

FINAL REPORT  
Powell's Chapel Baptist Church  
Guatemala Mission Trip  
June 21-29, 2013

To The Concord Baptist Association:

First and foremost we would like to praise and glorify our God who so richly blessed this mission trip and who changed the lives of the team that followed his call! So, we wish to thank the association for the financial support that contributed greatly towards our goal of financing this endeavor.

The duration of the trip was one week was from June 21 until June 28th. The destination was Las Conchas, a village outside of Guatemala City where approximately 1000 families live in abject poverty. Our PCBC team of seven, in partnership with two other churches, made the trip and continued the work first begun by the churches in cooperation with the Shalom Foundation. This mission trip had several areas of ministry:

1. Construction of an on-going project

A community center is being constructed that will eventually house training facilities that will teach trades to the villagers in order that they might be able to find jobs with the skills they learn, thereby helping their families. An area will also be constructed to provide for children of all ages to have a place to stay and learn along with their families. Our team members moved dirt, rocks, blocks and cement for the foundation of this center. The team also built steps, a sidewalk and a retaining wall at the Las Conchas School.

2. Food & Clothes

Food was provided to households in the community in the form of 50 pound baskets that were assembled and given to those most in need. We distributed approximately 100 of the food baskets. Clothes and shoes were brought by all members of the team and these were given out when and where they were needed. We would share the gospel and minister to each family that received a basket or water purifier. Shoes were especially needed and our team members bought extra shoes in town to distribute as well as giving their own shoes away because this is such a critical need. Bibles were also included in each basket. Some members also cooked and

prepared food for the workers at the Moore Medical Center. This was a free facility. On a daily basis 200-250 families was seen and screened to see if their child would be chosen for surgery. There were all kinds of deformities due to malnutrition. We also served snacks to the families and prayed with them. We prepared 10 loaves of PB & J sandwiches nightly to be distributed to children at the job site each day.

### 3. Housing

Housing in this village mainly consists of tin shacks with dirt floors. More of these were constructed and repaired. Most had one light bulb, if that, lots of flies and chickens running around.

### 4. Water purifiers

Water filters and purifiers were given out door-to-door in order to gain access to people they might not have otherwise encountered in order to witness and spread the gospel.

### Conclusion:

This trip was a blessing to everyone who went from Powell's Chapel and all feel that this experience brought them more blessings than they could ever give back. Over 20 were led to salvation beginning on the plane where one man received Christ. Several others also rededicated their lives. Thank you again for your financial assistance in making this possible for members of our church.

In His Name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Smith".

Mike Smith, Pastor