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- ~ **Equipping** Church Leaders
- ~ **Educating** Students  
 In the Warner School in Peru  
 & Vo-tech training in Guatemala

**Partnering with Peru in Training Church Leaders**

August 3-6, 2017 PiM, in partnership with the Church of God in northern Peru, conducted leadership conferences in two locations: Chepen and Lima. Our teachers were Pastor Nicolas Perez from Chepen, Peru; Dr. Nehiel Rojas from Houston, TX and Victor Quispe, leader of 275 churches in Bolivia



(photo on R). An estimated 59 church leaders attended the conferences on the following topics: “Principles of Parenting”, “Pastoral Calling and Support”, “Participation of Christians in Politics”, “With Whom Should I Marry?”, “Preparation for Death”, “Pastoral Counseling”, “Prepared to Serve Better”, “Hell and Heaven, According to the Bible”.

The following is Nehiel’s wife Joanna’s assessment of the conferences...

- \* Students seemed to be very involved and receptive to the teachings
- \* We were very excited about the participation of a 13-year-old this year. He had attended a couple of years ago but was unable to attend last year. His participation showed great spiritual growth. We are excited about what God can do with this young man. Nehiel will forward Karvin a video of his presentation as the presenter from his small group.
- \* Lima pastors are begging to have this again next year. They were already talking about what they learned from this first seminar and how they will improve their participation next year. The brethren seemed hungry for fellowship and studying God's word.
- \* The pastor of the Zarate church told Nehiel personally that he found the quality of this seminar to be far greater than what they recently experienced in other conferences.
- \* The Lima pastors seemed more excited about the classes, were eager to ask questions, and the regional leaders seemed to work together very well.

**Guatemala Work Camp & Seminary**

A 9-member team was in Guatemala, August 29 – September 5, to work with the nationals in the following projects: paint the interior of a church,



build a 20' x 20' house for an abandoned mother with two children and paint the living room/bedroom of

Concepción

Ramirez, a Mayan Indian whose image



has been on the Guatemalan quarter since 1957. She and her family were early Church of God pioneers in Guatemala.

September 7 – 10 we conducted another seminary and preaching mission with teachers Wayne and Kathi Sellers, former missionaries to Costa Rica. Topics included "Skills for Child Development", "Hell", "Heaven" and "Preaching with Freshness".

In June 2012, Karvin met with one pastor in Guatemala to talk about the possibility of working there in the areas of leadership training and work camps. Today PiM is working with more than 30 churches with 4,700 church members.

**From the Journal of Cindi Via  
A Member of the Guatemala Mission Team**

September 3, 2017

We worshipped today in an all-Spanish service, which I understood none of! Except for the name Jesus and Dios (God). We worshipped with Pastor Macedonio and Esmirna Lopez. Their church's name is Peniel Church of God. I can't explain how moving the service was for me. I felt Jesus there. Although I have no idea what anyone talked about, I read scriptures that Sandy told me they were reading and I prayed when they prayed. They sang loud and Spirit-filled! The pastor's wife sang, a girl played the keyboard, and a boy played the drums. Hands were raised and some were clapping during the music. They sang "How Great Thou Art" in Spanish. The only way I knew that, was by the

music. I sang in English as they sang in Spanish. It was so compelling to me.

When everyone got to the service, they prayed (kneeling down at their chairs) before they shook hands, talked, or did anything else. It was a beautiful sight. American Christians have much to learn from Guatemalan Christians. They all hugged me or shook my hand and were so friendly. They worshipped so freely and wholeheartedly. All I could think was they have nothing compared to us (in terms of worldly possessions), but yet they knew they had everything with Jesus. I cried. We took communion with them and it was so powerful. As I took the bread and juice, I prayed, Lord help me to eat the bread of and drink the wine of whatever you have for my family. I cried so much. Karvin preached (in Spanish), but I'm not sure what he preached on. I know it was in 1 John.

All I kept thinking was how different I was from these people, yet how similar we are. And my mind immediately went to 1 Corinthians 12:4. It speaks of diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. That's all I kept thinking. We may speak, live, and look different, but the same spirit is with us all! The Holy Ghost is wherever you invite Him. And He was there tonight. Before Karvin preached the pastor read Psalm 117...

"O Praise the Lord, all ye nations:

Praise Him, all ye people.

For His merciful kindness is great toward us:

and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Praise ye the Lord."

It was fitting for the service.

