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Mexico Trip Cancelled

A decision was made on June 1 to cancel the trip to Mexico for this summer. We have done considerable research into whether or not it was wise to make the trip. We have contacted the US consulate in Mexico, the insurance company on the border that we have always used to secure insurance for our vehicle, the hotel owner in Rio Verde and we have received mixed opinions on how safe it is to travel to Mexico right now. We also heard from our extended Church of God family encouraging us not to make the trip this year. Church of God members living at the border were extremely concerned about our safety and discouraged us from making the trip.



The LHI Board asked that each team member be in prayer for their personal decision and to let Judy Myers know if they were still willing to go. Several decided not to go because of their own and their family's concerns. Several other team members withdrew for work and financial reasons. Some team members were still willing to go but didn't feel the strong feelings about going as in the past. The team was finally so diminished that there were not enough members to successfully carry out the Bible School. Some that we spoke with following the prayer and fasting day on Sunday, sensed that it might not be wise to go.

On Tuesday, June 1, it was decided that if one additional person was unable to go, we did not have enough to make the trip and accomplish our goals. When another one needed to cancel, we felt that God had answered our prayer and that we were not to go this year. The team will miss seeing Lupe and her family and serving with her but she has indicated that she is okay either way as long as we were putting it into God's hands and that he was leading in the decision.

We are thankful for all throughout our membership who participated in the special prayer and fasting on Sunday. And we thank each member of the team for their willingness to go and serve. We also respect the decisions of some who decided not to make the trip. We will pray for God to work through the situation in Mexico in hopes that we can make a trip next year. Our hearts go out to the people of Mexico who are caught up in the violence and terrorism.

Report from South Korea



As was reported earlier, Steve and Young An and two ABC Korean Extension students, Yeong Beom Kim and Younghee An, were to travel to South Korea in June to strengthen ties with Korean churches and Church of God ministry. Their mission was also to recruit students for ABCKE. Below is a report we just received from the team.

Young, Younghee, Yeongbeom, and I had a very successful invitational last weekend, presenting the COGGC/ABCKE and the Abrahamic Faith. The invitational was held in a church facility, Chungju Grace Church with pastor Dae Geun Song (former instructor for the ABCKE). It is located within the city of Chungju, approximately 120 miles southeast from Seoul, the capital city of Korea.

Okhyeon Choi, who graduated in 2008 and traveled back to Korea, also joined our staff for the invitational. She is currently an active youth pastor at a Presbyterian church in the city of Daejeon, 50 miles west of Chughju.

Another invitational will be held this weekend in a church facility, Beobsan Presbyterian church with pastor Kwang Suk Kim (the father of an active student, Yeongbeom Kim) in the city of Taeon, about 130 miles southeast from Seoul.

On Friday, June 4, an alumni meeting will be held for our graduates in Korea. During this time we will encourage the alumni to keep what they learned in the ABCKE, the Abrahamic Faith, and have more frequent meetings to encourage each other, and to advertise the COGGC/ABCKE in Korea.

One more invitational is planned in Seoul next weekend, Pyungyang Theological College with instructors and students.

The midterm tests will be given to the distance learning students in Korea next Tuesday.

More good news! We have helped a prospective student, Sunmi Cho, to secure an entry VISA to join us for the upcoming Fall semester.

I have also been meeting with numerous local church pastors and have encouraged them to send their students and accommodate the future graduates from ABCKE.

Young has been doing much better than we expected. (For the past several months she has been experiencing severe back pain—editor.)

Hope all of you have a good day.

Young & Steve

Thanks to those who have contributed toward the cost of this trip. Financial assistance is still needed. Approximately \$3,000 is still needed to cover airfare to South Korea and for travel expenses around the country. Please send contributions to LHI, Box 2950, McDonough, GA 30253 and mark your check for Korea.

Haiti Update

With your support, LHI is sending \$2,500 per month to Haiti to help provide for the needs of the people. Pastor Lesly reports that since the earthquake he is distributing food, pure water, medical care and a child care program to 900 families every week in five villages. He is very grateful to all who are helping to meet these needs.





Feeding program for the children



Temporary building for the school program



Church gathering in the open air



Pastor Lesly in front of ruins of the church



Food and water distribution



Africa Team

As of today, June 3, we have not heard from the team. The team left Thursday evening, May 27, from Atlanta, flying through London and Johannesburg before arriving in Blantyre, Malawi Saturday afternoon. The plan was to take part in services on Sunday and then to travel to Mozambique on Monday. While there, they will be leading a couple of pastor conferences and meeting with the Mozambique Board. They will then return to Malawi to do more teaching and preaching and will meet with the Malawi Board. Anthony Buzzard and Michelle will return to the United States on Wednesday, June 9. Joe and Rebekah will stay in Malawi for the rest of the week for more teaching and preaching before flying to Kenya on June 13. They will meet with several pastors before starting for home late in the evening of June 16. Flying through London they will return to Atlanta at 7:05 p.m. on Thursday, June 17.

Please continue to pray for this team.

Pakistan Update



Pastor Rashid Emmanuel, the leader of the work in Pakistan reports that on May 4 and 5 he and three others visited the cities of Warburton and Lahore to meet with groups of believers there. Two groups have decided that they would like to join the Church of God Pakistan. While on this trip, the team also visited two other villages, Saleem Koat and Had Koat.

In Lahore, Pastor Emmanuel and his team met with three pastors for eight hours as they explained the truths of Scripture to them.

In Faisalabad where Pastor Rashid lives, he is also studying with other pastors who are open to knowing what the Bible teaches.



Bible study in Lahore



Prayer Meeting in Warburton