

THE DEVOTIONAL & WORSHIP TIMES AT THE LIFE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

(translated from Spanish to English)

God is speaking to the children. He is giving them wisdom and understanding. He is healing their hearts, bodies, minds and souls of much pain. The grace of God is being poured out and lives are being changed. Many children have given their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ in the devotionals in the schools.

Many families that were destroyed have been restored through the children who have taken the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ into their homes. As the children worship and praise God in their homes, their parents have become greatly affected and many have given their lives to the Lord; people who we never thought would step foot in a service, now have come to church.

Some parents have asked permission to watch the school devotionals and the Presence of God has touched them. They have poured their hearts out before God and they have cried with

sincere words; confessing to God their need of Him.

God is working through the schools in this community, in this municipality and in this country in general, affecting in a positive way the lives of many families.

Edgar Suc Juárez.

Principal of the Vida (Life) Senior High School, Tactic, Guatemala

Director of the Agriculture Self-Sustainability Project

Truly, this is the heart of our ministry in Guatemala. Encountering the Lord through intimate times of worship has a way of overstepping the challenges of life; it washes the soul and purifies the mind, it gives hope and purpose and it gives Jesus His rightful place....as Saviour & LORD!
Les Peters



Hector Beb, Principal of Chicoy Vida School, leading elementary students into the Presence of God. Hector was in the first graduating class of Impact Ministries Vida schools. He now has his education degree and is leading the next generation into a future with purpose and direction.

UPCOMING SHORT TERM MISSION TEAMS

Evangelical Free Church
Kamloops BC (Aug 19 - 31)

Big River Evangelical Free
Big River SK (Aug 31 - Sept 11)

Child Sponsorship Team
(Sept 11 - 22)

Peterborough, ON
(Sept 22 - Oct 3)

Kamloops Alliance Church
Kamloops BC (Oct 3 - 14)

Harvest Bible Chapel
Iowa (Oct 14 - 24)

Are you interested in bringing a Short-Term Mission Team group to Guatemala?

We would LOVE to have you!

For booking your team in 2012 & 2013 please contact Bev Crozier teams@impactministries.ca for more information. Team information is posted on our website www.impactministries.ca



TIM TURNS THREE

On the stormy night of July 20, 2008, an infant abandoned by his mother was discovered by the vigilant Tactic firemen.

A scribbled scrap of paper indicated that the new-born should be given to Les and Rita Peters for them to raise as their own son.

For those of you who have visited Tactic in these last three years, you will have met our joyous treasure... Tim.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE – CHILD SPONSORSHIP

There is nothing quite like meeting your sponsor child for the first time; seeing the look of sheer joy and excitement on their faces when they see you, and knowing that because of your donations, this child will be provided with clothes, food, education and most importantly, an opportunity to know Jesus.

I met my families' sponsor child, Ronald, while I was on a mission's trip with a team from my school. I remember sitting in the back of the bus on the way to his home, thinking about what I should say to him, what I should ask him and generally just feeling nervous about the whole thing.

When we arrived at the house, Ronald greeted everyone with a hug, a kiss and a thank you. Then he just backed up and stood there staring at us and smiling. He had not yet realized who I was. Then after a few more seconds, our guide bent down beside him and told him I was his sponsor.

Immediately, his face lit up and he ran towards me and jumped into my arms. We stood there hugging for awhile and the whole time I could hear him whispering "muchas gracias", over and over. I remember that moment so clearly because that was the happiest moment of my life.

After a minute or two, he grabbed my hand and led the team into his

home where we were greeted by his family. We sat there for a while as Ronald's family told us how much Impact Ministries has meant to them. They thanked me for all that my family had done for them.

Soon after, the family offered the whole team apples and I had a chance to talk with Ronald. I found out that he and I are actually a lot alike, so similar in fact, people said we were like brothers. He told me how long he had been waiting to see me, and that he had been praying for me. That really meant a lot to me.

