



# Serving the UNDERSERVED

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Children in the ghetto receive God's Word during an outreach



Crusade held during a ghetto outreach

## From Mike -

Dear Plant Today Family:

I cannot begin this new year of 2010 without first again thanking God for all He did through you in 2009! I continue to be overwhelmed with praise and thanksgiving to Him. I know that God chooses to work through individuals and that He has used you as a vessel to do His work. God bless you and thank you!



As we begin 2010 I want to share with you some of the things God has put on my heart to work toward this year. This is certainly not an exclusive list; it is always subject to the will and authority of Christ. The scriptures tell us a number of times that we are to plan, but God is the one who directs our steps and makes our steps successful and complete. *(The picture above shows a partial list of donations given by you, the Plant Today partners, for fountains in San Pedro Las Huertas.)*

That being said, here are some things I believe God wants us to accomplish in 2010:

1. Receive and occupy land for expansion of the ministry.
2. Minister to at least 60 riders per week with 15 horses and 5 ponies.
3. Complete the San Pedro ghetto outreach that began in October 2009.
4. Complete the water purification work in San Pedro.
5. Begin work on the San Pedro community center.
6. Send at least 2 outreach teams to San Pedro.
7. Hold a Thanksgiving meal for at least 60 people at the land God provides.



Larissa teaches Savannah, who is riding Gus



John, Mike B. and Mike teach Jonathan, who is riding Dream



A girl in the ghetto receives clothing collected and donated by Plant Today partners

Point number one is an item that has not been mentioned much. This is actually the third phase of the three “prong” vision God gave me for Plant Today. I believe that Plant Today is to have property that will house the riding program, be a ministry center for missionaries to come for a sabbatical, and serve as the hub for the ministry outreaches of the foundation. This seems like an impossible dream but as the Bible tells us, “nothing is impossible with God.” Points two and seven tie into this as well.

Point three is referring to the outreach God so clearly spoke to me about after our May 2009 outreach. We met with the pastors of the six evangelical churches in the area and the plan was birthed to bring the gospel message of the love of Jesus to an area of approximately 6000 people in the ghetto who have never had an opportunity to hear the Good News.

Points four through six are items that came out of the first visit to San Pedro in October 2008, when we met with a local pastor and the city council. These are items that they requested Plant Today help them with, and I believe we will see these items make great strides toward completion in 2010.

Thank you in advance for being obedient to God’s direction for you in one or all of the essential areas: praying, giving, going, and/or serving.

*Mike*

PS: Please check our website. We have added some touches that I believe you will enjoy.

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## Missions Outreach: April 24-May 2, 2010

Our second missions outreach to San Pedro Las Huertas, Guatemala is only 12 weeks away and I am so excited I can hardly contain myself! Last year we were able to serve 571 people with medical care and 113 with eyeglasses; help with a community street project, train volunteer firefighters, and provide clothing to hundreds.

Matthew 25:34-40 tells us that as we care for the hungry, the naked, and the sick, we are also caring for Jesus. Plant Today’s mission is **to fill the physical and spiritual voids of underserved peoples of the world — through relationships — by providing: humanitarian assistance; specialized community outreach programs; funding, development and distribution of religious and educational materials; and church plants.**



Feeding people in the ghetto during an outreach; Plant Today partners provided the money for the food



One of the fountains repaired through Plant Today partners, decorated for the dedication ceremony held by the city



Dedication of one of the fountains repaired by Plant Today partners

I know that God is directing us to go and serve the “least of these.” In October 2009 we began going into the ghetto of San Pedro. At this time one new church has already been planted and we have reached into three sections of the ghetto with food, clothing and the gospel. This April we are going to again show the people of San Pedro that Jesus loves them by providing them medical services, dental services, and eyeglasses, and by fixing up their neighborhoods. We will also be continuing the fire/rescue training. Remembering back to what God did last May in the outreach, I can hardly wait to see what He will do this year!

The number of people who can be reached and touched with the love of Jesus depends on you. I believe God is preparing an army of 16 partners who are willing to go. We need those with medical, dental, and eyeglass skills, and those simply willing to serve. We will be doing ministry for six of the eight days. **WHAT IS REQUIRED? ANSWER: “HERE I AM LORD.”**

The total cost of the trip is \$1475 per person. This includes:

- ✓ Round-trip airfare from Miami.
- ✓ Ground transportation.
- ✓ Lodging, breakfast, and lunch each day.
- ✓ Ministry expenses – e.g. project materials and supplies, outreach food and expenses.

A non-refundable deposit of \$350 is due any time during the month of February. Or, you can pay the deposit along with the payment that is due by March 1 of \$600, for a total payment of \$950. A final payment of \$525 is then due by March 25, 2010.

More details about the trip can be found on the Plant Today website.

As I finish this newsletter, I have a tremendous sense of excitement about what God is doing and what He wants to do. However, all God desires to be accomplished through us will not be done if we do not do our part in obeying His directions to us. Please join me in totally surrendering to God and doing whatever He asks us to do. Let's respond to His directions, then we can rest assured that "we can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens us."

I am praying for all of you Plant Today partners!

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