## Harvest Health International Ministries

Welcome to the Ocampo Desert Project: "CHRIST IN ACTION"



Hello Dr. King, these pictures just to show what were up to, you know us, can't seem to stay still. These are 2 of the medical missionay students we have been teaching for the past several years, the one with the hat is Pastor Leopoldo, he ministers in the town of Zaragoza, about 20 miles west of our mission station towards the western border of Del Rio Texas. Pedro the one with glasses, representing **Hunrgy Kids International** (Robert King: Director) has been a naturopathic student 5+ years before covid-19 disrupted the teachings. He is a very great asset to the work in this project, both he and his wife work with migrants and have a small childrens food ministry along the border, they both maintain a small farm outside of Piedras Negras Mexico where they also minister to the needs of the surrounding neighbors.



We are at the state Forestation and Desert Protection base camp, this is where we will be staying over for preparing food and sleep over. We will be staying in tents, it is too hot to stay inside yet, it gets a bit to cool at night.



We are entering the desert area of Ocampo in the state of Coahuila, across into Texas is the "Big Bend State and National Park". About 75 miles into the interior of the desert.

This is the mission truck we are using for the work, even though it is a V-8, it is good on gas. We have been using this truck for various ministry projects here at the mission station, bringing barley to the local villigers for the goats, sheep and cows to paying bills in town and transportation to local clinic/hospital visits. I had to get a special temporory permit and plates as seen in the upper right windshield, to go into the desert area. I have the option of transitioning this truck Mexican with tags and plates, I have till the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month for a cost of 550 US dollars. Please help me pray for God's will in this matter.



We will be ministering in 3 villages plus setting up a greenhouse for an elementary school and if we can I hope to minister to a village where it is some distance away from where we will be working. I hope to attend to their needs because they are the last village and I have heard they are very marginalized (without resourses of water, and lack of oportunities). I am implementing the Harvest **H.O.P.E. initiative, Harvest Outreach Project of Evangelism**, I feel what these people lack most is **HOPE.** I strongly feel God's leading to this faraway village.



Entering the village of **"PIEDRITAS"** population 60 mostly elderly, small grocery store, no schools, no electricity only solar, no aircons, just fans. We met with the local officials to begin ministering and teaching health training, lifestyle medicine, small to large plot greenhouse gardens to evangelism. Introducing our ministry and proposed work in the area, they all agreed to allow us to come and minister to them and help in creating small plot gardening for vegetables. Pedro lecturing on the 8 laws of health and cooking with oils. Pastor Polo meeting with locals to see their gardens of edible cacti and squash and water resources. By doing this we get a better understanding of their needs and our needed materials. We gave one of the local residents a much needed 20x16 ft new greenhouse netting for their greenhouse purchased at Harbor Freight in Eagle Pass Texas, they were very happy.





Entering the village of **"San Miguel"** the largest village in the region with a population about 250 with an elementary, middle school and a 2 day a week high school. There is a lot of school age children here. School buildings are very well structured with plenty of property for growth which we intend to use for the elementary school greenhouse. This coming school year all schools in Mexico will have to have courses in gardening and an AG program, much like an FFA program in the US. This is not by choice but by presidential decree. The Mexican president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador some 18 months ago spoke about a looming food crisis and stipulated to get ready.



Here we are introducing the ministry and proposed health classes and greenhouse for the childrens primary school, they excepted the 2-year project, meeting once a month for the lectures and ministration.



This is the area available to us to create a greenhouse for the children in elementary school level. My intention is to build 2 12x12 foot greenhouses with an all enclosed with netting and a porch like roofing for shade for the children to work at the gardens and have outdoor classes. I would like to create raised beds for growing veggies and make it a safe and clean environment for the children, in other words I want "Christ in Action" to show what God can do. Some 27 years ago I was their local Doctor doing my last year of medical service and, believe me when I say "not much has changed" still the same dusty and rusty locals with very little hope and ambition, other than to traffic in illicit activity. Please pray for us. By creating a better than good greenhouse for the children I believe we can open their hearts to Christ, Christ in Action.



This is the village of **"Jaboncillos Chico"**, population about 50 with no electricity (none of the villages in this desert region have electricity other than solar, but some not even that.) no water access, water must be trucked in like in most desert-like villages. There are no schools here, children attend school in the village of San Miguel some 30 miles away.



This is a local protestant church in the village of Jaboncillos Chico, they need help in completing the roof for an adjacent kitchen and room for missionaries to stay at when ministering in the area. I mentioned I would pass this request to others that might want to take part in the work. Pastor Leopoldo checking out the view.



On our way back to Allende Mission station, we were there 2 days arriving early morning and coming back the next day at evening. What we saw was enough to determine what we will be needing for the next mission trip on the 19th through the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. We hope to get the much-needed material to create 2 greenhouses, ½ inch water tubing 100 feet, netting for the greenhouses at the elementary, netting for other 2 villages, small garden tools for children. We have an endless supply of heirloom seeds donated by Childrens Hunger Fund in San Antonio Texas and Sister Jody from Camp Wood Texas. We pray that we will have the finances available for fuel, food, and other items we will need as we continue a monthly mission trip. In the effort and ministration, we do, some would say I presume that God should supply, I don't see it like that, I feel if it is God's leading, HE will provide as HE has done so many times. I am thankful to HIM as HE has called us into service, or I should say, commissioned us into HIS work in presenting the salvation message wherever HE leads. When I go into an area to minister, I minister in action, I present the gospel in the work we do as medical missionaries, lecturing health, creating gardens, handing out food or items for cooking, childrens clothing or soccer balls, or other toys, but most important, **H.O.P.E...** 

I was once told by an old preacher, "Be watchful in what you say and do, because you may be the only Bible people read." One thing God has shown me is, never make promises, this is enough for others see if you are working for the Master.

God has opened the door for this work in the desert area and we pray we give honor and all glory to God. HE has opened the mountainous region of Chiapas and working with the Tzental people. We hope to go back this November-December to continue the medical missionary programs. We ask for your prayers in this work to move forward and may all the honor and glory be to CHRIST. As I usually quote Franklin Graham, **"I firmly believe that medicine is the best tool for evangelism"** I truly believe and apply this wherever God leads, it has always opened doors that were once closed to the gospel.

These were the students that attended the Child Evangelistic Fellowship training at the mission station in Allende this past Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. The instructor from San Antonio Texas is Angela Carrillo, (in maroon shirt) director of the San Antonio Texas region that stretches all the way to Piedras Negras Mexico. We have scheduled a new class for the 1rst week of August in Piedras Negras Mexico. Pastors and their wives from our mission work in Chiapas will be coming over to attend and pick up supplies that we have for the HHIM Chiapas Mission Station at the Sidon Tiakil Church. They will also attend to some of the work in the desert project. Lots of work, Praise the LORD!!



With this training we hope to reach out to children at the desert project and at nearby colonias in Allende close to our mission station. Maybe vacation Bible school this coming summer. **PRAISE the LORD!!** 

If you see anything that needs to be addressed or changes, we need to make or implement, please feel free to make it known. Thanks for your org. cooperation in making this possible, working together for this cause.

Our mission is to bring the Gospel of Peace to all who will listen and believe. As Partners, the souls we win to JESUS are credited to your heavenly account, too!

## "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me". Matthew 25:40

We will be having Vacation Bible School for the children in the community Mid-July. Maybe one day you can join us, we will be in prayer for you and your continued health, I will let you know of any changes on the house.

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