

SLATER'S FINAL MEMO

OCTOBER, 2009

Everyday brings new challenges but there comes with it, new excitement. Working for God Who is always on the move, certainly helps in keeping us on the hop! We never know what's coming next but we do know it's God's work so we just need to stay obedient. Please indulge us in an extra long memo, this being our last one.

X marks the spot of a person's destination and as many of you are aware, Pauline and I are on the move again. We came to Guatemala fourteen years ago with our God given assignment to build and establish a vocational training centre for the graduates of our Child Care Plus schools and what an incredible plan God had in mind. Under God's clear direction Pauline and I have brought the William Cornelius Vocational Training Centre to the point where our beloved Guatemala national team members can continue on in taking the development of the school to new levels of completion and success.

I am sure that many of you are thinking; 'So what spot is marked by the X?' And the answer is; we do not know ourselves yet! We do know that the school is well established and we can move on with the smile of God upon us. It has been an incredible ride with lots of ups as well as downs, but God has proved Himself so very faithful to His word, His promises and His children again and again.

This does not mean that the Slaters will no longer be associated with the W.C.V.T.C. We will remain involved though only from an advisory and promotional point of view. We will be leaving Guatemala, God willing on November 1st, 2009. Our plan is to take some time off to wind down and continue to seek the Lord as to what it is that He has planned for us as our next assignment - we are NOT retiring! Those of you who remember the inauguration of the school will remember that this was a very busy and exciting time. We were only able to dream of a graduation ceremony that would take place three years down the road. Well folks, that first graduation ceremony will take place in just over 2 weeks on the 24th & 25th October, 2009. We are looking forward to this very special event at which time first and foremost our first class of students will graduate and go off to their respective futures in a prepared state as computer technicians as well as salt and light. Secondly we are excited at the prospect of having our General Superintendent Rev. David Wells as our speaker and thirdly we will be blessed by the presence of many of the student's sponsors with us for this auspicious moment.

Patrocinator is a Spanish word that represents the key to success not only of the W.C.V.T.C. but more especially the success and future of the many wonderfully promising young Guatemalans who are waiting and praying for an opportunity to be enabled to attend the W.C.V.T.C. It means 'SPONSOR'. Being a sponsor of a C.C.P. student is the same as being an answer to prayer. Please don't take it lightly nor underestimate the power and influence of sponsoring a student. It really does change lives and futures 100% of the time.

Love and compassion along with a desire to make a difference are the basic elements in becoming a 'patrocinator'. The W.C.V.T.C. does not need the Slaters in order to continue in a strong and healthy way, it does however need you to become a sponsor of a student. You can do this by writing to Linda Harker at the E.R.D.O. desk at World Missions Division P.A.O.C. or by sponsoring through the webpage of the P.A.O.C. E.R.D.O. desk. You can imagine the thrill it's been for us to follow the progress of the original class of students from January 2007 until now. What a privilege the Lord bestowed upon us with this awesome task, yet we will continue to take an active interest in the students that will follow as we continue in sponsoring one or more of these worthy young people.

Assignments come to an end but God's work goes on from strength to strength. The William Cornelius Vocational Training Centre is strongly associated with our C.C.P. E.R.D.O. desk at the P.A.O.C. World Missions office in Mississauga. So even though the Slaters are leaving the field, please know that the work of Child Care Plus is still working in Guatemala. Some of you have asked us for an update on what the school's greatest needs are at the present. This would now fall into two separate categories:

- (a) 'Sponsorships'. This category of help provides the school with operational funds.
- (b) 'Contents'. This category of funding is used to purchase equipment for the various laboratories and classrooms etc.

New careers are planned for 2011. They are 'Dental Mechanics' and 'Microprocessors Technology'. The machine shop areas are still not equipped and will not be offered as careers until they are properly fitted out with the necessary machinery. Our first 'Computer Science' graduate students are just in the process of completing their practicum's in readiness for graduation while our second year Dental Hygiene students are experiencing new excitement as they participate in special studies at the University of San Carlos as part of their ongoing studies.

It truly is a treat for Pauline and I to see how the life of the school is such a thrill for all concerned. So in regard to our prayer needs, first we want you to join us in an offering of

thanksgiving to the Lord for all He has done and will continue to do here. Please be in prayer for Edna and her Board of Directors - that they will continue in the flow of the blessing of the Lord as they endeavour to provide good, sound and spiritual leadership to the W.C.V.T.C.

Please remember Gladys, our academic director of the school that the Lord will anoint her with wisdom and understanding as she gives leadership to the teachers as well as the students.

Pray continually that the enemy will not be able to have his way with any of the students. And that the students will be kept safe from harm, that they might grow in sensitivity to the leading of the Lord in their lives.

Finally please add a prayer on our behalf that we might clearly know His leading in our lives as we return to Canada and again bloom where He plants us. We do not yet know His plans but we hold His hand as He takes us into the future.

Thank you all for standing with us, loving us, trusting us, praying with us, supporting us and for those of you who came and invested into the lives and futures of our precious Guatemalan young people. Only eternity will tell the full story of your obedience to the gentle Holy Spirit in putting your hand to the plough of the W.C.V.T.C as you have tilled the ground and helped us water and now we are going to celebrate our first HARVEST of grad students. Our hearts are full of gratitude to each of you, knowing that life changing experiences have happened to so many of you while here in the Land of Eternal Spring.

We begin a new journey but we have our old friend with us who never changes, JESUS. Please know our hearts are in total peace and our trust and confidence is in HIM as has been the case down the many many years we have served HIM.

May the Name of the Lord be praised forever!!

Yours friends,

Alan & Pauline.

Please note: As of 1st November our new e-mail will be: alan.pollyana@gmail.com