

Our Heart's Desire

"May He grant your heart's desire and make all your plans succeed."
Psalm 20:4 (NLT)

Psalm 20 is described as a royal psalm. David, about to enter into battle, gathers those closest to him to lead them in prayer. The first five verses is the prayer that David asks this congregation to pray for him. In the same spirit, we ask you to pray for us: *"May He grant your heart's desire and make all your plans succeed!"*

We recognize that sometimes things don't go according to plan. Proverbs 16 has several verses about our plans and desires. Verse 3 says, *"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."* Then, just six verses later in verse 9, we are reminded, *"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."* God is faithful to honor the vision that He puts in our heart, but He is in control of the details of how that vision will be fulfilled.

We asked in our last Panorama newsletter (*Historic Significance*) for you to join us in praying for property for the **Latin America Resource and Training Center**. A parcel of property for which we had been negotiating had been sold to a buyer that was willing and able to purchase the entire piece. We had planned our course, but God was directing our steps that has now led us to a different property!

We are happy to announce that the General Presbytery of the Panamanian Assemblies of God has wholeheartedly embraced the vision of the Latin America Resource and Training Center and has designated a 3-acre parcel of land for the Center! The property is located in Pedregal, about five miles from the Tocumen International Airport. The Northern Corridor, a highway that circles the city on the North, is currently being extended to connect with the airport. The property is located just one-quarter mile from the entrance to this highway.

This property requires more site preparation because of its topography and will require more customized construction. Enter Randy and Lynne Forsyth...

Welcome Randy and Lynne! The Forsyths are AGWM missionary associates who arrived to Panama in May to help us with school construction. They have already visited most of the schools and are actively consulting with pastors on the best and least expensive way to build school facilities. His expertise in land use and best practice for construction has already earned him respect and a growing work load! Teams are scheduling to come to Panama and help our schools with desperately needed classrooms and school facilities.

God had been directing the Forsyth's path toward Panama for a number of years. Family circumstances and raising their missionary budget delayed their arrival. But God was directing their steps and they have arrived at the perfect time. Randy's specialty is property development! He has already commissioned a topographical survey on the new Pedregal property and based upon the survey he is now designing the site plan and building plans for the Latin America Resource and Training Center.

We ask you to pray for us in these coming months. God has given us a vision and we believe he is helping us to develop sound plans for fulfilling that vision. We ask that you to pray for us that God would grant our heart's desire and make our plans succeed. Pray that God would give us wisdom and favor in site and architectural planning, building permits and site preparation. Pray that God would provide needed funds for preparation and building. Pray that churches and teams would partner with us over the next few years. And please pray that God would continue to use the ministry of the Latin America Resource and Training Center to enable godly leaders, to train committed educators and to



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develop and provide vital resources necessary to prepare and send workers into the harvest fields of our world.

Additional information about the Resource and Training Center is available on the www.LARTC.net website or by download in PDF format at: www.LARTC.net/files/2013-09LARTC.pdf.

Thank you so much for your faithful prayer and financial support! Following is a brief report on the 2013 Mexico Educators Summit. Additional reports and photos are available on our website: www.Boyds.org.

2013 MEXICO EDUCATORS SUMMIT

The 2013 Mexico Educators Summit was by special request of the Superintendent and National Christian Education Director. This was a great opportunity since Mexico has had little participation in the other Summits. These leaders set the date and place: August 26-29 in Cancun.

Our attendance goal was 400. We knew this Summit would be different. The 19 Spanish-speaking countries have been used to having the two Summits - one in Central America for the northern countries and one in the "Southern Cone". The Summit was being planned for 75% Mexican participation. A total of 386 attended: 336 from Mexico and 50 from outside of Mexico. The Mexico delegation included dozens of members of the national presbytery.

The National Christian Education Director requested that we repeat the 2010 Summit theme of **Priority 1: Transgenerational Ministry Training**. 2nd Timothy 2:2 was the key verse that reminds us of our responsibility to pass on the faith, teaching and ministry to future generations.

One significant highlight was being able to introduce the Mexican delegates to the PROCEPA teacher certification program. We offered four workshop periods during the Summit with 6 or 7 different workshops during each period. Half

of the workshops were part of the PROCEPA program. We were thrilled to have 301 of the 336 from Mexico take a least one PROCEPA workshop. Several spoke with us about their desire to continue on in the program. The basic level requires ten workshops. Even now plans are underway to offer National PROCEPA Seminars in Mexico.

We were grateful that Miguel Morales was able to take these days between Sundays of itineration to be with us. The Morales family are raising their budget to join us in Panama! Miguel coordinated all the workshops, and most importantly the PROCEPA certificates and seals!

The 2013 Mexico Summit also allowed us to present the ministries of Latin America Christian Education Services or SEC as it is known in Spanish. We are grateful for the strong participation of our international SEC team. A number of our missionaries are involved in leadership of our schools and educational services. Our team was able to recognize Dick and Cynthia Nicholson, retiring Latin America/ Caribbean Regional Directors for AGWM, for their participation in and contribution to the Christian education program in Spanish-speaking Latin America. Our SEC leaders met after the Summit for our annual meeting. The 80-member Mexico Christian Education Council also met. Several of us from the SEC team were asked to make a presentation to the Council about different SEC ministries.

There is nothing that compares to the inspiring and fertile atmosphere of the Summits. It's all about getting people together to focus on our foundational and common task of training workers for the harvest. People return to their places of ministry with renewed commitment and vision.

We met with the Superintendent and National Christian Education Director after the Summit to evaluate the event and work through the budget. They were so excited about what they had experienced. The superintendent said that he was going to set up a scholarship fund with the goal of helping 1,000 attend the next Summit!

Thank you to all that prayed for the Summit. It was a great success that will have a lasting impact on Mexico. You can watch the video version of the PowerPoint presentation by visiting the following page on our Spanish ministry website: www.elasesor.org/Videos/2013CumbreMx/PowerPoint.aspx



PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise the Lord for the three-acre parcel of land designated by the Panama A/G for the Latin America Resource and Training Center!
- Please pray with us for the wisdom, favor and provision as work begins on site and architectural plans, site preparation and building for the Latin America Resource and Training Center.
- Praise the Lord for the impact of the recently conducted 2013 Educators Summit in Mexico. 386 attended this strategic meeting.
- Please pray for our 35 Good Shepherd Schools in Panama, many of them facing construction of additional classrooms to accommodate growth. Pray for Randy and Lynne as they reach out to help these schools.
- Please pray for the more than 300 children who need an LACC sponsor. If you can one of these, please visit: www.Panama.LACC4Hope.org.
- Praise the Lord that 800 teachers, directors, pastors and national leaders attended the 2013 CIELA Congress for the LACC schools held in July in El Salvador.
- Please pray for the planning of the two Educators Summits coming up in El Salvador (March 2014) and Uruguay (Sept. 2014). Also, please pray for the remaining national PROCEPA Seminars (teacher certification) that will take place this fall in the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

