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...Let the whole "earth be
filled with His glory!"

Psalm 72:19

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HEA / Covid-19 Update from Margarita Ibarra

- HEA's Vice President of Operations -

We want to greatly thank all of you who are part of the Harvest call. Thank you all for believing God and for praying for and supporting the vision that He has placed in our hearts. We know for sure that in this challenging time it is another opportunity for all of us to fill the earth with HIS glory... *(continued on next page)*

... Margarita's Covid-19 update continued ...

From HEA's World Missions Operations Center, Chiapas Mexico

As you might have heard, our leadership conference with Robert Emmitt that was scheduled for March 17-18 was canceled to protect everyone's health. This was a difficult decision because we knew that the pastors had been waiting for Pastor Robert to return to Chiapas. We, the HEA Staff, were also grateful for the opportunity to have him with us once again. With the help of Mark Dittmer, (HEA's Technical Director) and the database that he built for HEA, we were able to text and call the more than 900 leaders who had registered for the conference. Only 2 pastors arrived on the day the conference was to take place.

Thank God we are all well here in Chiapas, Mexico. Greg and Michele had to return to San Antonio. They have had a fever and congestion for a few weeks. The doctor tested & ruled out the flu & strep and told them to just assume it is coronavirus and told them to go into self quarantine. They are doing well. Please pray for their complete healing.

Like in most countries, our schools and churches are closed and most activities have been suspended. Most of the population has stayed at home as the authorities recommend. There are also those who need to go out and work to provide food for their family. There is another group of people who just don't understand what's going on at all.

At Harvest, we are staying at home (as the government has asked). Those of us who work and live in the mission center continue what God has called us to do. Those staff members living outside the mission center have been asked to stay home for their protection until we call them back. They are all still receiving their full support. At the Mission School (we) continue to take the precautions of healthy distance. Weekend field training trips have been suspended, which has given us time to move forward with even more classes. It has also been an opportunity to pray and fast with staff and students to cry out for salvation and healing to the nations. At the initiative of the students we will begin our second period of 21 days of prayer and fasting to continue crying out for the nations.

The students live at the center so we hope this will allow us to complete the school. We have moved the students from their classroom into the auditorium so that we could space their desks out to keep the recommended 2 meters distance all around each student. The auditorium also allows us to keep proper ventilation.

We have also suspended the monthly visits by the Pastor's and the families of the students. This will not only help keep the students and staff healthy but will also allow the families and the pastors to avoid putting themselves in unnecessary contact with so many others as they are traveling. In place of pastors and families visiting, students have had the opportunity to communicate with them through calls and/or video calls. Thank God for the technology that allows us to communicate with loved ones in different places, this has brought peace and encouragement to students knowing that God is caring for their families as He has cared for us.

We can't have the students graduation on May 28th with their families and national leaders as planned. We have decided to delay the graduation until mid July or August so that the parents and their national leaders can attend.

Thank you very much for hearing God and supporting us through your prayers and offerings to continue reaching those who are without Christ wherever they are. It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve at Harvest and be a part of this miracle. We are thankful that God has joined us together with you our partners. Thank you for believing in and supporting the work of missions through HEA... Please pray for our staff serving in the administrative area as well as the HEA ministers preaching the Good News in different countries and languages around the world.

I often mention in our morning meetings, to the staff and students, that on this earth we know only a small part of what God is doing through us. But when we are in heaven some day for all eternity we will, without a doubt, know much more about the transformed lives, families and communities that we do not know yet. This thought is also for each of you who are a part of this miracle by praying and supporting Harvest. We pray that God will keep you and multiply greatly what you share with us.

Margarita Q

Weekend Field Training / Church Planting at HEA, School of Front line Missions

Each year our students go through a very intense Field Training Program. They go out every weekend with their teachers to put into practice what they have been taught in their classes during the week. See the pictures below...

Students setting up for Jesus Film Evangelism



HEA Field Trainer Nelli / Teaching Projector Setup



Our calendar is full months ahead each year with pastors who are requesting that we send our students out on the weekends to work with them in church planting. Below you can see the students sharing the gospel in the streets during the daytime, as they have been trained to use whatever tools they have to help them bring people to Jesus!



We had to stop sending the students out on the weekends because the Mexican Government shut everything down due to the Virus. We were so blessed to have Mark's cousin, Todd Hancock (below) with us once again teaching the students. As you can see we also had moved the school out into the auditorium to be able to space everyone out.



We really need this new truck... We have raised \$7,000 - We still need \$43,000

- Reprinted from a previous HEA News Letter -

It was 1997... Michele & I were visiting our dear friend Pastor Robert Emmitt of Community Bible Church, San Antonio. Robert asked us when we were going to get a new truck. We said we were thinking about it and thinking of getting a diesel. Robert nodded his head and we went on to other subjects... At that moment our old red Suburban had 350,000 miles and was terribly worn out. It needed constant & very expensive repairs!

A few weeks later our accountant (Tom Ford) asked us if we had picked out a truck. I said that we were still thinking about it... Tom said, "Well, you better hurry up, Robert said the church is going to buy it for you!." A few weeks later CBC bought us a 1997 F-250 Crew Cab Diesel! Wow! What an amazing missions tool. It served HEA for 20 years & 200,000 miles of endless rock roads, crossing rivers etc. & was very worn out.

That 4x4 diesel had gotten us into & out of so many very difficult areas! It has also helped us bring down donated fire gear from the Fire Departments in the USA to equip departments in the state of Chiapas. This has given HEA so much favor with the government of Mexico!! It has even led to numerous firemen's salvations including our Fire-chief Marco! Chief Marco even sets our truck up as a Fire Truck to keep us safe traveling thru the Northern parts of Mexico up to the USA. Chief Marco says that the bad guys don't bother Fire Departments.

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Greg with Chief Marco

We sold the truck 3 years ago (20 years old and very worn out) to help pay the factories for the Kingdom Kids Christmas Backpack outreach... We kept the trailers. We need to buy the new truck here in Chiapas.

This is one way that you can have a powerful impact on the mission field... We really need this tool to press into the harvest!! Please pray with us... Maybe you have the ability to help make this miracle happen! Glory to God!

(Picture from Mexico's Ford dealership - F250 Diesel Crew-Cab Super Duty)

