



GOOD TIDINGS

...behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.

-Luke 2:10



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MEXICO OUTREACH UPDATE

Above, Fred and Janet Marsh

This January, members of Pioneer Bible Church's Mexico Outreach team headed south again! Below, Janet Marsh shares the details of their adventure with the rest of the congregation:

At 3am, Saturday morning, January 5, 2013, 11 of us met in the Pioneer Bible church office to do the last minute 3 P's-- paperwork, packing, and prayer--before leaving sharply at 4am for San Felipe Mexico. We made good time getting to San Felipe in a SUV and an RV (ask those who travelled in the RV how they had to suffer on the ride down & back!), even after a stop to pick up one more team member, gas, dinner at Walmart just before crossing the international border, and a full search of the RV at the border and again at the police checkpoint just before San Felipe.

John and Bonnie were gracious hosts, and had a lot of work ready for our team to accomplish during the week. We put up drywall & taped a church ceiling, primed & painted the whole 2nd floor of the Serenity House, installed gutters around the 99+1 compound, cleaned out a garage for a local couple who needed help, and did various odd jobs.

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We ran a VBS for local children for 2 days of the week (one day was rained out). We were fueled 3 times a day plus a dessert time by our own Jay Miser, who cooked and cleaned up after meals for us. We were blessed every evening by a time with John and Bonnie, where they shared their lives and the lives of the Serenity House residents with us, and encouraged us in the word. Every evening we had a campfire and sang worship songs together--and made smores a couple evening--even though it was quite cold this trip. Also John took us to visit the locations where earlier Pioneer Bible Church teams have done work--Recovery Center, Orphanage, Medical Center, elevator for Bonnie churches, etc. It was special for those of us who have only heard about the prior work to actually see what is there now, after all the hard work has been done.

We have always gone to a Mexican Sunday church service while there on past trips. This was the first time we actually had an English interpreter for us so that we could fully participate! It helped us to make a special connection to the local people, as we participated in their communion service. The Mexican church congregation then invited us to stay for lunch with them after the service, where we were served local dishes. A special unforgettable highlight for every one of us was the Wednesday evening service at the church we were putting a ceiling on.

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A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH BY SANDIE HANSON

Several years ago, I was challenged to pray God's Word. This way, I could be pretty sure that I'd be praying within God's will. Not long after, a dear friend challenged me to memorize scripture. Although I frequently enter a room and cannot, for the life of me, remember what I came in to get, and I often forget the names of my children (just ask them), by God's grace I have found that I have a wonderful knack for scripture memorization. A while back, Pastor Jim spoke to us about praying scripture, and before that Pastor Rob challenged us to memorize Ephesians 3:14-21. I took the challenge and found that it is an excellent way to pray for our church body. When the Lord brings these verses to mind, I often change the wording like this:

For this reason I come (or kneel, if I'm able to kneel) before the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, from whom His whole family, in heaven and earth, is named. I pray, out of Your glorious riches, You would strengthen Pioneer Bible Church with power, through the Spirit, so that Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith. And I pray that we would be rooted and grounded in Your love, and have power, together with all the saints,

to know how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love, that surpasses

*knowledge *, that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God! Now to you, who is able to do*

immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the Power that is already at work in us, to You be the glory in our church, and to Christ Jesus, through all the generations represented at PBC today, and forever and ever, Amen.



* To know something that surpasses understanding is impossible, isn't it?

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Christianity does not think of man finally submitting to the power of God,
it thinks of him as finally surrendering to the love of God.
It is not that man's will is crushed, but that man's heart is broken.
- William Barclay

Angels... as Explained by Kids!

I only know the names of two
angels... Hark and Harold.
-Gregory, age 8

Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels
don't wear halos anymore. I forgot
why, but scientists are working on
it. - Olive, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over
kids when God has to go do
something else. - Mitchell, age 7

Angels don't eat, but they drink
milk from Holy cows. -Jack, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by
God and his son, who's a very
good carpenter. -Jared, age 8

What I don't get about angels is
why, when someone is in love,
they shoot arrows at them.
-Sarah, age 7

Angels talk all the way while they're
flying you up to heaven. The main
subject is where you went wrong
before you got dead.
-Daniel, age 9

My guardian angel helps me with
math, but he's not much good for
science. - Henry, age 8

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Our team guitarists joined with their church worship team to create a unique English/Spanish worship service, where we sang the same songs, in our own language, lead alternately by us, then them. Team members shared their testimony in English, and it was interpreted for the congregation into Spanish. Afterwards, we all received many hugs from our new good friends, who we connected with in Christ, even though we could not connect by speech.

Please do all you can to help every one of our Pioneer Bible youth to be able to go on a trip—it will change their lives! And, we would encourage all of you to consider making at least 1 trip down—it will change your perspective and be a blessing to you, as well as those you serve!

Fred and Janet Marsh



Above: the team discusses the work
being done on the church;
Below: Janet in Mexico



**MEAL FOR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY
LACKING PERMANENT SHELTER**

On the afternoon of Wednesday, January 23rd, a free lunch was provided at Pioneer Bible Church for residents of the south county who are either homeless, or lack an adequate or permanent shelter. The meal was prepared by Nicole Savage, Michele Holliday, Priscilla Jeuchter, Cindy McLeran, Jacquie Henefin, and Diana Wall under the supervision of the head of the church's benevolence committee, Pat Mann. The menu consisted of meatloaf, corn in butter sauce, potato wedges, garlic bread, and apple-crisp. An anonymous census was taken, to better understand what needs the residentially-challenged population in our county may have. Each guest left with a bag of groceries.

Jacquie Henefin's
QUINOA A L'ORANGE SALAD

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup quinoa, rinsed well
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup diced celery
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp grated orange rind
- ¼ tsp sea salt
- fresh black ground pepper, to taste

Bring water to boil in a small saucepan. Add quinoa. Return to a boil and simmer until water is absorbed, approximately 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool in a mixing bowl. Mix together with quinoa. In a separate bowl, whisk together remaining ingredients to make dressing. Pour over salad and toss well to combine.

Ready in 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings. 200 calories per serving.

UPDATE ON THE MIELKE FAMILY
By Joanne Wilson

The Mielke family spent the winters of 2009-10 and 2010-11 in Somerset, helping care for Phil's parents, Dave and Mary Mielke—long-time members of PBC. The last trip down, they took both Dave and Mary back to Alaska with them. Since then, Dave has passed away, and Mary is in a care-facility nearby.

Helen writes that all is well. They see Mary every week. Phil is waiting for his summer job (fireman on the Alaska railroad) to begin again for the season. Helen and Hannah leave for Hong-Kong January 26th and into February. Helen will visit her parents and family in Hong Kong. Esther has been accepted as a page in the House during the legislation time from January to mid-April. Her college major was political science. Joe is working also since finishing college. That leaves Phil, Lydia and Sam at home. While they were here, Joe and Esther did a lot of piano and organ playing for us. Now Sam and Lydia are taking piano lessons from their aunt.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8)

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**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**