

A Whirlwind of Ministry!

The first three months of 2016 have been a whirlwind of ministry!

Jan. 17-19... **Panama General Council** of the Assemblies of God Annual Conference of the pastors and delegates.

Jan. 23-25... Travel to **Belize** to assist Latin America ChildCare country coordinators Tom and Kathi Moore and meet with superintendent Abel Raymundo.

Jan. 26-29... Travel to Dallas for the annual meeting of the **ACLAME Missionary Educators Leadership Team**. Plans are moving forward for the May 2017 ACLAME Summit

Feb. 4-7... Travel to **Managua, Nicaragua** to meet with the **Central America National School Directors and LACC Missionary Coordinators**. The decision was made to move forward with and begin planning the next Christian School Congress in September 2017 in Managua.

Feb. 13-20... The **Lincolnton GA First Assembly MAPS Construction Team** launches construction of the Latin America Resource and Training Center. Please see the report that follows.

Feb. 23-28... Travel to **Monterrey, Mexico** to visit the Cintermex Convention Center, location of a possible 2017 Mexico Educators Summit. Travel to **Saltillo, Mexico** to help organize and participate in the **2016 National Educators Congress**. The Congress featured a National PROCEPA Seminar with 15 workshops offered during five workshop periods. PROCEPA is LARTC's international teacher certification program for the 6,000-7,000 pastors, pastor's wives and other ministry leaders who volunteer in more than 1,000 Bible schools, extensions and training centers in the 20 Spanish-speaking countries in the Latin America – Caribbean region. There were 820 in attendance, with more than 700 are just beginning their PROCEPA certification. We're happy to report that PROCEPA now has 5,000 teachers enrolled in the basic certification program!

Feb. 29... The **Good Shepherd Schools** school year begins in Panama. We are amazed by the growth and significant influence of these schools. We finished 2015 with 9,160 children and youth enrolled in 35 schools. We're thankful for Latin America ChildCare and hundreds of individual sponsors and churches that are providing help to 1,000 of these students.

Feb. 28-March 9... Travel to **Dallas** to participate in a series of meetings in Dallas, including the **LACC Board Meeting**, an **AGWM Latin America/Caribbean Region strategy session**, **Assemblies of God Hispanic Fellowship Council meeting**, **Missions Congress** and **Latin America ChildCare Leadership Team meeting**.

March 20-April 2... The **Portland OR Christian Center MAPS Construction Team** continues construction of the **Latin America Resource and Training Center**. Please see the report that follows.

March 31-April 10... The **Bethany MA Assembly of God MAPS Construction Team** builds classrooms at the **Aguadulce Good Shepherd School** under the leadership of Randy and Lynne Forsyth.

Thank you prayer and support partners for standing in the gap for us! We can't imagine doing what we do without you! Thank you!

Rod and Sherry

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**Prayer Needs & Praise Reports
on the reverse side!**

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LARTC Construction Launch... A Dream in the Making!

More than 10 years ago the Lord put in our heart the vision for the Latin America Resource and Training Center. What seems like a dream all those years ago is finally becoming a reality! We saved up your designated offerings given for this project over the years. They were doubled by funds received from the sale of an AGWM educational building in Florida. And now two teams have given generous construction offerings and have dedicated teams for the quick construction launch of the phase one building. Following are the reports of the efforts of these two teams and how we will proceed in the future.

LINCOLNTON GA MAPS CONSTRUCTION TEAM

What a joy to host the Lincolnton GA First Assembly MAPS Construction Team in mid-February. The 24-member team arrived on Saturday night on a direct flight from Atlanta. The team was quite surprised to see the amount of work that had been accomplished before they arrived and that everything was ready for them to begin work. We are very proud of our general contractor, Jose Quintana, who in five short months oversaw:

- Construction of a twin culvert system to cross the creek and 100-yard extension of the road
- Clearing, topographical surveying and leveling of the two-plus acre property
- Excavation and construction of foundation beams and 15 ten-foot square column footings
- Raising the 15 I-beam columns and three enormous 105-foot heavy duty cross beams
- Welding I-beam cross members and install second-story metal decking used as a base for the second-story concrete floor.

PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise the Lord for the excellent construction work on the Latin America Resource and Training Center (LARTC) done by the Lincolnton GA and Portland OR Christian Center MAPS Construction Teams! They were able to complete 90% of the block work.
- Please pray for provision (offerings and teams) to continue work on the LARTC. **We need a miracle of \$75,000 in the next few months** for electrical (cable, transformer and wiring), septic, plumbing, finish work and furnishings so that we can occupy the building by the end of 2016!
- Praise the Lord for the record attendance at the 2016 Mexico Educators Congress held in Saltillo, Mexico the end of February. 820 attended with more than 700 newly registered in the PROCEPA teacher certification program.
- 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.
- Please join us in prayer for a large Bible project for Latin America ChildCare. Our goal is 5,000 for Panama! The special study Bible will use the Nueva Traducción Viviente (the New Living Translation in English). Please visit www.lacc4hope.org/bibles for additional information.

When finished, the first-phase building will be a 105 x 50 feet, two-story structure, providing over 5,000 square feet of classroom, library, production, bathroom and hallway space on the ground floor and the same amount of space on the second floor for office, administration, conference room, bathroom and hallway.

In just four days of work, the team was able to bring all of the interior walls and three sides of the exterior walls up to bond beam height. One exterior wall was left open to facilitate pouring the concrete floor, a project for the coming days as funds permit. One of the team members captured the progress of the team in time-lapse photography. This inspiring video is available on our Vimeo channel at: www.vimeo.com/156087499.

Thank you Lincolnton First Assembly MAPS Team for coming to Panama, for your hard work on the Center and for blessing so many children and adults with your gifts and testimony. Please come back soon!

WORK BETWEEN TEAMS

Work continued after Lincolnton team left in preparation for the arrival of the Portland team. Bond beams were finished, 2nd story floor was poured and the stairs built. Fifteen square metal posts and roof trusses were erected.

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER MAPS TEAM

A mixed team of 20 men, women and youth from Portland (OR) Christian Center MAPS Team arrived mid-march, giving two weeks to continue construction of the LARTC. We were so happy to have Randy and Lynne Forsyth back working with this team. The first three days were spent on the first floor, blocking above the bond beams, blocking storage rooms and installing plumbing in the two multi-stall restrooms. At the same time our Panamanian crew was installing the first half of the roof.

The team moved upstairs on day four to begin block work on the administrative area. Multiple dividing walls and formed columns and bond beams were a challenge. But the team nearly completed blocking the inner office area, leaving the simpler back and hallway walls for our Panamanian crew. A crew also brought the first floor bathrooms nearly to bond beam level.

Thank you Portland Christian Center MAPS Team for your hard work. We hope to see you back next year!

2016 GOALS

Our goal is to move our office to the new building before the end of the year. There is so much work that still needs to be completed! We are believing God for \$75,000.00 in special offerings for this project by July 1st for electrical (cable, transformer, wiring), septic, drainage and erosion control, blocking, stucco, plumbing, doors, windows, finish work and furnishings. And this is just the first phase of construction!



Please join us in "praying in" funds and teams for the Latin America Resource and Training Center. Please visit www.lartc.net and www.boyds.org for updated reports and information. If you are able to help, please send your offerings to:

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Thank you for standing with us and for being a part a long-term vision... a dream in the making!