To conclude the visit, we prayed for the family and took a few pictures. I hugged Ronald goodbye, we loaded

into the van and just like that, we were gone. Although it went really fast, that twenty minute home visit made the whole trip worth it. I could have spent all day there if they would have let me. I did end up seeing him briefly two more times, once at his school and once as I was walking on my way back to the guest house.

Meeting Ronald really made me realize how important child sponsorship is, for both the child and the sponsor. He had a huge impact on my life and I can't wait to see him again on my next trip.

Jordan Erickson
Regina Christian School

IMPACT MINISTRIES SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TEAMS 2011



Belfast Presbyterian Church, P.E. I.
(Jan 12 – 24)



Hillsborough Baptist Church, Hillsborough NB (Jan 23 - Feb. 2)



Regina Apostolic Church, Regina SK
(Feb. 2 -12)



Linden Christian School, Winnipeg MB (Feb 15-25)

Estevan Alliance Church, Estevan SK
(Feb 27-March 9)



Kamloops Christian School
Kamloops BC Team 1 (March 9-18)



Kamloops Christian School, Kamloops BC Team 2 (March 18-27)



Living Waters Christian Academy,
Spruce Grove AB (March 21-31)



Bearspaw Christian School
Calgary AB (March 31-April 9)



Regina Christian School
Regina SK (April 17-28)



Howard Giesbrecht-Gordon Wiens
Mechanics Team, Kamloops BC
(May 10-19)

Dr Tom Martin Medical Group
Richmond BC (April 28 – May 7)



Foothills Alliance Church
Calgary AB (May 9-19)



Additional teams that have served this year

Richmond Christian School
Richmond BC (July 4-13)

Stephen & Elaine Watt Medical Team
(July 13/31- Aug 11)

Lighthouse Mennonite Church
Calgary AB (July 31- Aug 11)

Richmond Bethel Mennonite Church
Medical Team
Richmond BC (Aug 10-19)

A DREAM BECOMES A REALITY

Dr Danny Morela is the first Canadian Dentist to come and serve Impact Ministries' staff and students. What a blessing to see a dream become a reality. Most Guatemalans live in a 24 hour cycle. Their goal is to feed their family and survive. If at the end of the day everyone in the family has enough food and is healthy, it is considered to be a "good day". When people live in survival mode, dental hygiene is not part of their lives. Unaware of the implications, neglect and poor diet bring terrible and painful after effects. Dr Morela is a "dental pioneer" with Impact Ministries. We are very grateful. However, there is MUCH more to be done. If you are a dentist or a dental hygienist and are interested in serving with Impact Ministries, please contact Bev



Dr Danny Morela serving an Impact Ministries student.

Crozier at teams@impactministries.ca
Our desire is to help Guatemalans break out of the "24- hour cycle of thinking". By introducing children to the Lord and enabling them to see that He has a plan for them, it changes the way they make decisions and they begin to dream of a different future. They begin seeing themselves through God's eyes. When children come to know the Lord they are filled with hope, they are empowered and they dream. We know that Jesus cares for the whole person. The Impact Ministries' child development programs minister to the whole child and the Dental Program is an exciting addition to this ministry.

IMPACT MINISTRIES GUESTS, LONGER-TERM & FIELD WORKERS



Karey Wiens
Kamloops BC (Jan2- Oct 24)
English teacher

Rocky & Karren Chupa & Hope
Kamloops BC (Jan 8- Oct 24)
Short-Term Mission Team Coordinators

Harm & Linda Mulder
Stony Plain AB (Jan 8 – April 18)
Guesthouse Hosts

Larry & Shanon Weselake
Portage la Prairie MB (Feb 27 -March 31)
English Teachers

Heather Carpenter
Ont (March 21-31)
Guest



Julie Sawatzky, Stony Plain AB (Jan 6
-permanent long term)
Administrative Assistant

John & Bev Crozier
Kamloops BC (April 17-May 19)
Guesthouse Hosts

Steve Fairfield
Kelowna BC (April 17-May 1)
Guest/Photography

Rebecca Houweling
Richmond BC (May 24-July 13)
Medical

Roman & Dr. Karen Neupane
Red Deer AB (May 26 - June 8)
Guest/Medical/Construction

