



"Give Ye Them To Eat"


An Integrated Development Program

The catalysts streams of the Mission "Give Ye Them to Eat", "Tree of Life" Training Center located in Tlancualpicán-Puebla, Mexico continue to feed not only its surrounding rural villages but urban communities in Puebla as well. What these communities have in common is the desire to be educated in order to transform communities and empower others. Our various programs enable this metamorphosis to begin. Take a look at our various programs and the impact they make in lives!




"More Than A Bandage", A Community and Family Health Program:

This program educates and equips village women as volunteer workers for preventive community-health care based issues. This training enables them to share what they have learned with others providing the opportunity to prevent serious diseases and identify illnesses in their earliest stage for adequate treatment. These women complete three courses within a year and a half to become hope to villagers that may not have the opportunity to receive health education, orientation nor medical attention.

 Graduated Health Promoters during the month of March 2014 visited the Miguel Hidalgo Primary School located in Chiautla, Puebla to provide a Preventive Dental Hygiene Workshops.



 Currently our main office staff gathered graduated Health workers and provided them the adequate educational materials to give support to Medical Teams that go to extremely remote poor sectors that would not have the possibility of medical attention. The extremely impoverished sectors



of Puebla they attended were: Tatoxcac, Ixtepec in March 30th through April 4th. The Medical Teams for the Tatoxcac, Ixtepec were coordinated by Dr. James A. Dougherty and Martha Cogburn. The Medical Team for Tochimizolco is coordinated by Lay Leader Larry Butler and Lois Waters. It will be held during April 24th through the 27th. Praise God for these professionals and Methodist churches that say: "Here we are Lord, use our hands and feet on this earth for your honor and glory!"



Our Community Development Program:

Empowers villagers to pinpoint and identify causes of community problems and learn how to overcome them with the adequate training, education and technologies that will be of low cost and effective for their particular rural reality. Some examples are: low cost housing construction, dry composting toilets, fuel efficient mud stoves, solar cookers, pumping systems and the recycling of resources.

- Mr. Margarito Torija Velázquez family, villagers of Cuautinchán-Puebla, February 19th and 20th held at his home two workshops: the Dry Composting Toilet and the Fuel-Efficient Mud Stove. The workshops were given by two of our staff members: Mr. Catalino Sánchez and Salatiel Rodríguez. It was amazing to see how the men and women of the community came together to learn about these technologies and contributed in the building of both projects for the Torija Velázquez family. This family was motivating the members of their community to apply these technologies in their homes because they are so appropriate and needed in their daily living reality. A few weeks later Mr. Margarito Torija Velázquez' initiative gave fruit! Two of his neighbors Rosa María Luna Trinidad and Felipa López González due to the training they had received at "Don" Margarito's home were able to build their own Fuel -Efficient Mud Stove March 9th, 2014. They realized it was a healthier option for them and their family.





† January 28th, 2014 a local middle school "Telesecundaria-Ortega y Gasset" from Cohetzala was given a Paper Recycling Workshop at their school. Approximately 30 people including students and school personnel took part in this workshop. Our staff: Estela Jiménez, Dionisia Sierra and Catalino Sánchez, provided the instruction and a support system to engage the students in this activity. The students were eager to learn the process of making recycled paper. This community event enlightened them on how wastes can be managed in a positive and constructive way while contributing to save our planet. The students joyfully prepared cards, envelopes and or bookmarkers for their Valentine sweethearts.



The Alternative Work-Study and Reality Experience known as the "A.W.A.R.E." Program":

Individuals transform their minds by stepping out of their comfort zone to open their eyes, minds and hearts to Mexico's rural needs and provides people opportunities to serve and respond to hunger and poverty in our interrelated world. It also opens the door to education and work experiences for Mexican and international visitors, volunteers, and teams to raise their awareness of real human needs in extremely difficult situations. The educational and work experiences allow the team members to experience a sneak peak of all our programs and understand the true rural reality that surrounds them.



🌐 February 21st, 2014 The Professor Investigator José Mariano López Fuentes of



the Benemérita University located in Acatzingo-Puebla brought his second year Agro. Engineers to our Mission: "Give Ye Them to Eat", Tree of Life Training Center and through our A.W.A.R.E Program, they were able to learn about alternative construction Materials and Methods, this was their major interest. Dry Composting Toilets, Water Pumping Systems, Fuel Efficient Mud Stove, Solar Cookers, Dehydration of Fruits and Vegetables and Recycling were also covered. The students had a blast with the recycled tire playground. Their inner child took power of them. Our staff members: Catalino Sánchez, Estela Jiménez, and Salatiel Rodríguez educated the students in a way they were able to grasp that in rural areas there will always be a better way to live if people are educated, value their natural resources and recycle wisely.



