



MOUNTAIN MILESTONES

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Through Christ's love, help people reach their God-given potential

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New Health Post Supports Life



On August 1st, one month after the new health post had opened, Olivia (above) detected signs of danger in a pregnant woman who had come to her clinic. The woman had what

medical professionals call “pre-eclampsia”, a condition that could endanger the life of both the mother and the child.

Olivia promptly sent the woman to the small government hospital

in our market town of San Cristobal. They quickly sent the woman to the big hospital in the nearby city of Coban, for monitoring and treatment.

Alicia, who we introduced to you in the June

newsletter, and Olivia, both scholarship graduates, have decided to share the full-time position at the new health post.

When on their 2-week shift, they live at the health post, which is even more remote than our other one. They are on the front line of making a difference for many mountain people—men, women, and children - between health or illness, life or death, hope or despair.

True, they are new at the job. They can't turn to a supervisor on hand and ask for advice.

But they have doctors available at the other end of a cell phone. They have their very hands-on training, and they have their faith in God and their courage.

They are standing in the gap for their people.

Please send out your thoughts and prayers for them.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is doing the right thing in spite of fear.

Anonymous

Here's What's Coming Up...

*September:
..Texas Team
..Bill & Linda go to Guatemala for 6 weeks

*October:
..Rural Pastors' Bible Seminar
..Preliminary Step of New Agricultural Program
..Investigation into a Marketing Program for Local Crafts

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Lending a Helping Hand

“TULA SALUD asked us to help them with some translations and we said ‘yes, we would”, Glenda told Linda in a recent phone call.

So Glenda, Dolores, and Conzuelo have started translating health protocols from Spanish to Pokomchi for TULA, a Canadian-sponsored health organization that also promotes health initiatives in remote mountain areas.

Once in Pokomchi, the health protocols will be installed on special cell phones that the many health promoters in the mountains use to guide them in giving appropriate and safe first-line health care to their people.

What a great way to help people help themselves!



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PONDER...

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The International Scene

What have Bill and Linda been up to this summer?

Besides the ongoing phone meetings, email chats, and other office activities that keep the vital network of ministry partners vibrant and current, they have made two North American ministry trips. The first was to an old friend in a new church in Edmonton, Alberta. The second was to Bellingham, WA., Mission and Salt Spring Island, BC.

And we are excited about the outcomes!

The Edmonton church is thinking about sending a team next year. A new Christian education organization in Bellingham would like to send a group next year. And the Birchwood Presbyterian church in Bellingham is already planning for its next team. We also have 3 people confirmed for a combined Canadian team for 2013, from 4 different churches, including a new church in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan.

We feel as if God has taken our few loaves and fishes and has multiplied them to feed many!

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