Patricia Ridgway
Calgary AB (May 26 - June 8)
Guest/Construction



Dr. Cathie Olson & Walter Ridgway,
Edmonton AB (Jan 8-23, May 9 - Aug 27)
Medical

Don and Sandra (Dianne & Jennifer) Stephenson
Calgary AB (July 4- Aug 1)
Guesthouse Hosts

Christine & Jonny Wong
Airdrie AB (July 10-19)
Guest/Medical

Ruben & Martha Sawatzky
Stony Plain AB (July 31-Aug 19)
Guesthouse Hosts

Al & Judy Wilms
Calgary AB (Aug 31-Oct 24)
Guesthouse Hosts

If you are interested in serving as Guest House Hosts, please visit the Impact website and check out "job opportunities".

ENGAGED COUPLES IN THE MINISTRY

We joyfully announce that Julie Sawatzky has become engaged to Julio Isaias Lem Jom and they are making plans to get married this December. Julie has come to Tactic from Edmonton area and is filling the role as Les' administrative assistant. She is doing a tremendous job. Julio is filling the role as principal of our Purulhá Vida School. Congratulations to this exceptional young couple!

This is becoming the year of weddings among the Impact Ministries' staff in Tactic.

Edgar, our young agricultural engineer, heading up the self-sustainability

project and leading our senior high school was married to Shený, our Moco-hán Vida School secretary, in May of this year.

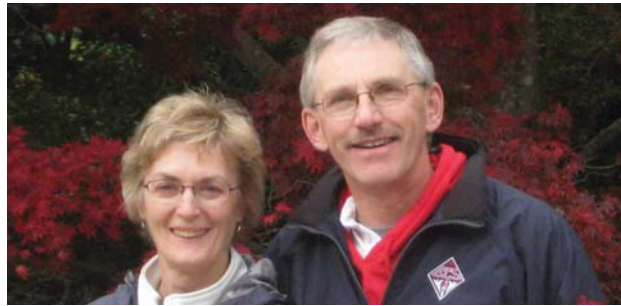
Eduardo, our high-school principal is planning his wedding to Neydi, our grade two Chijacorral Vida School classroom teacher, for October this year.

Mynor, our Moco-hán Vida School principal has become engaged to Aydee, our San Antonio Project director and they are also intending to be married before the end of 2011.

May the Lord help each one of these special young couples establish their marriage and home to His glory and to His honour.

CANADIAN OPERATIONS MANAGER

We are thrilled to announce that Ellery Peters, brother to Les, has now come on staff with Impact Ministries Canada as the Canadian Operations Manager. Many opportunities are being opened to Impact Ministries increasing the activity and workload on the Canadian front. Ellery,



and his wife Marlene, have "stepped to the plate" and will be serving the ministry in this important capacity. We believe that through their efforts, the Lord will continue to expand the ministry so that many more lives can be touched and many more leaders can be trained for the Kingdom of God.

Impact Ministries is expanding!

IMPACT MINISTRIES U.S.A.
Ever since we received our first visitors in Tactic from the US, we have had the dream of establishing an American counterpart to Impact Ministries Canada. Praise God....IT IS HAPPENING.

Tim and Candy Weaver have been making the investments of time and energy into establishing the board for Impact Ministries U.S.A., registering

the association for charitable status 501(c)3 and laying the foundation for future growth. There are "up front" costs in this process, and we would invite you to participate in "planting seeds" for this future growth. Visit the website to make a donation or use the enclosed donation card.

If you know of churches or Christian schools in the US that might be interested in partici-

pating in the great things God is doing in Tactic, Guatemala, please put them in contact with Tim and Candy. There is much to be done. Currently we are looking for doctors, dentists, and nurses to come and hold week-long clinics. Short-term mission teams to work on construction projects, hold children's ministry meetings and spread the good news of Jesus in evangelism outreaches.



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