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“The King will reply, ‘I will tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine you did for me.’ ” Matthew 25:40

Many of you have been asking, “How was the Christmas trip?” The truth is I have been waiting until I heard from several of the team members, because for the first time, since we started this family event, I was not in charge of anything. Well I was almost not in charge of anything. Throughout '08 I had been praying for God to call out someone to lead the family Ministry, in particular the Christmas event. He answered in October when Steve Latson came to me and revealed how God had been working on his heart, but why don't I let you hear it from Steve himself.

It's so cool to look back and see, with 20-20 hind sight, how God was working in your life and you had no idea He was doing it. Most recently, it became clear that for last four years God had been preparing me to lead the 2008 Mexico mission to Piedras Negras. During my four previous years I've never done one specific thing like VBS, sports, street witnessing, construction, etc. In fact I've only had one trip where I didn't work at multiple sights. Don't get me wrong, I have had some incredible and unusual experiences. Like one very nervous time when I was riding in a truck driven by a Mexican that spoke No English. He knew I had \$800.00 cash in my pocket and his job was to help me get a good deal on some drugs. No, No! Medicine. The medical clinic was running short on medicine.

As a result of my experiences, something else happened along the way. I became familiar with basically every aspect of the Christmas mission trip. I realize now that God was showing me all the things that go on during one of the trips and that all are equally important. He kept me on a “need to know” basis, and apparently, I didn't need to know much. He did eventually reveal to me that He was equipping me to lead the 2008 trip!

This year my role as leader seemed more facilitational than spiritual. At first I didn't see the children's faces as they learned about Jesus or the broken spirit of a new brother or sister coming to Christ. Then I began to see God changing the lives of individuals and families. One such family was our long-time friends Andy and Tammy Kozsuch. It was evident that God was calling this faithful family to go on mission. I knew there would be difficulties and God would change their lives forever. There is really no way to describe what takes place on mission. So, I always say, “If you want to know what it is like to go on a mission trip, then go on a mission trip.” You can read their whole testimonies on the CrossVision web site, but for me Tammy's statement says allot.

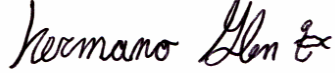
“Despite the small inconveniences I experienced during the trip, I found myself not wanting it to end so quickly. A few days after we returned, I called my friend who also went on the trip, to share that I was having a harder time adjusting to being home, than I had to being there. I wasn't really thrilled to get back to the busy, hectic daily life I thought before was a necessity. I had come to the realization, now I might be too wrapped up with things that have no eternal significance. My hope is that I will now be more focused on people and showing God's love in my relationships here with the same freedom I felt I could in Mexico, whether it be with those I hold dear to me or with someone I may only meet once.”

I can't describe to you the joy I get seeing someone else experience that type of "God Power" for the first time. In closing, I would like to thank all the team leaders Barry, Kent, Gail, Jessica, Preston, and Emanuel, for being so great to work with. And thank you, Glen, for

allowing me this opportunity. Most of all, I am grateful to my Lord for all that He does on this trip and in my life, even the things I'm not yet aware of!

And I can't adequately describe how great a joy it is to serve with true servants like Steve. God is so good! This team's efforts will produce enormous eternal rewards and I can't thank God enough for the hundreds of family units that He has drawn into this mission. Thank You team leaders! Please know that I pray for you often.

Together "We will move forward on our knees" (Eph 6:18)



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