

Las Palmas de Mamre Winter 2016

I really am thankful for you all out there who continue to pray for me and to help support the ministry. We felt your prayers when the wind was howling and trees were crashing down during the recent hurricane. We thank God we had no loss of life in our area, and not too much damage considering what it could have been. We are now working on repairs, and trying to keep the cows from running off. In a nearby settlement, though, one of the bars was destroyed. Maybe they'll go to church instead. We started a group with 7 at a new home Bible Study and the next Sunday there were 10, and last Sunday the attendance was 25 including 6 with Ramon's group. Seeing God use leaders we have trained who came to Jesus through our ministry is such a blessing!



"We've been together now over 50 years and have decided to get married and make commitments to serve the Lord for the rest of our life." This couple is in one of our house churches.

The communities here are hard. It is hard to see any progress or change toward Christian ethics and morals. We pass the bar on Sundays and see the biggest "congregation." I had been so discouraged because I was looking back over the years seeing few changes, and then comes forth an encouragement of commitment like this couple.

Soon afterward, the community gave us an abandoned school house to have services. I taught one Sunday at Ramon's church on how the modern church doesn't want to inconvenience ourselves in the Lord's work, and how we were sitting comfortable on a trail of sacrifice. I guess they agreed, because at 3 a.m. Ramon brought a boat full from his little church downriver to help!



We have just been given an abandoned school house to have services, so there is a new excitement in the air. Many volunteered to clean up the old school for their meetings.



Ramon outside collecting wood to build his pulpit just his size. He's 5 feet tall on his tiptoes.



Mike Van Dyke has faithfully come with friends and family to help many times over the last several years. Mike encouraged me to be preparing leaders at this time in my life. He has helped make that come to pass. Our leaders are completing a seminary study under the Alliance of Christian Missions of Costa Rica. Every month they come to teach us here at the mission.



I've had the privilege of teaching in several countries in a good number of churches on many subjects, but mostly on Christ's calling to complete commitment and to missions.

I administer the farm, write children's lessons, coordinate boats, gas and repairs, etc., and teach and preach in between. I write the Sunday school lessons which are passed from leader to leader. For each lesson I find illustrations, memory verses, an application and a craft. I also write the lessons for home Bible Studies since they must be appropriate for the reading level of those in this area.

Our annual Christmas Fiestas begin soon in the many villages where we hold Christmas services and pass out gifts to the children. We are also getting the physical plant ready for the next group of students for the January School of Missionary Training.



Ana Skelly paints the wood replaced when termites damaged the original. We replaced it with a hard wood that the termites don't like, then she treats it with a mixture of used motor oil and diesel.



When I broke some bones in a horse accident this past August, the church came to us since I couldn't go to them.

This ministry would not continue without the love, prayers and generosity of our friends. Many have volunteered here on a regular basis for years. You help with maintaining a place where everything rusts and rots, you keep gas in our boats so that we can minister, you volunteer at Christmas, and are real partners in every aspect of this ministry. May Jesus bless you!

Love, Ana Moshenek