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**NEWLY UPDATED!!  
TAKE A LOOK**

“Like a reflected sunbeam, divine love shines down before it radiates out. Unless our hearts are conditioned by the Holy Spirit to receive and reflect the warmth of God’s compassion, we cannot love our fellowmen as we ought.”

Billy Graham

Dear friends and family,

In the months since our last newsletter, we have served alongside people who have allowed God’s love to so fill their lives that they truly reflect God’s compassion.

During the summer we had groups from San Francisco, and Orange, California, and another from Washington who came and loved, served, and touched our community and mission churches. In July we worked alongside a 64-person team of doctors and nurses from Phoenix, San Diego, Minnesota, California/NYC, and Boston. All of these people reflected God’s love and compassion through painting, hair-cutting and styling, preaching and teaching, cleaning teeth and filling cavities, taking blood pressure and listening to physical needs, filling prescriptions, renewing friendships, sharing in sweet conversation, playing and loving on the children, building and repairing... Reflections of compassion!

### On the Home Front

In July and August we had our yearly baptisms! It was such an exciting time to watch people make the decision to take this step in their faith.



Eduardo and Marcela – Saved a year and a half ago at an evangelistic event. Received discipleship. Both baptized this summer. They have been living together for a little more than 20 years and they have begun gathering their papers to be married both legally and in the church! They asked Pablo to marry them...



Hector and Jenny – accepted the Lord earlier this year. They are currently being discipled. Were baptized this summer! They carried some tough baggage into their current marriage and have kids on both sides and together. They are learning to abide in Christ daily and are working on being healthier people individually and as a family.



Javier – Miracles! Javier, as you know, lost his legs this last year and has had many physical and emotional problems. He always was pretty demanding but then he got REALLY grumpy for several months and ran off all of his helpers and grumped at all of his friends. (So understandable under the circumstances). Somewhere along the way his heart was softened and he is not the person he was. He is joyful and kind and during worship sometimes I think he is going to leap out of his wheelchair! Next month, another missionary (Dennis) will be flying with him to Mexico City to see his family. He will be there a week and Dennis and he will be staying at a hotel and being tourists! We are so excited for him. What a gift. What a miracle!

Since summer ended, Pablo has begun teaching the second level students at the Ministry Training Institute at Agua Viva. Once again he is teaching the Discipleship Curriculum (<http://www.disciplers.org/lessons>). It has been very exciting to see the students learn, go out on weekend internships and put feet

to their learning by discipling a new believer at the church that they are assigned to.



One very exciting thing for us is that during this MTI session Pablo and I have had the honor to house and coordinate activities each weekend for a group of Huicholes that have

come to study at MTI from the Sierras of Jalisco. Huicholes are an indigenous people group of Mexico. They speak their own dialect and there have been some beautiful noises coming out of our home for the last couple of months; Spanish, Huichol and English! All of them that are with us are students with the exception of one young man who has already graduated and his wife is now studying her second level courses. (He is the pastor in the town where they live, and while she is studying and preparing to be a pastor's wife, he is in charge of the baby!!) Each weekend they have been teaching the youth, sharing their testimonies, serving in church, discipling! There has been a BEAUTIFUL CAOS in our home that we wouldn't trade for anything!

Please pray for them as they return to the south of the republic in December. Huicholes, by culture have many, many gods. They are Animists and they practice the religion of Shamanism. They live very simply, living off the land and from the sales of their Artisan jewelry. They are very poor – but those that have received the Lord are rich in spirit. Those who follow the Lord are persecuted for their faith. We have been so blessed by them! Words cannot express! For more information on their people group, culture and customs, please see: [http://joshuaproject.net/people\\_groups/12141/MX](http://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/12141/MX)

It is one of our dreams that the discipleship curriculum could be translated into Huichol. The particular dialect that they speak does not have a Bible and so the translation process is much more difficult. We have spoken to them about this and put our heads together to work on it but it is a long time in coming. Thank you for your prayers.



In two weeks we are off!! On November 7<sup>th</sup> four DTI traveling team members take off for Camaguey Cuba, to lead our eighth discipleship training conference there! Our host, Pastor Paneque has confirmed there are over 300 pastors and church leaders planning to attend the five day conference, which will be by far our largest. The evidence of God working through the discipleship process has caused great anticipation and excitement. Lives are being transformed!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR CUBA:

- **CUBAN RELIGIOUS VISAS:** that they arrive on time! They showed up three days before leaving on our last trip! We serve a “just in time” God!
- **CUBAN TRAINERS:** That there will be enough Cuban trainers to lead the small group breakouts, a critical part of the teaching since only Pablo and I are Spanish speaking DTI trainers going on the trip. We marvel at how God has prepared new Cuban trainers, as our goal (in Cuba and in Mexico!) is to train local leadership to train others. Please pray for their preparation and availability to attend.
- **FOOD:** It is a monumental task to accumulate and prepare the meals necessary to feed 300 people for 5 days.
- **CUBAN PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS:** That God will prepare their hearts and minds and that they arrive to the conference safely and rested.
- **TRAVELING TRAINERS:** for good health and safe travels. (Outbreaks of cholera have been prevalent in Havana.)



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#### PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING CUBAN

**PASTORS:** There are no financial resources for the Cuban pastors to pay for their own associated expenses. Therefore, DTI pays for their lodging, meals, transportation, and DTI materials.

\$20 per pastor is about what it costs for the entire 5 days. The total need for 300 pastors is \$6,000. We have received about \$1500, so are praying for God to lay on the hearts of more people to sponsor pastors so we can accommodate everyone who desires to attend.

If you would like to give a tax deductible gift to sponsor a pastor or to give a gift for our personal travel expenses, (we personally need about \$1,500.00) you may do so at: <http://disciplers.org/news/item/17-cuba-november-2014-mission-trip-update> Please specify where you want your gift to be designated.



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Class!



The two groups of people who were baptized!



Beautiful Huicholes!



IT IS NOT ENOUGH!  
TO BE COMPASSIONATE  
YOU MUST ACT!



Acts of compassion!

