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A Quick Journey...

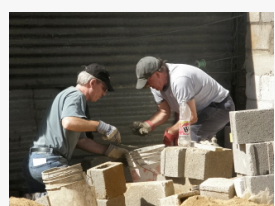
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Guatemala

The second leg of my journey I met up with a STM team made up of people from Westside in Saskatoon and medical professionals from Calgary. They were in Guatemala City to build a community centre onto a church and school in one of the poorest areas of the city, as well as offering a medical clinic spanning several days. Scores of people came for help. Would they have received care otherwise? There is one of the forgotten communities. It is beneath a bridge where homes are scattered and built wherever a foothold can be had. It's a dangerous place. Even the police won't go there. Christians will. We did.

The people of this slum have only one option: despair. We went to reveal a second option: hope! Thanks to Westside and the medical team the second option is a reality. The people have seen Jesus!

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Going to God for the Guskjolen's

\*language study to be effectual

\*for our residency visa to be completed

\* traveling mercies

\*Our networking with Government officials and business people to be effectual

\* workers to sense the Call to Latin America and Caribbean

\* power of God to be made manifest

As workers together for Him we are very aware of our need for your input into our lives.

We are so grateful for your many prayers, emails and words of encouragement. We look forward to hearing from you!

Join Us For the Change of a Life Time!

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My first stop Cartago, Costa Rica,...

...here I met Alejandro and Mercedes Cetrulo. In 2005, they sold their company in Toronto and responded to the call of God to move to Cartago and minister holistically among the poor. The Cetrulo's have compassion

coupled with passion. It is infectious.

Already they have **planted a church of about 200, established a quality theological training institute** which is currently in process of being fully recognized by the government, and work tirelessly at providing care for the homeless. In addition, they are already preparing to send their first missionary to Peru.

I was also privileged to be able to speak at the first service of a church plant they are helping to establish.

Just after my visit they baptized 15 new converts in water!

Passion? I think the Cetrulo's qualify!



My 3rd stop...Cuba

My third stop was in the historic city of Havana, Cuba where I was privileged to attend the General Conference of the Assemblies of God. While the government was celebrating 50 years of revolution we were celebrating a spiritual revolution! The church continues to grow and have a positive impact upon the country. I was impressed with the number of people entering the ministry and being ordained. But even more than preaching, the church is caring for the nation. The church has been instrumental in providing resources for 100's of 1000's affected by last falls hurricanes. Over a half million homes were damaged or destroyed. The church is in the middle of the effort to rebuild. Pastor and his wife in the picture is one of them.

Unexpectedly, I was privileged to be a part of a meeting with the Director of Religious Affairs for the Cuban government. We were able to present our need to establish a Bible College and Seminary. They were open and invited us to talk to them again. We are hoping this is a sign of the government opening itself to the Gospel. However, just a couple of weeks ago, another Pastor was imprisoned. While released a few days later, it serves as a warning to all that change is still needed in Cuba.

To reach one preaching assignment I had the joy of bouncing along in a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air. For the 5 hour return trip I delighted in the ambience of this classic car. Of course, what would a classic ride be without a classic breakdown and a classic repair. At night. In the rain. In the middle of nowhere! A few well placed taps with a hammer had us going again. Classic!

I also was privileged to spend time with one of our missionaries who, for security reasons, must remain nameless. They have served the church in Cuba for a number of years. They minister to spiritual leaders in the area of theology. This is a huge need in a nation where training has not always been an option.

Four Prisoners Surrender

It was a usual day in Chapel, so I thought. I came prepared to teach the women in the prison a couple of Friday mornings ago. We are teaching a discipleship course. As I taught, and listened to their questions, it became apparent that they had not yet fully understood what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Toward the end of the lesson one of the women asked, "How do you know when you are ready to receive Christ?" What a loaded question. My heart started racing as I knew the Father was so present and he was making his salvation known to these women. After a few remarks in answer to their questions, I asked if any of them would like to receive Christ right now. Four of them raised their hands in surrender and made a first time commitment to Christ. We rejoiced with them and explained what would be next. We continue to teach the discipleship course and we are seeing them strengthened daily.



Pray for the harvest of souls  
Pray for the new converts to stay in Him  
Pray for me as I am beginning to learn to lead in worship in Spanish...with a guitar.  
Thank you so much for your prayers and for the Lord's touch on these women.

You have been asking.  
How can I be financially involved?

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3. Automatic withdrawal

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We greatly appreciate your giving!