

MEMO - JULY 2009

Hello everyone. It's a joy for Pauline and me to be sending you this latest update on some of the highs and lows at the W.C.V.T.C. during the month of June.

A low for us has been the absence of the students for the past two weeks due to all schools being temporarily closed as a precaution against the spread of the swine flu. We thank the Lord that Guatemala has not been severely affected by it and that none of our greater school family has been adversely affected either.

It's a thrill to finally be able to report that the long awaited dome over the central patio was completed in early June just in time for the torrential rains which are now upon us. Though it was pretty much assembled in May, it has needed a little tweaking here and there in order to deal with the drainage. It looks absolutely beautiful. This of course is a high.

Going to the other extreme now, our greatest low is actually our most recent high. We talked about the well in our last memo, well, last Saturday, we got to test its' flow. With the temporary pump that we used, we were able to calibrate a steady yield of 15 gallons per minute, which is actually perfect for the needs of the school. So even though it has a low of five hundred feet, you will appreciate why we celebrate it as a high!

Has it occurred to you that in spite of not having a large bank balance, we are still able to work towards completing some of these large projects within the project? God continues to provide for these needs one by one as He moves the hearts of individuals to give. In the case of the well of course, we again thank the hundreds of young people across Canada who contributed towards this gift that will keep on giving.

Several other highs are noteworthy as we do want you to rejoice with us for God's grace and favour. One of our more urgent needs for the Computation Course has been the need for licences for the various software programmes. We praise God that this need has been met and students will now be able to experience training at a much higher level.

Looking ahead to the future, materials and equipment are presently being assembled in Calgary and will be coming down to Guatemala later this year. We are endeavouring to initiate new careers at the school in the areas of Dental Technology and Micro Processors. These careers will put new opportunities into the hands of many, still marginalized young people as they are able to find scholarships made available to them through your giving and sponsoring by way of E.R.D.O.

If you would like to do this please contact Linda Harker, Missions Dept. P.A.O.C. 2450 Milltower Court, Mississauga, Ontario, L5N 5Z6. E-mail lharker@paoc.org - Linda has all the profiles of the students.

One other event took place in June that must be mentioned here as it has great relevance to the history and life of the W.C.V.T.C. over the last ten years. Our strongest support network has been the mission agency known as 'Mission Link'. Many of you have made contributions to our work here in Guatemala through the Mission Link office. Early in June, missionaries and dignitaries from far and near came together in Edmonton to celebrate a dynamic and fruitful past, spanning more than fifty years of missionary endeavour. It was agreed at this recent conference to become fully absorbed into the World Mission department of P.A.O.C. This historic transition was tastefully done and concluded on a positive note, highlighting the many wonderful achievements over the years. It should be seen as a 'high' certainly rather than a 'low' in that this instrument for donations will continue by way of a 'Mission Link Project Account' maintained at the P.A.O.C. World Missions Division at the Mississauga office. We are deeply grateful for all the help we have received through the Mission Link office.

We continue to trust God for other needs of the school. The larger items now consist of the machinery required for the Engine Overhaul shop, the Industrial Engineering shop and the Welding Technology shop. Also it should be noted that the school should be available to young people who require wheel chair access. For this to happen, we will need to have an elevator installed, giving access to all three floors. By stating these things in this memo we are simply making the needs known and leaving the rest to God.

Spring has gone, summer is upon us and autumn will soon be here. Please be in prayer for the third year class as they will be heading into their final unit starting next week. It will be their toughest one after which they will be working on their projects and exams. This higher level of education is tough for all our students so please include also our second and first year students in your prayers.

We wish you God's great blessing, until next time.

ALAN & PAULINE