

## **MOUNTAIN MILESTONES**

News from Bill and Linda Brierly in Guatemala

**Show Time! - July 2009**

**TA DAAA.....! Welcome ladies and gentlemen to the Greatest Show on Earth - God's Faithfulness Extravaganza!**

AFTER YEARS OF OUR DREAMING, HOPING, PRAYING, DESPAIRING, QUESTIONING, STRIVING....  
RELENTLESSLY WAITING....GOD HAS SPEEDILY GONE INTO ACTION.

### PERFECT FIT

FIRST AND FOREMOST, GOD HAS SENT US SHAWN AND NATALIE SAGERT AND THEIR 3 CHILDREN TO BECOME THE NEW FIELD COORDINATORS OF ASOSAP. STARTING NEXT SPRING, BILL AND I WILL MOVE INTO THE POSITION OF INTERNATIONAL COORDINATORS, BASED IN CANADA, BUT REMAINING ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE MINISTRY. NOW FOR THE FUN PART, THE PERFECT FIT PART -

- **MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY:** SHAWN AND NATALIE, LIKE US, TRAINED WITH AND WORKED IN THE FIELD FOR FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY; THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MINISTERING TO PEOPLE IN A HOLISTIC, INTEGRATED WAY, AS CHRIST DID.

THEY ARE BOTH CANADIANS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

THEY HAVE ALREADY LIVED AND WORKED IN GUATEMALA WITH ANOTHER MAYAN GROUP, FOR OVER 2 YEARS

- SHAWN IS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE; NATALIE HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE MINISTERING TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH THROUGH YWAM (NATALIE WAS BORN IN BRITAIN, LIKE BILL!)

THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE FIELD IS OPEN-ENDED, RELYING ON GOD'S DIRECTION.

SHAWN WILL WORK FULL-TIME WITH THE MINISTRY; NATALIE WILL BE "BEHIND THE SCENES" AS SHE MOTHERS AND HOME-SCHOOLS THEIR 3 CHILDREN.

OUR POKOMCHI STAFF HAVE MET THEM, SPENT TIME WITH THEM, AND ACCEPT THEM AS A GOOD FIT (IMPORTANT!)

### HURRAHS AT THE HEALTH POST

OUR NURSE ROBERTO, AS OF THIS MONTH, IS BEING PAID FULL-TIME BY THE GUATEMALAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH. HIS POSITION IS NOW IN THEIR BUDGET. THIS MEANS THAT ASOSAP NOW HAS MORE MONEY TO SPEND ON THE MEDICINES WHICH, MEANS MORE LONGEVITY FOR THE PROJECT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THROUGH THE EXPERTISE OF DR. MICHAEL, WE HAVE ORIENTED ROBERTO AND

HIS PATIENTS ABOUT MORE APPROPRIATE USE OF THE MEDICINES. THE RESULT? ASOSAP IS SPENDING OVER 30% LESS ON BUYING MEDICINES. MORE LONGEVITY FOR THE PROJECT! AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS RECOMMITTED ITSELF TO WORK WITH US AND ANOTHER LOCAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH POST AS A PROTOTYPE FOR ALL OF GUATEMALA. THIS COULD INVOLVE THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNITY-MANAGED MEDICINAL PLANT GARDEN, TEACHING VIDEOS IN POKOMCHI SHOWN IN THE WAITING ROOM, AND EVEN A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO DOCUMENTING THE BEGINNINGS OF THE HEALTH POST AND ASOSAP'S ROLE IN IT. EXCITING STUFF, INDEED!

### GLORY TO GOD AND HIS STORY

SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY HEARD THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR PROGRESS WITH THE GOD'S STORY PROJECT, SO PLEASE FORGIVE THE REPETITION.

THE GRAND "KICK OFF" EVENT ON JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. ONE HUNDRED CHURCH LEADERS ATTENDED. THEY REPRESENTED ALL THE SECTORS OF THE POKOMCHI AREA, 2 CHRISTIAN RADIO STATIONS, A LARGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, AND 3 DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS. THEY ALL RECEIVED THE PROJECT WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND, THAT VERY DAY, WITH MUCH PRAYER, CHOSE THE 8 PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL BE THE HEAD, THE CORNERSTONE, OF THE PROJECT.

SINCE THEN, THIS COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH GLENDA AND DOLORES, HAVE HAD 2 PLANNING MEETINGS, WORKING ON POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND DOING A BASELINE SURVEY OF NEEDS AND WANTS IN EACH OF THE SECTORS. AFTER THEY HAVE FINISHED THIS, WE CAN PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT AND MAKE THE DVD'S ACCORDINGLY.

A KEY PART OF THE PROJECT IS A TEAM OF POKOMCHI INTERCESSORS. THEY COVER EVERY ASPECT OF THE PROJECT IN PRAYER. WE URGE YOU ALL TO JOIN IN COVERING THIS VITAL PROJECT WITH YOUR PRAYERS, AS WELL.

### THE GREATEST GOD ON EARTH

HE HAS **SHOWN US**, YET AGAIN...

- JUST HOW FAITHFUL HE IS

JUST HOW EXTRAVAGANT HE IS

JUST HOW FRUITFUL OUR RELENTLESS WAITING WAS

WE NOW ARE ABLE TO TRUST HIM MORE EASILY, FRET AND STRIVE LESS. OUR HEAD KNOWLEDGE OF OUR GOD HAS BEEN WOVEN A LITTLE MORE TIGHTLY INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES AS LIVING FAITH.

AWED AND HUMBLED,

*BILL AND LINDA*

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