

“Give Ye Them To Eat”

Hello, “Give Ye Them to Eat” (GYTTE) family, friends, sponsors and followers!

We have been laboring ardously for the Lord and the expansion of His kingdom on earth, for the honor and glory is His.

As our final activity, of the year 2014, our Church and Faith Program hosted a UMC Men’s Retreat. The alluring theme was: “Restore Your Altar as Priest and Head of Your Household”. Our staff speakers were: Mirna Mendoza and Clara Palacios. Our guest Speaker was Mr. Moisés Pérez.

Mirna Mendoza focused on how demanding being a man can be yet stressed the fact that if men place themselves in God’s hands to fulfill His will, men’s lives will become fruitful giving testimony to their household and those that surround them. She emphasized that seeking God’s presence, nourishing themselves with His word and surrendering their will to Him will significantly make a difference in their lives only to become better. This can be accomplished by placing their trust and strength in the Lord. **Mark 10:26–27 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV).**

Clara Palacios shared how even when walking within God’s will, we are not exempt of times of temptation, trouble, difficulties and distress. She exhorted to know and trust that He is in the mist of confusion and doubt providing support and comfort to overcome any situation victoriously. These situations are to strengthen

our faith developing in us a Christ like character. **1 Corinthians 10:13 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW).**

Moisés Pérez provided the men with a review of their identity in Christ, their purpose within their family, community and church. He ministered to their needs guided by the Holy Spirit. Members of the UMC “El Buen Pastor” offered their musical talents for praise and the President of their Women’s Group, Ingrid Rivera ministered to the men directed by God’s grace. I give all the praise and glory to God for the men that heard His calling to attend and how the Lord fed his chosen! **1 Peter 2:9 GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)**



After the Men’s Retreat in December we began to get ready to receive mission teams that would be arriving during January 2015, through our AWARE Program, which stands for Alternative Work-study and Reality Experience, the mission members experienced awareness of the rural reality and needs of villagers while giving them an opportunity to respond to hunger and poverty through their service at our “Tree of Life” Training Center and surrounding rural communities in Mexico.

During January 2nd through January 10th, it was a pleasure to receive members from Tabernacle UMC in Virginia,

Northridge UMC and San Luis Obispo UMC in California.



They worked side by side with the local villagers preparing the land to receive seeds and planted them, rebuilt a barn roof improving its’ structure for the livestock, hauled the rubble from under the roof, began to build a stone floor for a new sightseeing devotional area, repaired the roof of the chicken’s pen, painted murals for our livestock devotion area, and repaired a mud grass wall leaving distinctive sculptures

within it. These were only some of the tasks they had. Preaching at the local church, leading the praise, collecting the offering, providing Three King’s Day gifts to the children at UMC “Getsemani”, and spending fellowship time with the local villagers of the congregation were blessed experiences for everyone. They saw how our GYTTE Health workers covered the topic of HIV-AIDS, (Their meaning, HIV transmission, Myths, Prevention Couples, Prevention of Mother to Child, including their particular treatment) as they educated the rural sector “El Limon” and provided AIDS preventive items (condoms and pregnancy tests) to them.



The emphasis was placed on prevention, early detection and information of public rural governmental health agencies that can offer them testing, treatment, appropriate prenatal care and psychological counseling. Touring Puebla and the Pyramids of “Teotihuacán” was breathtaking. How else could the mission AWARE members contrast rural and urban Mexican lifestyles. Enjoy seeing their moments of hard work, labor and leisure.

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January 16th the second AWARE Team arrived from Belmont UMC, Nashville Tennessee with members from Virginia and Florida.

The mayor interest of this AWARE Team was to learn local environmentally sound technologies they could share with local churches. These churches then could collaborate with their surrounding communities and countries as well.

They were educated on: the use and construction of the dry composting toilet, fuel –efficient mud stove, solar oven, vermiculture, compost–express, the square foot garden and recycled paper. Take a look at the on hand experiences they had with these technologies. They also replaced a barn roof improving it's structure for the livestock, milked cows and goats. Women gathered wood for our fuel efficient stove. Others continued to build the rock floor for the new sightseeing devotional area. Since this floor was built from scratch many trips to the river to gather rocks was an integral part of its' construction. The AWARE team members provided support to our health workers that were educating a rural community on Dental Hygiene and applying fluoride to its' participants. The AWARE team mingled with the villagers as they distributed primary dental items to villagers that attended. Touring Puebla's local touristic landmarks allowed the team to have a balance between hard labor and leisure time. Take a look!



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⁴⁴ All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other. ⁴⁵ From time to time, they made the possible arrangements to fulfill the needs of those that were less fortunate.

Acts 2:44-45 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

Our deepest gratitude to the AWARE Team leaders of UMC Belmont, Barbara and Joaquin Garcia, for coordinating and finalizing the deal of a new van for our GYTTE ministry. This was a burden the Lord placed in their hearts. God bless all the UM Churches and individuals that made this endeavor a reality. Thank you all for making this possible and for sharing!



God bless the congregations of these AWARE Teams whose representatives came to serve with humble hearts, shared their gifts and talents, established relationships with the village workers and gave testimony by representing Christ on earth to the impoverished rural sectors surrounding Tlancualpican, Puebla.

We invite you to come and experience all these: learning, labor, serving, spiritual and cultural experiences that just humble the soul and provide more contact with nature, making us AWARE of God's majesty and mercy to mankind as well as it instills within us the responsibility we have as stewards in the world we live in.

³⁵ I have given you an example that by working hard like this we should help the weak. We should remember the words that the Lord Jesus said, "Giving gifts is more satisfying than receiving them."

Acts 20:35 GOD'S WORD Translation (GW)

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