

Dear loved ones,

I thought you would enjoy an update on ASELSI as of April.

- Year started off well. Our extension education (IBEX) classes are going well with new extension centers being opened further into the Chiapas area of Mexico as well as into the remote and difficult area north of us called the Ixcán. In Ecuador our newest extension there is in the Amazon Basin and is up and running with about 20 students eager to study the Word. Our ILIO program which is located at our center here in Chichicastenango is in full swing with lots of young people wanting training in the Bible.
- Groups from the states – 7 teams so far this year including our first team from RES Life. Wonderful time with them, great servant hearts, Michael is an excellent leader,
- John and Emanuel made their first trip together to visit our supporting churches and to meet new people and churches. 5 weeks, 5 states and 15 churches visited. Gained some new givers but no new churches so far. Great time to see Emanuel using his gifting in another culture. Preparing him for further leadership.
- Progress made on the new clinic building. Foundation done and some of the walls and ironwork are started. Second phase will cost about \$26,000 to complete. We have about \$3500 towards this and need \$7000 to put the workers back on the project.



- The clinic is in full swing with a new doctor here to work with us about 2 days a week. His name is Sherwood Pope and he and his new bride are here for a 2 year period with Agape in Action which is based about ½ hour from our area. Cathy Hartle, our family nurse practitioner, is working full time and is developing a program with the local National Health Center to provide Women's Health services out in a village using our mobile clinic bus. We just received a donation of 2 portable ultrasounds (brand new!) for use at our clinics. This is an amazing donation!



- We just had our annual April Conference for all our students and visitors here at our center in Chichicastenango. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, studying the Word, fresh words and fresh anointing, repentance, healing, and renewal. We had over 400 in attendance (we are maxed out!!) Our speakers included Apostle Dr. Robin Garcia from Rey de las Naciones in Antigua, Dr. Harold Caballero, founder of El Shaddai Church in the capital and current candidate for the presidency of Guatemala in the next election, Apostle Norman Parrish from the capital who has over 50 years in the ministry and as a missionary to Latin America, Dr. Mike Mc Comb who is our International Director of the Extension program, and your humble servant, John Harvey. Pastor Jairo Hernandez Trejo from Ixmiquilpan Hidalgo, Mexico, his lovely wife and a young woman from their ministry were our guests at the conference as well. We are working to build a relationship with them as a result of our meeting them at the conference at RES Life in March.



- Our Discipleship Program continues with more requests coming in to open new areas. Miquel Angel Guarcas is a full time pastor but somehow manages to disciple several hundred people within an hour to an hour and a half of Chichicastenango. His wife is now studying with us at ILIO and is developing discipleship for women at some of these centers.
- We have a young woman, Colleen Mc Laughlin, who is currently studying Spanish in Antigua, and who will be joining us full time here at ASELSI in May as Sharon's administrative assistant. She is a graduate of Philadelphia College of Bible in PA and is being sent out from Greentree Ministries in NJ. We are really looking forward to having her with us!
- We are experiencing multiple problems with our phone system, connection to internet and satellite, and with our electrical connections. We are going for days without any services and our equipment is being damaged by the electrical situation. This is a serious complication as we are developing the ability to send out our courses to different nations and at present are at a standstill with this. Please pray!

Prayer requests:

- For encouragement, strength and vision for all of those involved at ASELSI
- For doors to continue to open in Guatemala, Mexico and Ecuador to train and equip the Body of Christ for the work of service
- For us to have wisdom and for God's guidance and protection as we are being invited into other areas in South America
- For a qualified, Spirit-filled, energetic and creative person or couple to come full-time to plan and lead our short-term mission teams
- For the health of Claudia de Argueta and Miguel Angel Calgua, 2 of our longest and most dedicated co-workers, who both have health issues that are discouraging and distracting for them

- For Colleen and her adjustment to life in Central America, for her health, safety, ability to speak the language
- For God's continued provision of monetary and other provisions that we may complete the projects that are in progress and be able to continue to meet the needs around us in the physical and spiritual areas
- For Bob and Shawn Helwer and family who are in the States raising more support to continue in Guatemala.

God bless you guys. I pray the Lord will be with you, blessings!

In His Service,

John and Sharon