



## **CALMS Accomplishments in 2011**

### **Short-Term Teams**

- Mission teams: 36 teams (Belize, Guatemala and Panama)
- “Get-to-Know-Central America” Training Teams: Two - Guatemala

### **House Construction for the Poor**

- 13 Cinder Block houses constructed between January and December 2011
- Twelve Wood & Cinder block – 3.0 Houses constructed between January and December 2011
- NOTE: 99 houses have been built to date (52 Cinder Block-1.0 Houses; 35 Flood Relief-2.0 Houses; 12 Wood and Cinder Block – 3.0 Houses)
- Repair of Castillo Fuerte Lutheran Church parish house in partnership with local church

### **Medical**

- Organized and helped facilitate 13 Medical Teams & Clinics in Guatemala
- Formed new relationship with Concordia, Austin, nursing students. Several teams from

### **Spiritual Development and Capacity Building for Leaders**

- VBS & Children’s ministry sessions – 3 in Belize; 11 in Guatemala; and, 2 in Panama.
- Leadership Equipping Seminars: 5 in Guatemala; 2 in Belize
- Provided financial support for leadership training in Panama
- Facilitated Sponsor-a-Child program in Panama and Guatemala

### **Community Development**

- Counselor Training in Belize
- Pre-school Teacher Training in Belize City, Belize
- Continued to develop local community leadership team for La Avanzada in Guatemala

### **Church & University/Seminary Relationships**

- Connected over 25 US congregations to long-term mission involvement, many in relationships with partner congregations or institutions in Central America  
Developed new partner relationships with Concordia University, Texas and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

### **Capacity Building and Ministry Expansion**

#### **United States**

- Added three new board members to the CALMS Board -- thanked Bruce Collet for his many years of service as he concluded over 10 years of service.
- Implemented CALMS’ board decision to work with strategic partnership agreements in each country at the local level (with congregations or community leaders/organizations.)
- Brought Guatemalan representatives, Ramiro Peñate and Karla Pena to visit CALMS’ partner congregations --- First Immanuel, Cedarburg, WI; Carmel Lutheran, Carmel, IN; Divine Shepherd, Omaha, NE; and Gloria Dei, Houston, TX.

- Facilitated a Partnership Agreement between ***Cristo El Salvador*** in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala, and St Paul Lutheran in Fort Worth, TX.
- Worked with Panamanian Lutheran Church leaders to restructure the Sponsor a Child Program so that it becomes an integral part of the Gospel outreach of the five participating Lutheran churches and serves all the children in their communities.
- Visited numerous Lutheran congregations in the United States to share about God's mission in Central America
- Facilitated two CALMS' Board Meetings (June and October)
- Recruited housing coordinators for new Belize housing program
- Secured a third partner church for the Sponsor a Teacher program at the Lutheran School in Gualan
- Worked with partner congregations in the United States to develop long term commitments to daughter congregations from El Divino Salvador in Zacapa, Guatemala. There are five daughter congregations in need of revitalization.

### **Belize**

- Explored potential for housing ministry with director of Technical Institute in Belize
- Provided financial assistance, oversight and strategic planning assistance to CALMS' short-term coordinator and representative in Belize.
- Facilitated the donation of computers from Crossroads Community Church in Naperville, Illinois to assist children's ministry in Belize.
- Provided oversight for full year scholarship to a student in Belize City. Funding provided by Crossroads Community Church in Naperville, IL.

### **Guatemala**

- Commissioned three-month volunteer to facilitate teams and assist Ramiro Peñate
- Continued developing a new legal entity (NGO) to guide our work in Guatemala
- Provided oversight and connections for specialized outreach in the Zacapa Dump.
- Initiated a strategic plan for spiritual and community development in the Village of La Avanzada and began developing similar plans for other villages.
- Sponsored two high school students in the Village of La Avanzada
- Worked with village leaders in La Avanzada to construct shelves and table for the community center -- area frequently used by medical teams
- Provided weekly Biblical training through distance education using the Internet in village of La Avanzada
- Worked with short-term teams to provide eight bunk beds in Gualan and La Union for needy families
- Equipped local leaders to guide computer classes in La Avanzada Village
- Facilitated donation of computers by Divine Shepherd, Omaha to be used for education and Biblical training
- Arranged for distribution of 110 Bibles and crosses for the households in El Campanario La Avanzada and began distribution of electronic Bibles (Proclaimers) for illiterate adults.
- Continued building relationships with community leaders in the satellite villages around La Union, Guatemala. Focused on asking "what resources do they have?"

### **Panama**

- Personal visit by CALMS' Missionary to better understand the ministry. During this visit various meetings were held to encourage national church leaders to review where they are on their strategic plan for mission and ministry.
- Helped facilitate the initiation of a church planting movement in Panama
- Worked with President Milton Castillo to recast the leadership development program in Panama

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