



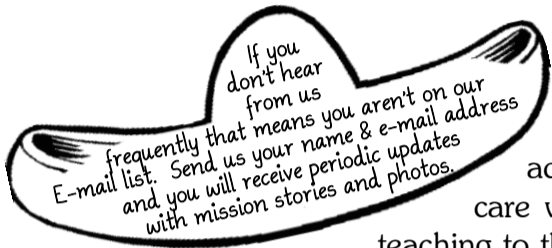
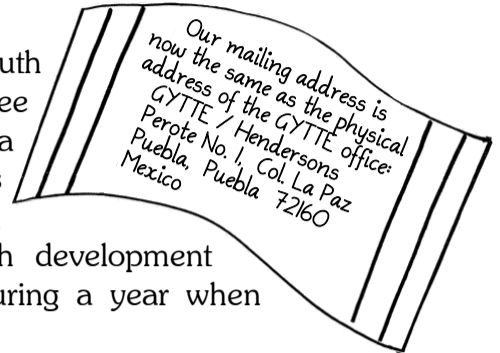
"Give Ye Them To Eat"

An Integrated Development Program

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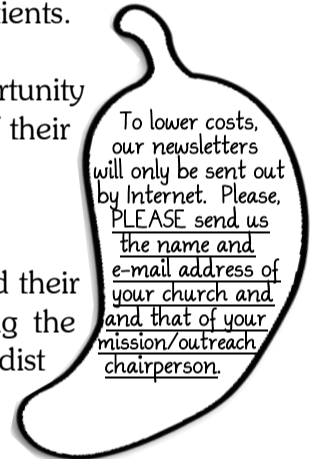
We are happy to report that the rainy season has finally started in south central Mexico and the hillsides are starting to green up. Soon the "Tree of Life" Training Center will change from a dry, brown desert to a jungle of green growth. And the mission donations from the generous donors who support the "Give Ye Them To Eat" ministry have helped to grow this outreach program to serve more rural families with development opportunities. We are so very grateful for those financial gifts during a year when donations are slow in coming in.



The first half of 2011 has been a whirlwind of activity for the GYTTE staff as we have hosted work/study teams, courses, workshops, classes and tours of the Training Center. Other activities included the three medical teams in which GYTTE health care workers and a number of GYTTE staff members participated by teaching to the long lines of patients during the 4 - 5 days of medical ministry. Other health workers and young people from a number of churches came along to teach VBS to the children at each of the three clinics while the doctors and dentists attended to the patients.

It's always rewarding to see how many people can be reached and given the opportunity to acquire knowledge and gain new skills that make a great difference in the lives of their family and neighbors as well as improve their community in general. It is worth the hard work!

During January and February 2011, we received three work/study teams that shared their skills with us, working on a number of projects at the Training Center, including the completion of the new dorms. The team members also painted the two Methodist churches in this area. We and the congregations are thankful for their service.



To read the details and see color photos of the many workshops, courses, tours, and teams, please go to the GYTTE program Webpage, www.gytte.org and click on the link Recent Updates. And on the back of this page you can read more about "More Than A Bandage" our Community and Family Health program.

We so appreciate your continued prayer and financial support for this ministry and those whom we serve. Thank you for blessing the GYTTE staff as that enables us to be a blessing to others.

Your Mission Partners in Mexico,

Terry and Muriel Henderson

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"More Than A Bandage" - A Community & Family Health Program

In March we hosted the week-long, Intermediate Health Course. It was incredible how much the 18 women learned for teaching back home in their rural communities as well as all the first aid skills they acquired to serve the needs of their family and neighbors. The women are grateful for the scholarships made possible by GYTTE donors and are looking forward to graduating when they complete the Advance Health Course this coming August.

We're including here an article written by Rev. Barbara Garcia for the TN UMConnector. She and her husband, Rev. Joaquin Garcia, have been serving as volunteers with the GYTTE program over the past two years. Barbara's account of the Intermediate Health Course is an interesting read. It can also be found on our program web site. Go to www.gytte.org and click on the link [Published Articles](#) and read the first article. You will also find photographs of the women in attendance and photos of the classes and the week's activities. Enjoy!

Puebla revisited

Risk-Taking Mission & Service continues in Mexico

An Article from the TN UMConnector By Rev. Barbara P. Garcia

"It took a week to make me a believer!"

The eighteen women gathered with smiles, bags packed for the week, and energy to put the most fit and impervious to heat to the test. They had finished the first week of training as Community-based Primary Health Care Workers six months ago, and were now ready to continue with the Intermediate Course. Their energy, anticipation, faith and commitment inspired me more every kilometer that took us nearer the Tree of Life Training Center two hours from the city of Puebla. Here were women who were so excited to be serving their families and communities, and were answering God's call to serve thousands who don't have ready access to medical help.



Known as the More Than A Bandage Program in The Methodist Church of Mexico, and especially in the rural areas of south central Mexico, village women are equipped as volunteer primary health care workers in their community. Through interactive learning and hands-on experiences, the women are equipped to return to their communities with the ability to share their knowledge and use their new skills. In this way the health workers empower people to prevent serious disease by changing the conditions which cause it and treat illnesses in their earliest stages right in their own community.

The women attend 3 one-week long courses over an eighteen-month period. They experienced and learned about a variety of topics related to health issues. Upon completion of the first week's course, the health workers were then invited to offer their services in addressing the health needs of their family, church and community.

In the Basic Course they learned about self-esteem, parenting, child development, vaccinations, basic sanitation, disinfecting fruits and vegetables, family nutrition, dental hygiene, and even how to build a dry composting toilet system! And with six months of sharing 'back home' about these most basic topics, they were ready for more!

In the Intermediate Course, they learned more about common diseases and their remedies, amoebas and parasites, CPR, and first aid measures to take care of burns, fractures, cuts and scrapes, hemorrhages, nose bleeds, bites, stings, and eye injuries, as well as learning about the symptoms of diseases, and even how to give intramuscular injections.

Because so many villages do not have doctors nearby, these women become crucial to the health and even lives of many people! *But could they learn all this in a week?*

Each woman was given a three-ring Binder filled with complete information on each topic, and an extensive First Aid Kit so that they were equipped for service upon return. Throughout the week they practiced just what they have learned, first with one of the other women. Then in teams, they had to present the "classes" to the whole group, using the teaching techniques they learned in the Basic Course as well as creating their own approaches and methods of teaching. By the end of the 7 days, they had observed, practiced, taught, demonstrated, taken written and oral exams, and then taught some more! Also, keep in mind this was not conducted in an air-conditioned hospital space, but rather in an open-air classroom at the Tree of Life Rural Training Center throughout long, hot days which began at 6:00 am and continued till 9:00 pm. On the last day, many had wet washcloths over their foreheads to combat the 86-95 degree heat in the shade - yet not one of them waned!

A special thank you:

A special word of thanks to the Tennessee Annual Conference from the 18 women themselves: *"Gracias!... for the beautiful backpacks remaining from a Conference activity and by the AWARE Team from Brentwood UMC! The women were able to transport their huge notebooks and other materials back home 'in style and security!' And equally important, the women were thrilled to know that others are supporting them in their VERY BOLD ventures to serve their families and communities, helping to heal and serve others in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you!"*

It took being there and seeing the remarkable work and planning of the leaders in this program, plus all of the women at work to see that all this could be done in just one week!

Please visit www.gytte.org to learn more about this and other "Risk-Taking ministries" happening through the Give Ye Them To Eat Ministry of The Methodist Church of Mexico in Collaboration with The General Board of Global Ministries -and to see where and why I am enjoying "volunteer life" in Mexico!