

## **Baja Christian Ministries Update and Prayer Letter 10/21/05**

**Dear Prayer Partners,**

We are entering into yet another eventful and fruitful weekend of ministry and blessing as long time friends and partners Mike Frabota and Joe Reyes are both funding and bringing down friends and employees from the different companies they own, to build two houses ...one each in El Nino, Mexico.

Also this weekend, Mike and Melissa Daly are bringing a team from New Hope Community Church of Chino, CA to build 2 houses and 2 latrines. They will also be doing a Vacation Bible School, womens ministry and a fiesta. Pray that many will be saved, encouraged and built up.

The following weekend, 10/28-30/05, Dave Bower and Bob Allen are bringing a team from the Rotary Club of Monrovia to build a house and a latrine for a poor family.

Then on the weekends of Nov 4-5 & nov 10-12 Joe & Laurie Watson are bringing the Lake Arrowhead Rotary and the Lake Arrowhead High School down to build 2 homes.

Then on Nov 11-13, Joe Giron of Bridges Church, Chino CA will be building their first house with our Ministry along with other outreach.

Please lift these teams in your prayers asking God for His protection of their lives and their possessions as well as His blessings of peace and prosperity on them, their families, businesses and ministries and to shower His fullness of joy in their lives and on all of us.

It is so exciting to have Churches from all over this country and from as far away as New Zealand faithfully serving the poor with our Ministry in Baja CA, Mexico. It is also very exciting to see public companies, service clubs, schools, and extended families also uniting together to build houses for the poor.

Mike and Melissa Daly who are bringing a team from New Hope Community Church this weekend are both police officers in LA county. On one of their past trips they brought a team of police officers to build two houses.

Less than two weeks ago Jon Hall's teams built 4 houses, 1 of which was funded and built by a team of boy scouts and leaders from Mission Viejo, CA.

Many companies have brought friends and employees on repeated trips to build houses with us as well as extended families. My extended family has come down many times to build houses over the years. Connie Baker is bringing her extended family from Ohio between Christmas and New Years this year 2005 to build 2 houses. Joe and Laurie Watson have brought a number of Rotary Club groups and high school groups from Lake Arrowhead, CA . We have also had elementary schools build houses with us.

King's Elementary School from Seattle, WA first came down 16 years ago when I headed Mexico Inland Mission. A kindergarten teacher Shirley Goheen inspired the students of the first and second grade to do special jobs around the house to raise their nickles, dimes and quarters to raise enough money to build a house. They did and they sent a team of students, faculty and administrators. Thus their legacy began. One year they built 7 houses another year a Church building. Teacher Karen Pilman and her husband Soren brought their son that first year when he was in kindergarten. He went every year after that till he entered college reaping all that valuable, heart changing short term mission experience. Their trips have grown in ministry extension from that first year including all kinds of drama, mimes, and other evangelism and outreach. Please click the link to see some wonderful photos of their recent trip last spring. Scroll

down to Mexico to see the story told in this excellent compilation of photos: <http://www.kingsschools.org/elementary/missions.asp#mexico>

Many Churches: adult groups, youth groups, mixed groups as well as many other non Church groups have made many repeat trips and can testify to the bonding experience and the pleasure of giving to the poor through this project experience. Perhaps you might consider mobilizing a team together to raise the money and build a house? If you sense the Lord touching your heart and would like to consider forming a group and building a house for a poor family with us check out our website at: [www.bajachristian.org](http://www.bajachristian.org) and give our administrator, Cheryl Walker a call at 909-627-4339 or email her at: [bcmcheryl@earthlink.net](mailto:bcmcheryl@earthlink.net) and she will send a package to you in the mail and we can go from there.

