



TRANSFORMED ...

Dear CERT Family,

Having just returned from leading back to back CERT teams, His stories, life transformations are numerous. **Your prayers and support make them all possible. Thank you!** The first trip was a medical mission to Puerto Escondido Mexico. The second was a construction trip to Puerto Maldonado Peru.



The MX medical mission was our fifth trip in partnership with Pittsburg State University (PSU). Most of our newsletters focus on what God did or is doing abroad ... **but due to THE POWER of the Holy Spirit as revealed through team member testimonies ... I feel led to share what happens "in" many who go.**

Before disclosing this buried treasure... please allow me to share our clinic numbers. In five clinic days, 23 CERT team members with 10 translators / national partners served and cared for:

619 medical patients, filled **873** free prescriptions, fitted **520** with reading glasses, diagnosed **18** with ultra-sound, **151** participated in breast cancer education via PowerPoint presentations and Q&A sessions, **1139** total patients in five days. **402 ... via 1-on-1 evangelism, asked Jesus to save them >> TRANSFORMED ...**

There was another team of 33, supplied by our national partner who worked separately from us in different villages. Our CERT dentist and two PSU students joined them daily. They saw a total of **1254** patients and witnessed **76 salvations**.

For over 43 years CERT has been following Jesus; touching the physical and preaching the Gospel. Because of your faithful prayers and financial support over **2300** felt the physical touch of Jesus' love and **478** lost souls were rescued. *Thank you for going with us ...*

One of my greatest joys as a team leader is witnessing what God does on the "inside"... along the way. Personally, I have even come to define "abundant life" as seeing, hearing, witnessing His transformations ... as we Go. **It doesn't get any better than this!**

For those of you not familiar with our PSU partnership, please allow me a quick overview. This was our fifth year with PSU, providing pre-med students with an opportunity to shadow health care professionals in remote health care clinics abroad. Because we have an adversary whose mantra is to kill, steal and destroy ... to put it lightly the battle over these young souls is life and death!

Without going into the details, last year's trip to Peru's Andes was somewhat of a beating by the evil one. We share this with you for three of many reasons; **(1)** Jesus desires that not one should perish. **(2)** Because we are Jesus followers, **we are the VICTORS.** **(3)** Tis our mandate to GO and BE His witnesses. 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 5:4; Matthew 28:18; Acts 1:8.



THE ENEMY TOOK A BEATING THIS YEAR ... *The following testimonies were copied from mission evaluation forms handed out to CERT team members at the end of our closing banquet ... we only wish you could have seen and heard them personally. But you can read these treasures for yourself ... **OVER PLEASE***

What was your single most memorable experience on this CERT Mission?

- ◆ “This trip was an experience I will NEVER forget. I got excellent clinic experience with very intelligent doctors and the Lord moved in me every second I was there.”
PSU Lauren Tapp



Lauren Tapp

- ◆ “The most memorable experience was the final banquet dinner. I loved hearing e-one’s stories from the week and just being around e-one, they have all become family. We had a lot of great laughs, tears of joy and tears of sadness because this trip is slowly coming to an end.”
PSU Brandee Main

“Finding Christ.” PSU Morgan Needham

- ◆ In our orientation meeting … “Marsha and I shared for about 30 minutes, why we go and what it means to be a Christian. Bruce then asked the students/team to share why they are on this trip. I never expected to hear what I heard. Every one of them poured out their heart and became very open. Many said they were raised in a Christian home and used to go to church, but have drifted away and knew they needed to get back to God. The best part of the trip was having seven days to share a Christ centered life and Biblical world view with the students. To be able to give them something (ie the Holy Spirit) to counter the “intellectual spirit” and secular world view they are exposed to on campus.
They are all so hungry and in need of something more than they are getting in school. I really think we (Marsha & I, Bruce, the CERT team, this whole mission experience) will have life changing effects in their lives!!!” Dr. Mike & Marsha Schneeberger



Morgan Needham

What did you appreciate the most on this trip?

- ◆ “I appreciated the preaching the most, whether it was from the Pastor, Bruce or anyone who shared their testimony. I did not come on this trip and expect to be so touched by Christ.”
PSU Brandee Main
- ◆ “**This has been the best week of my life, unforgettable.** I would love to go on another mission trip to experience more and help those in need. God is great! He has blessed me in so many ways this week that I am just in awe. I appreciate all the doctors, dentists, translators and Bruce for making it all possible.”
PSU Koralyn Mosier
- ◆ I really appreciated the morning devotionals. They really motivated me and reminded me why I was here. I am so thankful for all the people that worked to make this happen. But ultimately I’m thankful to God for letting me be a part of this trip.”
PSU Lauren Tapp

What did you like least about this trip?

- ◆ “**NOTHING!** Everything was fantastic. We were taken great care of, the hotel was nice … food was good and morning devotions were amazing.”
PSU Brandee Main

*Thanks to your prayers and financial support … CERT IS A **LIFE TRANSFORMING AGENT OF THE LORD.** We thank God for your partnership. Come let us go to Jerusalem ...*

4Him,

Bruce

Bruce Rainwater
CERT Staff

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CERT

It is thrilling to read what God is doing, not only through our helping those in need, but also to read about the transformations taking place in the lives of team members. We give our Lord the glory because it is NOT about CERT, it is all about our Lord … what He is doing.

Our operating and fundraising expenses are approximately 1% of total income as reported in our annual audit. In the Combined Federal Campaigns we are listed as the “**BEST of the BEST.**”

At present our available funds to cover salaries and administrative expenses is the lowest it has been in many years. **I need your help.** Your special gift today is needed in whatever amount God puts on your heart whether it be \$10.00 or \$10,000. I hate making such a bold appeal, but we do need your help. God bless you richly for caring and helping.

Please send your best gift today.