🌐 The following educational institutions considered our A.W.A.R.E experience to be a fundamental an integrated part of their curriculum as a means of creating consciousness of Mexico's needy rural sectors while shedding light on alternatives to alleviate such suffering. These institutions brought their students:

March 4th , 2014 – Technological Institute of Tlautla

March 13th, 2014 – The University of Cuautla – Morelos

March 15th, 2014 – The College of Teachers from Izúcar of Matamoros

March 25th–27th, 2014 The College of Bachelor Technological Agriculture from Axochiapan

Our Live Stock Development Program:



Individuals are taught how to genetically improve the livestock of a region, increase small animal production, provide animal care of proteins which all combined will increase family income. Additional aid is provided to locals by selling food and producing animals at a subsidized price.

🐄 Our staff at the (GYTTE), "Tree of Life Training Center" not only educates but care for our livestock applying environmentally-sound livestock management practices and process livestock produce such as milk and cheese. This offers the local villagers a dignified way of making a living and the availability to consume nutritious goods at a minimum cost.

Our Agricultural Development Program:


Individuals learn to preserve and enhance the condition of land in order to boost agricultural production that can improve family nutrition and income. Courses of: contour terracing, methods of soil conservation, composting and manure usage, vermiculture, family gardens integrating multipurpose trees, crops and medicinal plants enable these agricultural advances to occur.


☼ Our staff at the (GYTTE), "Tree of Life Training Center" not only educate but additionally care for, preserve and enhance the condition of land while farming and collecting crops. More opportunities to offer this impoverished sector an honorable way of generating an income while providing wholesome products at a low cost to villagers.



The Church and Faith Development Program

Individuals embrace spiritual growth through the development of Christian education materials which are produced internally at our main office for the expansion of the gospel. Our training events for laity and clergy provide spiritual growth to the Methodist congregations. Hosting retreats and camp experiences for children, youth and adults are additional opportunities to evangelize. All these opportunities urge the connection of individuals their faith and church involvement.

 Currently our staff is tempering Vacation Bible School Material to the reality of rural Mexican children and will be completing this task in May for the summer of 2014.

 Christian instructional material was prepared and shared with the children of Ixtepec and Tatoxcac, Puebla March 2014.



Friendship Scholarship Program:



Individuals pursue education through donor's admirable giving. These contributions have aided the education of many of our staff and their children. Free education in Mexico does not exist. Education costs begin in Kindergarten through College. Children barely have the opportunity to a successful education because of the family economical constraints they face just to meet their basic needs of food and shelter. Donors that sponsor this Friendship Scholarship Program receive letters and updates of their academic progress and accomplishments.



Currently we have six students coursing various educational stages from Elementary through College that are being blessed through this program. Any amount sent to the Friendship Scholarship Program aids these children's educational development.



You can clearly see how the six programs of the Mission "Give Ye Them to Eat" is an oasis with its six programs, catalytic waters that nourish, serve and bless Puebla's rural and surrounding communities. It is through God's mercy and the giving of gracious donors that this ministry continues to prevail since 1977. Our founders Muriel and Terry Henderson could not have stated it more clearly with their favorite Chinese Proverb:

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people"

We invite you to come and enjoy a visit with us here in the Mission "Give Ye Them to Eat", located in Puebla, Mexico. It comprises countless natural beauty of God's creation and a profound warmth of the heart of our staff and the locals enabling us to see Christ on earth. The reaction to such magnificence humbles the soul to immediately thank God inspiring us to value and care for his creation as faithful stewards. If I have not been able to inspire you read the impressions of those that have come and nourished their souls with such an unforgettable experience.

In trying to think of where I saw God, I find it more accurate to ask where didn't I see God?! My answer is there wasn't any place where I didn't see God! Such things as friendly faces, patient guides, presentation and renewal of God's Creation, not to mention the programs and mission, all bear the Face of God. The health ministry sticks out the most for me. I can better see God!
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I leave this place with the knowledge necessary to create awareness to others of the technologies that can help improve their living possibilities and conditions.

I have to admit I was not use to this type of work but this experience has allowed me to value agricultural work and take with me valuable information to my congregation.

It's amazing to see how we made a stove using only my land resources making it cheap and feasible. The teachings were hands on and practical, while providing easy understandable written material. The community involvement was amazing. Two great projects were accomplished the Fuel Efficient Mud Stove and the Dry Composting Toilets. (Workshop given at Mr. Margarito Torija Velázquez home)

It would be a pleasure to share more of this ministry with you and your congregation contact us.

God bless you!

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