dave and I are very proud of her.

She will be going on a mission trip this summer to the San Blas Islands in Panama. She went last year and not only fell in love with the area but the people, as well. She thoroughly enjoyed herself and is very delighted to be going back again this year.

Upon returning to school in the fall, she will be studying abroad in Tuscany, Italy. She will remain there for about three months, a complete semester, and is looking forward to all the opportunities this will afford her. At the age of 20, she has traveled quite a bit and loves it. I have to admit that she's gotten that traveling gene both from her dad and myself.

I stay busy with a job at Valdosta State University. I work in the office of Student Accounts as a Senior Secretary. I have been with the university for four and a half years and have worked in the Students Accounts Office for two of those.

Besides working at the university, I try to be involved with the ladies at church. I "head up" the once a month evening ladies' class. At the present we are studying the book "The Begging Place" by Becky Fowler Blackmon. It's a wonderful book about prayer and has already had an impact on my life. In addition to taking charge of the ladies class, I have done some occasional teaching. I have taught the Wednesday nights ladies' class when called upon and have also taught a few lessons with the monthly evening ladies' class. Additionally, I have spoken at our ladies' overnight event at Georgia Bible Camp and also served as a guest speaker at Union, South Carolina. If anyone had told me several years ago that I would be doing any of these things, I would have told them they were crazy. It's amazing what we can do when we allow God to control our lives.

Last but certainly not least, I would ask that you keep our son, David, in your prayers. He is 28 years old and has brought much joy to our lives. However, at this time, God and His Kingdom are not the focus in his life. I would ask that you would pray for him to one day be restored. He was brought up in the church from the time he was born. However, as parents, we regrettably know that we cannot make our faith the faith of our children. That is something that they have to find on their own. So please remember him in your prayers that Dave and I may one day be blessed to see him return his heart and soul to our Lord.

Thank you so much for all that you do in helping with the children of Latin America and the spreading of God's Word. God has certainly used you as His tools. May He richly bless each and every one of you.

Sharon

But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Brethren,

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support. We are currently short \$800.00 monthly of needed support. Please help as you can.

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