*Coming Events*

Feb 27 – Mar 6, 2018 Guatemala Work Camp

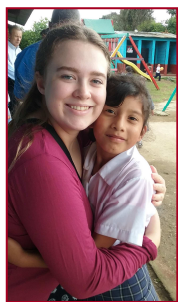
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Mar 8 – 11, 2018 Guatemala Seminary  
& Preaching Mission

### Hurricanes and Changing Plans

Jane Neer

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails” (Prov. 19:21). For months I had been anticipating an upcoming mission trip to Guatemala City. Of the many mission trips I have been privileged to lead or make to various countries in Latin America this was to be a very special one. My



17 year old granddaughter (L) was accompanying me to experience a mission trip for the first time. Weather reports were sounding ominous, giving hurricane Harvey warnings for the time frame around our departure. Our part of the group

had flights routed through Dallas, but there were others with itineraries routed through Houston promising inevitable flight delays. As we prepared for our departure it was very possible that plans for what we might accomplish may need to be revised or changed.

Upon arrival at the beautiful Catalyst Resources Int’l (CRI) compound in Mixco, we realized our leader and the other half of the team would arrive a few days later. Instead of going out to begin our project near Lake Atitlán, there was a need to help complete the project of another visiting family from Lexington, Kentucky. They had

previously financed the building of numerous small homes for the very poor in the surrounding villages. Instead



of painting a house in Santiago Atitlán, we picked up hammer and nails to help build a small house in Santa Isabel, a village in Chimaltenango, for a single mother and her two small children who were living in a very small crude shack next to extended family.

In addition to the construction, part of our group had the opportunity to help paint CRI’s new multipurpose room as well as painting the

interior of the Iglesia El Santuario Evangelistero church in Villa Nueva and holding a morning Bible school with children of their Central Educativo Santuario school. With the help of Lupe, our young translator from CRI, we were able to share the plan of salvation, making colorful beaded salvation bracelets to help the kids remember how to share Jesus with others, and enjoyed singing songs together.

The Kentucky family later spent an afternoon shopping for furnishings for the completed house: beds, bedding, kitchen utensils, table and chairs, along with a month’s supply of food. After the other half of our team arrived we had the blessing of helping to place furnishings in the home and experience the dedication and presentation of the completed home to Hilda, and her son Frasier and daughter Maria Ariceli. She unlocked the door to inspect her new home, with tearful, heartfelt thanks to the group. The children happily bounced upon their ‘camasitas’, new beds they would sleep in that night for the first time.

On Sunday we attended church at the Peniel Church of God in Boca Monte with pastors Macedonio and Esmirna Lopez. It was a precious experience of sharing the Lord’s Supper with the congregation where PiM had worked last year. We also visited the Once de Agosto (11<sup>th</sup> of August) school and students in the village of Gorrión as well as their beautiful Monte Sinai church.

Due to 370,000 abused and abandoned children in Guatemala there are many orphanages in the area. Many were started and operated by people from the US who felt the burden of helping care for these children. We toured the House of Hope orphanage in the gated community of San Lucas and Home Int’l orphanage, loving on babies and children of all ages.

After our group left for home, PiM leader Karvin Adams remained in country to lead PiM’s pastors and church leaders’ seminary. So, as it turned out, before it began he was able to go to Santiago and paint the home which was part of original plan.

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### **Hurricanes and Changing Plans**

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As I contemplated our fulfilled projects, I thought of another PiM trip in 2004 I led to Natal, Brazil when plans were changed. The missionaries with whom we were to work had plans for our group to help in enlarging a conference center. But, upon our arrival we found that all the necessary red tape had not been completed which cancelled our project plans. It just so happened that another small church in the area was in need of work to be done at their church. Coincidence? No! Upon completion of laying concrete for the sanctuary floor and painting a Sunday School class building and preparing to go back home the young pastor and his wife tearfully thanked us for our help. They shared that they had been very discouraged and were planning on leaving their church and perhaps the ministry. However, our coming to them had given them new hope and they were encouraged to go forward with their work.

Isaiah 55:8 tells us “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways”. Our Lord can work through hurricanes or however He chooses to change our plans to accomplish His perfect plan.

### **Not Retired Yet**

Since Sandy and I moved back to Benton, AR, in April 2017; several have said that we have returned to “retire”. I have not retired, I’m still active teaching in our local church and working with PiM in Guatemala and Peru. Besides I have not found any Scriptural reference to retiring from ministry. Yes, one might slow down as health and energy declines, but I haven’t retired and don’t plan to. We deeply appreciate those who are continuing to support PiM through your prayers and finances.

Karvin

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