

News from Malcolm Taylor – Dec 2006

Dear Friends,

Homes of Hope...

This is my first newsletter from my new job as the Homes of Hope Coordinator in Ensenada, Mexico. The last few months have been quite the change following my departure from England.

In August I flew to Texas and spent a couple of weeks at the Mercy Ships office conducting hand over of the many projects I had been involved in. After collecting the belongings that I held in storage I also took the opportunity to replace my aging Chevy truck with a newer Nissan Frontier truck that would also meet the strict smog requirements of California.



What followed was 1800 miles of driving as I first drove down to San Antonio to visit all my friends and supporters there before taking the long drive to San Diego. I spent a few days relaxing in the home of Brett and Karen Curtis, old friends from my Caribbean Mercy days, before the short trip down to Ensenada and my new home.



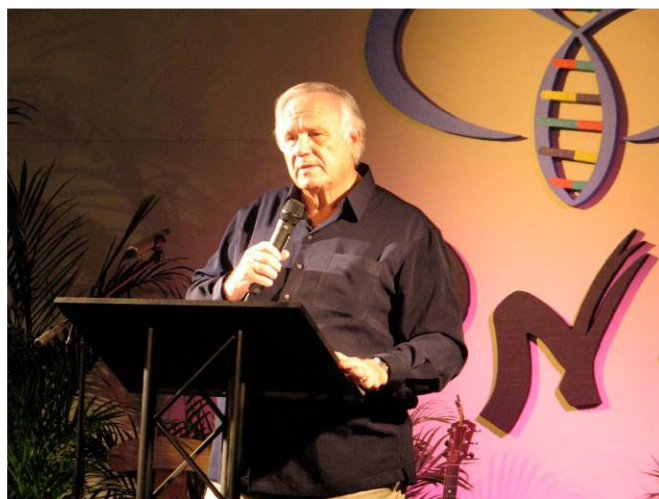
The fall is one of the busy times of year for the house building program. For the next few weeks I was busy in scheduling teams, checking on accommodations, arranging transport and so the list goes on. I was also involved in staff assignments, receiving material orders, writing schedules and generally overseeing the building process.

This was a great learning curve in getting familiar to how the program worked and how things were done. Some of the highlights of the last couple of weeks were being able to go out and visit the different house sites, seeing the teams in action, building a new home and also seeing the team's interaction with the family. Since my arrival 27 houses have been built involving over 500 volunteers and staff.



YWAM DNA Conference...

In the middle of our Homes of Hope house building season, we also hosted a YWAM staff conference. Three hundred YWAM staff from all over North and Central America descended upon the Ensenada YWAM base for a seven day conference featuring YWAM founders, Loren and Darlene Cunningham.



The theme of the conference was “DNA” where Loren and Darlene shared some of the foundational stories and testimonies on who we are, where we have come from and where we are going in the future. This conference was a great time of sharing, praying for each other and fellowship with other YWAM staff.



Thanksgiving...

Towards the end of our busy schedule a group from Eastside Foursquare Church, Seattle, came to celebrate Thanksgiving with us. This is a group who have been coming here for the last eight years. It was such a joy to host this group and their participation in the Homes of Hope program. Not only were four new homes built they also funded and helped our staff re-roof the house they first built eight years ago.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated with a traditional turkey meal followed by what is now tradition, a talent show. The evening show was filled of what some would call talent and for others, well just great fun and there was lots of laughter all around.

This is a team who acknowledge what God has done for them and in return come to bless needy families. They also came to bless our staff and we are grateful for their visit and know that lasting friendships were made.



As we enter the Christmas season we again look to celebrate the birth of Jesus and for the new life that He has given us.
God Bless

Malcolm Taylor

Praise Items

For University United Methodist Church in San Antonio for their hospitality.

For the 27 families who have received a new home.

For the volunteers who have come to participate in the Homes of Hope Program.

For Eastside Foursquare Church of Seattle and for their generosity during the Thanksgiving season.

For Loren and Darlene coming to share with the YWAM staff.

Prayer Requests

For those teams coming during the Christmas period.

For the families that will receive a new home.

For the staff of YWAM Ensenada as the ministry expands.

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Your support to me in prayer and by your donations is gratefully received. Thank you.

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