

RL On The ROAD!

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Well, time has again slipped by very quickly. We have not been able to get back to the Island since our last newsletter. Andrew Sanchez, Janie and I were in a head-on collision in February 2008. Andrew and I were blessed not to have any injuries from the accident. We were wearing our seat belts and were not thrown around. Janie was not quite as fortunate. She suffered injuries to her left hip and the rotator cuff in her left arm. The man that hit us was DUI and was severely injured. He may never be able to go back to work. Also, he did not have any automobile insurance.

While coming back from Colorado a few weeks later, I wrecked my Dodge pickup. I was pulling a trailer full of materials and tools that scattered all over the highway in the accident. Thank God for His grace and mercy, though. His angels have been watching over all of us during this time in our lives. It has been a slow healing process for Janie, but now she is getting along better, to the point of being released by the doctor.

We were planning a trip to Guatemala in August. We had intended to take some shoe shop equipment to a ministry that we are familiar with there. Ron Morin of www.prayamerica.org has a building that he plans to use for the shoe shop. Over 1,300 children are being fed at Ron's feeding station twice a week. We need to take the shoe shop equipment down to Guatemala as quickly as possible, because the children have to walk quite a distance to the feeding station without shoes. While there, they are taught the Word of God. A man from Uvalde, Texas, is going down after we deliver the shoe equipment to teach 16- and 17-year-old young men to make shoes. They will learn a trade and also make shoes for the younger children at the orphanage. Because of grand jury requirements (I am a member of one), I have to be back in Del Rio too soon in September to comfortably make this trip in late August. I intend to reschedule it for sometime after my grand jury service in September. I will notify everyone via another newsletter of the new departure date.

As this may be our last trip to Guatemala, we need some people to go with us (or contribute directly) to help with funding the trip. This will be an exciting mission trip. We will not only see Guatemala, Guatemala City and Antigua, but also El Salvador. We have a 15-passenger van (that replaced the one we lost in the head-on collision) with dual air conditioning that will transport 8 to 10 persons. We will, of course, be hauling the shoe shop equipment in a trailer behind the van. The estimated cost is \$500.00 per person. This will only cover the cost of gas, taxes, and permits to go through Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador. Food and lodging will be at additional cost to each individual. Passports are required. If you are interested in going, please contact us ASAP.

We have been in touch with the people on Juana Ramirez Island, and different people have been going down there to minister in our absence. We still need funds to finish the bathrooms and put in a septic system. This is badly needed because the people have to walk a city block to get to a restroom. We plan to go to the Island the last week of July.

A dear friend of ours, Eloy Sanchez, recently passed away. He was a veteran of the US military and a true Christian that loved the Lord and his family with all his heart. Thanks to his help and offerings, this ministry was blessed abundantly. Please pray for his wife and children that our Lord and Savior will be with them during this time in their lives.

We'll be back in touch soon!

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