



# THEY'RE LOOKING FOR JESUS ... ... AND THEIR LOOKING AT US

Dear CERT family,

June 25, 2017

A small CERT medical team just returned from Guatemala, ministering to Mayan descendants in the Sierra Madre de Chiapas. Volcanic mountains located on the Pacific side of Guatemala. **Thanks to Jesus and you, we treated 272 patients, gave away 576 prescriptions, prayed / witnessed to most everyone ... and led a mother and daughter to eternal Life through Jesus Christ.**

We believe touching the physical needs is "THE" drawing card, a model Jesus often used. Psych 101 basically teaches the same philosophy; *until pain is removed, hunger is cured and shelter from the elements provided ... people don't look for nor hear much else.* Tis human nature ... a loving physical touch opens hearts to more!

The most important thing we can do for anyone is to bring them to Jesus. Forever is a long time and we are His witnesses ... **TIME/our life is the most valuable thing we can give to help others find The Way.** Sometimes our lives, just like our medical clinics get soooooo busy, we feel like we don't have time to give ... *sadly, Jesus gets pushed aside.*

Because of your prayers and support ... we are able to go and touch the physical needs. **More importantly we do our best to sit one-on-one with every patient ... and listen.** Following are personal stories of how giving Guatemalans our time, ourselves ... brought them into His presence.

## WHEN STRANGERS COME FROM AFAR ... PEOPLE NOTICE!

**THEY WONDER WHY? AND WHEN WE TELL THEM JESUS BROUGHT US HERE JUST FOR THEM; LOVE MOVES IN.** THANKS TO JESUS, YOU AND TEAM MEMBERS, MOST EVERY PATIENT LEAVES CERT CLINICS ... **TOUCHED BY LOVE, MORE LIKE JESUS.**

We met Isabel in the village of Santa Maria. The first line on her prayer requests referenced her mom, who passed on three years ago. **As soon as we broached the subject she began to weep.** Isabel and her mom had some differences. And Isabel was still carrying the guilt and pain of those difficult times.

*The enemy is relentless at packing our baggage. Argghhh!* Without help, we carry it for years. **However, Isabel heard the voice of truth and cast that yoke upon Jesus** (Matthew 11:28-30). Being her mom was also a believer, we boldly proclaimed His promises, insuring Isabel that they would have joyous celebration, reunited in heaven. She passed by later in a 3-wheeled taxi ... with a huge smile on her face.

Twelve year old Angel lives in the village of Santa Clara. **I had to fight back the tears when I saw this child's prayer request ... "my father drinks too much".** We thank God for bringing us here to **be with** Angel, encouraging him in Jesus.

Brought to the clinic by his aunt; accompanied by cousins ... we asked Angel's family to pray daily with him. **We also encouraged them to spend more TIME with Jesus/in the Word, where Peace and Power and Provision come!**



**BECAUSE WE BELIEVE AND PRAY ... JESUS ANSWERS.** (Matthew 21:22)

Olynda was one of our Guatemalan translators for the week. **Most often, we get to know the translators more ... because we are with them more; TIME.** On the third clinic day, Olynda asked if I would go pray with her brother, Eduardo. So we arranged for Eduardo to join us for dinner that night. Turns out Eduardo has had a drinking problem too, but has stopped for a couple of months.

Eduardo brought many questions to the table, looking for weapons to combat his demons. Our bus driver, Manuel also sat with us. I had had some **Jesus TIME** with Manuel earlier in the day; he too brought many questions to the table. **We prayed and found answers to all their questions in Scripture.**

**A POWER FILLED EVENING ...SHARING THE WORD/TRUTH ... TIME WITH JESUS ... WHERE ALL ANSWERS LIVE ... PEACE IS EXPERIENCED ... ABUNDANT LIFE FOUND!**

The next day ... Olynda asked if I would go pray for her sick sister, Olivia. **For six months Olivia has had worms in her stool and the local doctors can't get rid of them.** That evening after our closing banquet another team member, another Olivia and I went to Olynda's casa. She led us into a small room where four of her sisters were together. →



After introductions, we gathered around Olivia, laid hands on her and prayed. Her sisters tears poured out on Olivia as we called to the Lord. Olynda then asked us to pray over Samantha who is pregnant ... than we prayed over Wilma and her two month old son Roberto.

*Then I turned to the youngest, 15 year old Dina and asked her, "what do you want Jesus to do for you"?* **Lifting her hands to the heavens Dina cried, "I need Jesus to help change me. I have not been living right, staying out very late at night, worrying my mother and sisters."** **REPENTENCE** is a beautiful thing to witness and experience. Dina had seen/felt the presence of the Lord and she could hold Him back no longer. **TRUTH ALWAYS PREVAILS !**

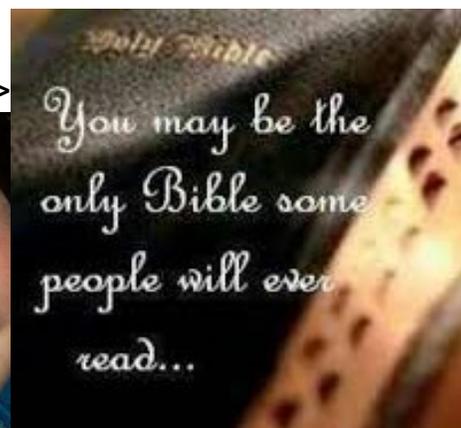
Our closing banquets are always powerful; a time where team members and national partners testify to "special moments." Personally, my special moment was the Power of His Presence with Olynda's family. **PRAYING AND TESTIFYING ... TRUTH ... ALL ... IS FOUND IN TIME WITH JESUS.**

**Thanks to you ... already this year 2093 people have been touched by the love of Jesus in CERT clinics.** With five trips behind us and six more remaining ... we need you! Together, we are the Love of Christ to ALL. Humbly we ask, please pray and please give?

Sincerely,

Bruce Rainwater  
CERT Staff ><>

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**PS ...** we have two big teams departing this month. Please send your best gift today to help insure we send our very best for Jesus!