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IN ENSENADA, MEXICO

Season of Thankfulness...

It is this time of year that we enter a season of being thankful to our Lord for all He has done for us. 2009 has been a very different year for many of us due to the world wide recession. The current downturn in the economy plus the fears of visiting Mexico has also created a unique set of circumstances for us a ministry too. Fewer teams have come to visit, fewer houses have been built and our income has been greatly reduced.

Unlike any normal company we cannot lay off our staff to save a wage bill, in fact our staff numbers have been growing over the last year. Cuts have been made to reduce our operating costs and our Tecate center has been reduced to only being an outreach location. What we have not cut is our

service to the poor, our desire to see life's changed and our ability to work alongside the local Church. In fact we are seeing God's blessing on a number of new initiatives in our Christian witness programs, lead by our staff.

Our follow up staff are visiting more families, the staff football team is now number two in the local league, our schools are continuing their weekly visit to the homeless area in downtown Ensenada and the skateboarding ministry is getting a new breath of life with some help and training from the Australian Youth Street program.

God is ever being faithful and we



are thankful for all he is doing here in Mexico and I want to thank each of you who pray and help support my personal financial needs in my ministry here at YWAM.

May God Bless you all.
Malcolm

Hurricane Jimena

Hurricane Jimena made landfall on 3rd September 2009 on the coast of Baja California, in Mexico, as a category two hurricane. The storm lasted for 80 hours over the area, causing major damage to homes and businesses located in the small cities along the coastline. The rain and heavy winds damaged rooftops while water levels of the Mulege River rose by 10 meters, sweeping up everything in its way.

The town of Mulege, was by far the most devastated by the hurricane. A large portion of the town was devastated by the flood waters. Rain from the hurricane was channeled through the normally gentle river and dry creek beds, surged through the town carrying with it anything in its path. We are currently transporting mattresses and bedding as our part in being able to bring some relief to these families.





Stepping up to the Need

One Company Commits to Building Thirty Homes in 2009

Earlier this year, at a time when our targets for the number of houses we can build get thrown out the window, one company steps up and commits to building 30 homes by the end of the year.

Over the years we have had several companies come, with their staff, and build a home or two, but never the size of this commitment. The owner of the company, a Christian, stepped up to the need and promoted the Homes of Hope program amongst his staff and associates. With a group arriving on Thanksgiving Day and working over the weekend, they built the next eight homes towards their commitment.

In the final night feedback session we had the opportunity to hear of the teams experience and we are ever amazed by the qualities and commitment of his staff as they participate in the Homes of Hope program.



A FAMILY IN URGENT NEED

We regularly have families coming to our base where they come and knock at our front door with seeking help.

A few weeks ago it was a story we have seen several times before, their home has been destroyed by fire.



For the Rubio Flores family it was much the same, leaving the family without a place to sleep and not knowing where to turn for help. Our staff and students went out to help remove the burnt out house and try to salvage what we could of their belongings. Using left over Homes of Hope lumber a small shelter was constructed in a corner of the lot.

With the family now split and some of the children living with other relatives our partners, the Ariel Foundation, have stepped in to rebuild their home. In a matter of a few weeks the site was leveled, a new slab poured and a new panel house built, giving the family the opportunity to come together once again in time for Christmas



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Praise Items

For God's presence even in times of struggle.
For the support towards the hurricane victims.
For the increase in staff led ministries.
For the families that have been able to receive a new home this year.

Prayer Requests

For more teams to come in 2010.
For more new ministry ideas and visions.
For wisdom for our leaders as they lead us through this recession.
For our staff as they continue to grow and seek ministry opportunities.

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 YWAM 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 40Trent Drive, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 4DF.*

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