Zake Zeidman, president of Patton Corp of Ontario, CA who brought down employees with Jon Zimmerman from several of his companies to build a house two weeks ago said, "I want to give back!" What a precious attitude! They have already had a planning meeting since the house build and are scheduling two more trip dates next year to bring more of his employees to build homes for the needy and as he puts it--To Give Back! Giving brings so much blessing and is so badly needed to effect change and needed help to so many poor families. Edmund Burke said, "all that it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing!" I thank God we have the pleasure of teaming up with so many who have set out to overcome evil by doing good (Rom 12:21) God loves a cheerful giver and blesses giving...yet it's still a fight of faith for all of us as the enemy of our souls hates the poor and seeks to keep them oppressed and hurting. I've enclosed a scriptural compilation I compiled entitled, "**Why is Excelling in the Grace of Giving So Vital?**" I hope it brings some encouragement to you as you continue in that good fight of faith! I hope it serves to reveal how very important to our God and King is our faith-filled and obedient response to His appeal to "**Excel in this Grace of Giving!**" Thank you so very much for standing with us in your prayers. They are so vital and so very much appreciated!

With Gratitude, Bob Sanders-- **Scriptural compilation follows---**>

## **Why is Excelling in the Grace of Giving So Vital?**

**Because...**God loves a cheerful giver. (2Cor 9:7) God so loved the world that He gave...(Jo 3:16) He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him graciously give us all things? (Rom 8:31-NIV) ...be sons of your Father in heaven...(Matt 5:45-48) ...encouraging...contributing to the needs of others ...give generously...govern diligently...showing mercy...do it cheerfully. (Rom 12:8-NIV) ... just as you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you **also excel in this grace of giving.** (2Cor 8:7-NIV)

**Because...** He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. (Acts 17:25b-NIV) And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the scriptures say, "Godly people give generously to the poor. Their deeds will never be forgotten" (2Cor 9:8-9-NLT) Be on guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. (Luke 12:15-NIV) Share with God's people who are in need...(Rom 12:13-NIV)

**Because...** God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work...(2Cor 9:8) ...God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19-NIV) ...put (your) hope in God, Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ...be rich in good deeds... generous and willing to share ... lay up treasure... as a firm foundation for the coming age...so that you may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1Tim 6:17-19-NIV)

**Because...**He will give you many opportunities to do good, and He will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. (2Cor 9:10b-NLT) ...which God prepared in advance for us to do... (Eph2:10) ...credited to your account. (Phil 4:17-NIV) ...treasure in heaven...(Luke 12:32-34) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (Gal 6:10)... making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. (Eph 5:16)

**Because...** two good things will happen—the needs of the Christians... will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanksgiving to God. You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you. (2Cor 9:13-14-NLT)

**Because...**if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden like a spring whose waters never fail. (Isa 58:10-11-NIV)

**Because...**Your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor... (Luke 12:32-33-NIV) ...use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven. (Luke 16:9-NLT) Come... blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world...(Matt 25:34-NLT)

**Because...** he that waters (others) shall be watered also himself. (Pro 11:25) It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2Cor 9:7) ...choose life... (Deut 39:19)... greed is idolatry. (Col 3:5-NIV) Do not be like Cain... If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need...love with actions and in truth. This is how we know we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in His Presence. (1Jo 3:11-19-NIV)

**Because...** One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed. (Pro 19:17-NASB) ... labor...that (you) may have something to give to him that has need. (Eph 4:28) Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matt 25:40)

**Because...** He who increases his wealth by interest and usury, gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor. (Pro 28:8-NASB)...And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. (Pro 13:22-NASB) The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern. (Pro 29:7-NIV) ...remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. (Gal 2:10-NIV) For the needy will not be forgotten forever; the hopes of the poor will not always be crushed. (Psalm 9:18-NLT)

**Because...**to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required...(Luke 12:48) ...for to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. (Luke 19:26—NASB) Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. (Matt 25:28-29-NIV)

**Because...** he that sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that sows in the spirit of blessing shall reap also in blessing. (2Cor 9:6—Darby) Fight the good fight of faith...(1Tim 6:12-NIV) ... let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Gal 6:9)

**Because...** If you give; you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure; pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving, large or small, it will be used to measure what is given back to you. (Luke 6:38-NLT) Not one of all the Lord's good promises...failed, everyone was fulfilled. (Josh 21:45-NIV) ...see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Co 8:7-NIV)

Scripture verses compiled by Bob Sanders 10/20/05

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