

MOUNTAIN MILESTONES

News from Bill and Linda Brierly in Guatemala



Remember our "Teeter Totter" days as kids? Remember the sheer exhilaration and sense of freedom on the way UP...Whoopee! Remember the thrill of fear and dread on the way DOWN...Thunk*? But under girding the UPS and DOWNS, we felt the solid confidence that ALL was WELL.

"Sube Baja" is the Spanish version of Teeter Totter. And in the first two months of this year we have had a dizzying series of "SUBES" and "Bajas", UPS and DOWNS.

Whoopee!

The first ever ASOSAP Bible Seminar for Rural Pastors was a huge success. Two pastors and 2 church leaders from Michigan and Texas taught our 6 ASOSAP staff and 16 Pokomchi pastors for a week. The pastors soaked up the teaching hungrily and petitioned the teaching pastors to please come back. They want more! God-willing there will be other Bible Seminars this November and next February.

Thunk*

Ricardo, our agricultural tech, leadership trainer, and goat project trainer and coordinator, was discovered defrauding villagers of their money in the name of ASOSAP. He refused to acknowledge this or apologize and so we had to fire him. It was a HUGE BLOW to our work and to us personally. He was like family to us.

Whoopee!

Mission Fest Vancouver was a very positive and fruitful experience. Many seeds for the future were sown through serious enquiries and desires expressed to be part of one of our short term teams. Two young ladies, Anita and Clarissa, are already signed up to come down on a team this June. Also, we were introduced to the God,s Story project and have already signed on to partner with it. We will help dub the 80-minute DVD, telling the story of salvation from Genesis to Revelations, into Pokomchi. This dynamic DVD has

already brought salvation to many people in indigenous groups all over the world, especially in Africa and India. We are VERY excited to see what God has in store for the Pokomchi through this DVD!

Thunk*

The village of San Sebastian has withdrawn from our education and agricultural programs. Our relationship with them has ended prematurely at their own request.

Whoopee!

Thanks to a grant we received for the Health Post, plus donations of dressing materials from folks in our home church and from a church in Michigan, they will once again have adequate supplies of medication and medical materials. The 2 nurses have been working hard and doing a great job. They saved 35 lives in the first 7 months that the Health Post has been open.

Thunk*

Linda, after 3 months of rest and treatment in the States, continues with headaches and fatigue. But all the staff has made adjustments to accommodate her reduced capacity for work. Everyone is in good spirits and pulling together.

Whoopee!

Twenty five mothers and 70 children turned out for our first "Grupo Ana" of the year! This is a monthly event in our village designed as fellowship and teaching for the Christians and as an outreach for the non-Christians. It is co-led by 2 of the younger mothers of our village, Blanca and Idalia.

Whoopee!

God is growing us and our staff deeper into Him. Our 3 guys, for the first time ever are praying out loud and giving staff devotions. We ladies have started one day a week of fasting and prayer. God is slowly but surely molding us more into the image of His Son.

Above all, we feel under girded by God's Love and Grace.

Bill and Linda

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