

Thank you again very much for your prayers. Because of the time that we spent earlier this year with a local church's short-term ministry team in Chisec in Guatemala, 11 couples living in the Chisec area and one single man have committed to studying through a Bible education program (P.E.B.) in Chisec. Also, the Rengo, Chile, P.E.B. which had been put on hold because of a lack of funds now has the funds to continue. We do want to ask you to pray for the funding for the Chisec P.E.B.—with the first two-week module tentatively scheduled to be taught this month.

We would like to also ask you to pray for our health. Nancy had surgery the end of March. As I write this letter, she is still recuperating from the surgery. We had to abort the scheduled trip which would have had us spending about 10 days the end of April in Delaware with our son and his family.



Before we begin to tell you some ways that a short-term ministry team participant can potentially be a catalyst for connecting a field missionary's sending agency with the church that he or she attends in the U.S., with a field missionary team and with the host country churches, **we would like to ask you to make it a matter of prayer to pray about our monthly support needs.** As of the end of February, we were averaging \$1,274 a month, less than what OC has asked us to raise as our monthly support requirement. As OC's fiscal year began on October 1, 2004, the deficit amount reflects the first five months of OC's fiscal year. We know that it has been your faithful, persistent prayers that have allowed us the privilege and the blessing of being able to minister since 1976 as missionaries. Thank you again for your prayers!

The following will conclude the series of values that we have been communicating in previous letters for someone like you to participate on a short-term ministry team.

Each short-term ministry team participant can potentially be a catalyst for connecting a field missionary's sending agency with the church that he or she attends by:

- surfacing and being able to articulate an understanding of the ethos of a supported field team missionary's sending agency.
- utilizing a venue where a field team missionary unit can be encouraged through face-to-face interaction through a home church rep.
- messaging anecdotal news of what is happening with the agency's missionaries around the world via field team missionary units.

Each short-term ministry team participant can potentially be a catalyst for connecting a field missionary's sending agency with the field missionary team community by:

- resourcing a pool of prospective missionary candidates and potential friends of the mission agency.
- allowing for an opportunity for the developing of leadership abilities and skills in a micro-on-site setting.
- seeing relationships built outside the field missionary team context and the host country church context.

Each short-term ministry team participant can potentially be a catalyst for connecting a field missionary's sending agency with the host country churches by:

- widening the outreach potential and ministry influence by utilizing a mutated North American church ministry.
- finding receptive, dynamic host country churches for ministry acquisition experiences for new missionary candidates.
- learning more about the expectations and the expressed felt needs of host country churches through a neutral pair of eyes.



Just as a short-term ministry team participant will have influence while in a host country and after his or her experience of being in a host country, the short-term ministry team participant will also be influenced by what he or she experienced while being in a host country. If you have never gone to another country on a short-term ministry team, we would like to encourage you to join a short term ministry team—to have the kinds of life-influencing

experiences that so many others are having through this very blessed venue.

Thank you again for partnering with us over the years through your prayers, encouragement, and gifts. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,