

MEXICO MISSIONS RALLY & REUNION

FOR YOU

AND for anyone who has ever had an interest in the work in
Mexico!

Haven't ever been? *Come to the Rally!*

Went years ago? *Come to the Rally and Reunion!*

Come and see and hear what others have experienced.

Come and share your experiences.

Saturday, May 17, 2008

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Glenwood Friends Meeting in Greensboro

Agenda

History - from inception to present

Testimonies - A time of sharing after the manner of Friends by those who have served

Future - Where we are and where we would like to go

Fellowship - Visit with others who have a concern for Mexico and our work there. Perhaps talk to some of those who went on the trip you did, or who would now like to go.

This Rally/Reunion has something for everyone - and everyone can take part!

DISPLAY TABLES WILL BE SET UP

All who have been to Mexico are invited to bring mementos and/or photos from their time spent in Mexico. Share your memories with those who went at other times, or who have never been but would like to go.

Have you been recently to Mexico? Bring your photo albums, poster boards, or whatever you may have and set it up for all to see.

Did you go to Mexico many years ago? Those younger ones who have recently been would love to see your photos and compare how things have changed (or have they?).

Never been? Come see and hear what others, from early days to present have experienced.

OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE A BLESSING

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
Acts 20: 35b

Scripture tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. You’ll be given the opportunity to receive a blessing when the offering plate is passed at the Rally. If you prefer not to give in to the plate, there will be a Donation Box ready to receive your gift.

MISSION GIVING NEEDS A BOOST

Giving to missions has been down.

We need to give it a boost.

How can we expect blessings if we let our missionaries and missions go lacking? Others will pick up the slack, you say. Perhaps they are saying the same. Of Mexico, that is **not** true. Our Mexico Mission is supported **solely** by North Carolina Yearly Meeting. If we in North Carolina don’t give to the work in Mexico, it will not survive! There is NO ONE ELSE! North Carolina Yearly Meeting started that mission work years ago. Are we going to let it down now? If we do, what can we expect for North Carolina Yearly Meeting? If it fails, and fails due to our lack of giving, what can we possibly expect for us? Don’t let that happen to them, or to us.

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews 13:16

SITUATION – CRITICAL!

The time has come, in fact, that we must say emergency funds are needed. The time has come to ask each Monthly Meeting to take up an offering specifically for North Carolina Yearly Meeting Missions Committee. The committee would like to continue to support all of the missionaries supported previously – and with at least the same amount. However, this year has seen the committee having to withhold payments until funds come in. It is the desire of the committee to not just resume payments, but to also catch up. Please consider holding a special offering during this crisis time.

FRIENDS IN KENYA

We need to continue to pray for Kenya. We are not hearing as much now about violence there, but it does still exist.

The March CARTER CHRONICLES, has an article about Friends Hospital, Kaimosi, where violence was very evident. Many victims were admitted with machete and arrow wounds. The hospital’s only doctor belonged to the tribe others were trying to drive out of western Kenya. He was forced to live and work with 24-hour police protection, venturing out only for hospital emergencies. Most daily care was given by nurses and clinical officers, many of whom worked double and triple shifts because others found it unsafe to travel from their home to the hospital. Through contributions to Friends United Meeting, two Kenyan doctors (who are not from the “wrong” tribe) have been hired to work short-term consecutively.

The Adopt-A-Nurse program needs to be expanded in order to keep nurses from going to higher paying government institutions.

In March, Bob and Hope visited two Friends Churches in the Kibera slum. This is an area near their home, and also an area hard-hit by violence.

LUFFS TO BEGIN 1 YEAR FURLOUGH

Karl and Peggy Luff will be returning to the states from the Philippines in May for a year’s furlough. At this time, I do not know where with will be staying. Watch next newsletter for how to contact them while they are home.