

News from Malcolm Taylor – April 2007

Dear Friends,

Homes of Hope...

2007 brings another busy year for the Homes of Hope ministry, building new homes for needy families in Ensenada, Mexico.



Over the last few months I have settled into my new life and work, here in Mexico. When I arrived, in September last year, I was the coordinator for the ministry, taking care of mostly administration work in ensuring the program runs smoothly. At the beginning of the year I was asked to take on the full leadership of the Homes of Hope ministry, here in Ensenada. With 130 homes on the calendar, this year is going to be busy.



The Homes of Hope ministry has two parts. Firstly we offer a full service package to Church, family and business teams to come on a short term mission trip. Once the team arrives we handle all the details for everything from transport, meals and accommodation all the way through to the house building and evening entertainment. For many, organising a big event or trip

is a major effort. At Ensenada we are doing this every week.

The other part of the ministry is to provide a home for a needy family. Large numbers of people are migrating towards the Mexico/US border in hope of work and a better life. Many end up living in shacks made up of old pallets and tarpaulins. We have several criteria for selecting the families. They must have rights to the land, earn less than \$50 per week and typically have three children. Over the last few months we have built several homes for single mothers who have left their husbands due to abuse.



Since the beginning of the year we have built 48 homes with teams from all over the US and Canada. The year started with a group of High School skateboarders from Alberta, Canada building two homes. The team stayed at our YWAM facility, living in dormitories for the week. The experience impacted the teens as much as the family who received the home, "My goals are to push them into the bigger picture of life, whether it's to allow these kids to experience a different culture, or experience real poverty," the team leader said. "We've talked a lot about how you can make a difference, and change the world. These guys are changing two families' worlds and impacting their lives".

A few weeks later we hosted 120 businessmen and their families from the Young Presidents Organisation (YPO) chapter in Chicago. With the group staying at a five star Hotel our logistics role was very different in providing hotel registration, dinner entertainment and conference style services. Although a very different team, the impact was just the same, five more families received a much needed home and the lives of the participants were changed forever.

Mission Adventures...

Just when you feel settled into the ministry, the five weeks of Spring Break arrives with over 500 teens descending on Ensenada. With seven days of boot camp style ministry, worship and outreach these teens have their lives challenged. The worship hall is transformed into a rock stage, bunk beds get added to the dorms and the

kitchen goes into overdrive preparing 1000 meals a day during the busiest week. For some of these



teams they also get the opportunity to build a home too. There is nothing better than seeing a group of teams put their differences aside and working together to build a home for a needy family.

Staff Profile...

Daniel Martinez is a quiet, young Mexican who is one of my key staff here in Ensenada. A lot of the preparation for the house construction is done by



Daniel. He makes sure our contractor has poured the concrete slab, orders and delivers the materials and makes sure that a porta potty is ready for the team. His diligence to the job is one of the elements in making sure the Homes of Hope program runs smoothly.

Like all YWAM staff, Daniel is a volunteer and like me has to raise his own support. Raising support from his own family and the Mexican Church is a lot harder for him. If you would like to support Daniel and make a gift to him, please make a cheque payable to Malcolm Taylor and post to:

Daniel Martinez, c/o 40 Trent Drive, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 4DF.

Any gifts received will be passed on to Daniel with your contact details.

God Bless

Malcolm Taylor

Praise Items

For my staff of 15 builders, hosts and translators who go out every weekend with the teams.

For my support staff, Daniel, Julio, Danielle and Esther who take care of all the details and planning.

For a successful spring break program.

For my recent trip back to the Africa Mercy to help commission some systems ready for sea trials which were successfully completed a few weeks later.

Prayer Requests

For those teams coming during the busy May period.

For the families that will receive a new home.

For the expansion of the Homes of Hope program to other locations.

Support:

As a full time volunteer, I receive no salary for my work. If you wish to help support my work with YWAM and the worldwide Christian community that we are called to serve, please consider supporting me with your prayers and donations.

For non tax payers and for a single gift of up to £30: By Cheque payable to Malcolm Taylor and post to: *Malcolm Taylor, c/o 40 Trent Drive, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 4DF.*

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

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