

August 13, 2007

Dear friends of Missions Ministries,

From the riders to the staff, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the "Pedal 4A Purpose" bike ride. It was Missions Ministries' most successful year yet with over 100 riders and over \$40,000.00 raised! I sincerely want everyone to know how much their efforts were appreciated and how encouraging this kind of turn out was for the ministry. Hope to see you on your bike again next year!!!

On another note...Praise God! It is only August and we already have 46 teams booked for 2008 and one team for 2009. To put this into perspective, for 2007 we had 50 teams booked by February of 2007, not by August of 2006. Missions Ministries is growing; and, as much as we want to grow, we are still dedicated to maintaining the same quality for our mission trips. A specific prayer we have is that God would raise up more medical/dental teams for 2008. So, please talk to any doctors, nurses, dentists and/or hygienists that you may know and encourage them to put a trip together. We even have a new medical/dental brochure, with informative video that will be available soon that we would be glad to send to anyone interested in one of these trips.

A band of wonderful volunteers has been revamping the Missions Ministries' website with the hopes of having it done by late August or early September. Please stay tuned--the new website should be an improvement from our present one with everything from family updates, missionary bio's, interactive video to t-shirt sales.

My wife and I recently returned from visiting the Tarahumara Indians in Copper Canyon with Leo. It was a wonderful experience with beautiful people. The first morning we helped Maxmillian pull weeds in his corn field so that he would have time that afternoon to attend an evangelical service that Leo put on. Later that evening we played the Jesus film in Tarahumarian on a laptop, and at its conclusion we extended an invitation to the crowd of seven to accept Jesus Christ, and after we prayed, one of Max's daughters, Navidad, said that she had accepted Christ. How exciting!!! It is wonderful to watch Leo minister to these people. He truly grasps the love of God and shares this love that transformed him easily with them.

As for me, I thank God everyday for His ministry and the opportunity to serve Him. M.M. has been blessed with a wonderful group of employees, missionaries and supporters who are all so encouraging. Hope to see you in Juarez soon!

Sincerely,

Casey Bishop  
President, Missions Ministries