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Closing Letter From Mike:

"... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)."

This newsletter is the last of the series giving you the details of what God accomplished through the hands and feet of those He called to serve. It is dedicated to the team members who went to "serve the underserved." Each of these men and women were specifically called by the Holy Spirit to be a part of this team, each for their own personal reason. Several struggled with going, questioning their ability to contribute anything of value. But each put aside their doubts and fears, and God worked mightily through every one of them on this trip.



My heart and my prayers continue to be with you. Thank you . . .

Pete Pietrini—for your constant excitement and enthusiasm from start to finish. Your unflagging spirit pushed others to excel.

Sean Foster—for your candid introspection and honesty as to our ability to impact such massive need. You quickly saw that it was about being called to serve where the need was greatest, and you did that with a wonderfully humble spirit.

Wes Claar—for your quiet passion to "help the blind to see." Your steady, constant focus on the job at hand gave the gift of sight to those much in need.

Roberto Rivera—for your ability to relate the love of Jesus to the local people in their own language. Your gift of translating was essential to this mission.



Firefighter training



Eye clinic



Community outreach – bounce house



Frying pigs ears!

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Cathy Palmer—for feeling a special burden for the children, which led to your initiative to collect and deliver the Sunday School materials they so desperately needed.

Mike Stancliff—for serving as an excellent “sounding board,” as you continue to be to this day.

Sonda Stancliff—for your encouraging spirit regardless of the circumstances we found ourselves in. You saw the best in everything.

Michael Medley II—for seeing the desperate need of the volunteer firefighters putting their lives on the line, and giving of your professional talents to train and encourage them.

Sean Medley—for giving, as a teen-ager, your own money and time to go and serve a people you knew nothing about.

Jim Moehsmer—for your going early and preparing the way for us to be as productive as possible in our labors.

Linda Moehsmer—for going to support your husband in the call on his life to minister to others.

Byron Dardon—for introducing us to the people of San Pedro.

Victor Rivera—for long ago feeling the intense need in Guatemala, and bringing two others on this trip, **Pat Metcalf** and **Mike Tarlitz**, to help us with the outreach.

And to **Steve Goundry and the ICI Medical Team**—for going before us and giving a week of your time to minister to the vast medical and spiritual needs of the local people.

Words cannot express my appreciation and thanks to each of you for your call to go and your call to serve. Eternity will provide you with your reward when you see the impact you had on building the Kingdom of God.

It is now eight weeks since the May outreach. I just received an email from the fire rescue chief, Carlos Croc, who once again thanked us for giving them inspiration and encouragement, and was hoping that we could return soon. He is the one who told us in May, “Please come back again **and do not forget about the people of San Pedro Las Huertas.**”

Please remember that the San Pedro outreach is an ongoing project. There are now seven of the water stations completed, with fourteen more to go. We are still working on the plans to purify the water, the fire rescue training and equipping will be ongoing, and we continue to work with the city and county government to find the property to develop a community center that will house a school, library, church, day-care center, and Boys and Girls Club. We continue to support five families in desperate need, but there are many more who need our assistance. We are also serving as a catalyst to bring together the five small local evangelical churches so that they can reach their community. Thank you so much for your prayers and giving to these needs.

Mike

P.S. Begin praying and planning now for our next major outreach in April or May 2010!