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King's Highway Newsletter

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Guatemala in 2006

Well, you have heard me talk about this project for months. Especially since the Royal Rangers across the state were sponsoring the material. They did it! Along with friends of rangers and their churches, \$11,900 was raised for material.

Thank you Tennessee Rangers for sponsoring the most remote project I have ever worked on.

Let me give a brief description of the project. The team was made up of 21 members, all from Tennessee except for one from New Hope A/G in Albany, NY. The team arrived at Guatemala City a couple hours late. After gathering the backpacks, food, medical supplies, and tools, we loaded onto a school bus and headed to the city of Coban. We stayed in a quaint little bed and breakfast and started the next day at 5AM. Our host missionary James Wiseman, had contracted a small Cessna aircraft to get us a little closer to the site.

He had also contracted the Kekchi people to clear the runway to make it safe for the team to land. We had to weigh every item going on the plane because it only held 700 lbs. It took us around 20 flights to get all the gear and team to the strip. After arriving at the strip we walked only 45 minutes to the church site. This sounds too good, doesn't it? On the last flight in, the pilot informed us he would not be able to fly us out. I waited a few days before telling the team.

We hit the ground running and after two days the walls were up. On day three the trusses were built and on day four the trusses were lifted up and pearlings and metal roofing started. The Kekchi people helped with the project in every way possible. They were the most gracious people I have ever worked for.

Day four was a good day to tell the team we would have to walk out. This caused a lot of excitement since half of the team were suffering from dehydration and other out of the country sicknesses. I know it wasn't from the cooking because I know the cook personally.

I am so grateful we had a medical team of three with us this week. The team not only doctored us but was able to see 400 patients during the week. Thank you, TWC in Crossville, TN, for sponsoring the \$2300 plus in medicines. The medical team was assisted by Rebecca Wiseman as translator during the week.

Day five, sun-up, tents down and packs ready, the first group headed out across the mountains after dedicating the building in much prayer. About 4.5 hours later the last of the team reached a small road that a four wheel drive could access. The missionary had left us 24 hours earlier to contract for the vehicles. Many of our guys committed to losing weight after this little hike. Here begins the 4 wheel adventure which lasted about 4 hours. Finally that night we reached the bed and breakfast for a good nights sleep before we boarded the school bus for the ride back to Guatemala City.

The team spent the rest of their money buying gifts in the central market and then made their way to a four star hotel, steak supper and good nights sleep. God had brought his people through again. We are all so grateful for all the prayers offered up for us on this project. They worked!



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June 2006-Iceland Sept. 2006 Austria TBA-Cuba, Siberia, Bolivia, Philippines