

My Father's House Mission and Fernandez Family Christmas Letter, December 2009



The poor will eat and be satisfied;
they who seek the Lord will praise him
may your hearts live forever
Psalm 22:26

It is the Christmas season again; time to celebrate and rejoice with our loved ones; time to reflect and give thanks for what God has done in our lives; time to praise God for his precious Gift for us; time to share with others the love of Jesus in us.

As I reflect in verse 26 of chapter 22 of the book of Psalms, I ask myself this question: how many poor and hungry people exist in the world today? The answer: **Already more than 1,000 million hungry people in the world, according to the UN.**

The report published by FAO and WFP notes that **almost all malnourished people live in developing countries.** Thus, in the Asian Pacific region there are 642 million hungry people; 265 million in sub-Saharan Africa; Latin America and the Caribbean have 53 million; in the Middle East and North Africa are 42 million; and in developed countries 15 million.

I remember when I was a kid going to my neighbor's house to ask for food. On another occasion when I was hungry I went to the grocery store around the corner from my house and stole a piece of bread. I got caught by the store attendant and she left a scar on my hand with her finger nails. I still have the scar more than 40 years later. But God took my life and I received Jesus when I was young boy. He changed my hopeless situation and the prophecy in Psalm 22: 26 became real to me: **my daily bread and eternal life**

What can we do today to help the poor and the hungry? Let's see what the Bible says about it. In **Luke 3:11 John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."**

John 6:48 I am the bread of Life (Jesus' words)

Please share your food, and give Jesus to others.

Carlos



My Father's House Ministry, Praise and Prayer report.

Highlights and accomplishments of the year 2009

September 2009 was our five-year anniversary as full-time missionaries in Guatemala! We praise God for his faithfulness and provision during these years, and the confirmation of the ministry He gave to us.

We thank God for our support team, a faithful group of men and women who have been praying for us and who have provided for us financially for all these years. Thank you! We praise God for you!

Another major accomplishment is the incorporation of My Father's House Ministry in the USA. Now we are a legal corporation. We are just waiting for the not-for-profit status with the IRS. Special thanks to Ken King, a friend who is a lawyer and voluntary did all the legal work.

This past summer we had our first official Board of Directors meeting in Dayton Ohio.

Here are the names of the Board of Directors of My Father's House Ministry: Dr. Andy Campbell, Mr. Jim Kohls, Mr. and Mrs. Bud and Marty Ragan, Mr. Ken King, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos and Heidi Fernandez.

Another highlight from this year was hosting 13 short-term missions' teams. They came to work in the areas of medical, dental, construction, gospel presentation, outreach, and evangelism.

These were some of the accomplishments:

Free Medical and Dental care for the poor



Gospel was presented and adults and children received The Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



Help was provided to build an elementary Christian school



3 houses for poor families were built in Tabacal



20 wood burning stoves were built in Tabacal



Help was provided for the construction of a church building in Lacama 2



To God be all the glory for the way He used and blessed his people.

Prayer Requests and important Goals for the New Year 2010

My Father's House Ministry would like to continue to do the ministry that God has called us to do, but we would also like to grow and expand and look for new horizons, build a new platform and look for a new network of people and institutions who have the vision to help and reach the poor with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We would also like to continue doing the good works that God wants us to do. We would like to continue to be facilitators of missionary work in Guatemala and provide opportunities for others to come and serve God and people.

My Father's House Ministry wants to focus on helping in two Mayan villages or communities, with their spiritual growth and their community development.

Here are some goals that My Father's House Ministry would like to accomplish next year in Tabacal and Lacama, the two Mayan communities.

Tabacal:

Begin a children's Bible study together with a feeding program

Build a dinning room and new kitchen in the church

Build a medical clinic

Build more homes

Provide medical and dental clinics

Help to improve the elementary school and education program

Economic and agricultural development

Develop a micro-business and micro-loan program

Lacama:

Help with the building of the new church, with capacity for more than

300 people

Provide medical and dental clinics

Investigate how to improve the economic and agricultural development in this village



Small business

Food for the poor

Develop a micro-business and micro-loan program

The Fernandez Family...

Our family is doing well learning and growing in the Lord, which is very exciting.

Carlos had an injury from a palm tree thorn about 3 months ago and after two month of seeking medical attention he went to a hand specialist in the city and had emergency surgery. It took the doctor 1 ½ in the operating room to remove and clean the affected area. His recovery is slow but we trust he will have a full recovery. **Pray for his complete healing.**

Heidi had been doing better after dealing with the flu and 2 months with flu-like symptoms. **Pray that God will finish working and give her full health.** We are grateful for how much her health has improved.

Charles is doing well in school and becoming an athlete with a heart for sports (taking after his dad). He is going to turn 14 this month and we are grateful for the heart and leadership that God has given him.

Danny turned 12 years old on November 20. He is turning into a handsome young man. He is doing well; involved in Karate classes and working hard in school. **Pray that the Lord will bless him and help him with his school work.** He will be going to middle school next year and as he is getting prepared for that, the work is more challenging.

Allyson is doing very well. She is 8 years old and one of the best Karate students in her class. She competed in two Karate competitions these past months and won first place in both of them. She is getting ready for a Karate show on December 12. **Pray for God's blessings to always be over her.**

Pray for God's safety and protection over our family as we serve and live here in Guatemala.

Blessings to all of you this Christmas and the wisdom and knowledge of God be in your hearts to do what He has created you do.

In His Service,

Carlos, Heidi, Charles, Danny and Allyson



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