



Give Ye Them To Eat

An Integrated Development Program



SUMMER 2013

Dear AWARE Team Leaders, Team Members, Volunteers, Donors and Friends of GYTTE:

This letter is coming to you with updates from the "Give Ye Them To Eat" program. The summertime ministries at the "Tree of Life" Training Center in Tlancualpican had the energetic GYTTE staff hopping! June, July and August were primarily dedicated to workshops and guided tours, etc., when our brothers and sisters in Mexico were better able to take advantage of all that the training center has to offer as well being able to withstand the summer heat in Tlancualpican! And, the summer record was broken once again, not only by the heat index but, more importantly, by the number served, 242 people in all!!!

DURING THE SUMMER 2013 THE STAFF LED:

Seven Workshops and Courses



- ✓ A Workshop on the materials GYTTE produced for Vacation Bible School [50 participants]



- ✓ A Workshop on the Dehydration of Fruits and Vegetables for food security [25 participants]



- ✓ A Workshop on the Processing of Recycled Paper for handicrafts [26 participants]



- ✓ A Vermiculture Workshop (Worm farming) to generate nutrient-rich organic fertilizer [3 participants]



✓ A Workshop on the Construction of Solar Ovens for zero-cost cooking (the construction materials used are cardboard boxes, aluminum foil, newspapers and a sheet of windowpane glass [19 participants])



✓ A Course on Pajarcilla Construction (Pajarcilla is a traditional building technique using hand formed lumps of earth mixed with straw.) [21 students from a vocational school in the nearby town of Axochiapan]



✓ A Course on Natural Paints for houses, using plants and soils of various types and colors [21 participants]

Five Guided Tours of the Training Center

A New.....Old Technology for the Training Center



✓ Demonstrating the 6 different ministry areas and the appropriate technologies used and taught at the Center [a total of 77 participants who also enjoyed the "by-product" of homemade ice cream and yogurt made from goat's milk as well as snacks cooked in the Solar Oven]



✓ Construction of a small dam to use with an old type of pumping system, a water-wheel! The Water Wheel was purchased and donated by the Rotary Foundation.

ADDITIONAL BLESSINGS:

To add to the excitement, our Brown Swiss Cow had a female calf! That means more yogurt, more ice cream, more cheese, and more outreach through the Livestock Development ministry.

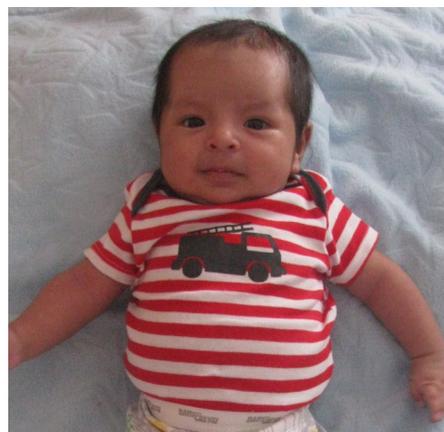


And yet more exciting than that: The “GYTTE Staff Family” also had Two New Additions!!!

Mirna and Catalino Sanchez Mendoza welcomed **Abram** on July 18th; and then Clara and Castulo Muñoz Palacios welcomed **Angel Gabriel** on August 15th! Andres and Pablito are the two proud older brothers!



Sanchez Family: Catalino, Mirna, baby Abram and Andres.



Angel Gabriel, son of Clara and Castulo Muñoz.

And because of the equally wonderful support from the Puebla Office and Training Center Staff, the GYTTE program, in general, is doing well and busier than ever. This unique ministry with disadvantaged rural families in south-central Mexico is thriving, as is evident from all that we’ve shared here.

UPCOMING EVENTS WE’LL BE SHARING IN FUTURE UPDATES:

- ⇒ A Grant from Rotary International will fund equipment purchases for additional technologies.
- ⇒ The Advanced Health Course [the third and final one!] for the current class of Primary, Community-based Healthcare Workers is scheduled for this fall.
- ⇒ Classes, courses, workshops, retreats and guided tours will be scheduled as churches, schools and village groups request these activities.
- ⇒ The 2014 Calendar is filling up, with January and February scheduled for two AWARE Teams from Tennessee (Belmont and Brentwood UMC) and Indiana (Simpson UMC).
- ⇒ Winter 2014 is when the students from the Baez Camargo Methodist Seminary in Mexico City will exchange their city life for a week of rural reality at the Center to learn low-tech practices and how to teach them to others.

This is your personal invitation to continue in ministry with us through the "Give Ye Them To Eat" project:

You may want to check the Advance income with www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/07629A. The goal budgeted from the Advance for 2013 was \$170,000. and \$66,201.79 (39%) has been received to date. Mission giving is normally low during the summer months and this time of transition in missionary leadership has brought about a severe drop in donations as well. We need your help! Please be sure that your church has sent your financial commitment to the Advance [#07629A]. Your mission gifts are vital to continue the ministry momentum demonstrated in this update, and until the new missionaries are named by the General Board of Global Ministries.

You, like we, are often asked "What is going on at GYTTE?" Spread the word by inviting your friends to become a follower on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/GiveYeThemToEat! We currently have around 90 followers. LET'S MAKE IT 900!

This unique and powerful ministry served approximately 12,520 people from June 2012 to June 2013.

We give infinite gratitude to God for the lives of Terry and Muriel Henderson, who have developed this wonderful ministry; and we hope they are enjoying their well-deserved retirement. Please keep them and all the GYTTE staff in your prayers.

We are waiting with anticipation to hear from the General Board of Global Ministries who will be the new missionaries assigned to the GYTTE project. Although we do not know their names, God does. Please pray for them as God prepares them for ministry in Mexico.

In Christ,

STAFF

Mirna Mendoza – Administrator & Program Coordinator
Catalino Sanchez – Training Center Manager & Pueblo Partners Program Coordinator
Clara Palacios – Bilingual Secretary & Web Site Manager
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Eunice Márquez – Administrative Assistant
Verónica Palacios de Cruz – Health Program Coordinator
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Dionicia Sierra – Landscaper – Seamstress
Albérica de la Rosa – Custodian
Carlos Ramírez – Shop Technician / Welder
Liborio Marín – Farm Worker
Marcelino Pérez – Farm Worker
Juan Lauro Ramales – Livestock Caretaker

WORK TEAMS LEADERS / VOLUNTEERS

Annette Smart –Platte Woods UMC - MO
Dwight Armstrong – Brentwood UMC - TN
Gary & Linda Gross – Tabernacle UMC - VA
Grant and Jean Hartman – Simpson UMC - IN
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How to donate to the "Give Ye Them To Eat" Program through the GBGM Advance

Through the Advance 100% of your donation will reach the GYTTE Ministry in Mexico.

Have the mission project name and code number ready: **Give Ye Them To Eat** No. 07629A

- ◆ GIVE THROUGH YOUR CHURCH: Make check payable to your local church, with the project name and code number noted on the check and have your church send your donation to the Advance GCFA address noted below. (GCFA stands for General Committee on Finance and Administration.)
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