

Dear Yucatan Outreach Ministries Friends and Partners:

We feel a bit tardy on bringing everyone up to date as to what's going on through YOM. Please forgive us. We would consider that a gift. Tis the Season.



Pastor Bruce and Karen Penner

God has answered one of our most fervent prayers. We have a new pastor at Lighthouse Church, Tulum! We are so excited and grateful. Pastor Bruce Penner and wife Karen began their assignment at Lighthouse on September 16, 2022. The congregation hosted an installation service to honor and celebrate Bruce and Karen, that day. We could not be happier or more grateful. It was my privilege to deliver God's message that day, and to be part of the welcoming party.

I'll tell you some of how I felt that day: Some of you may be too young to remember the Christian singing group, The Imperials! They made popular the song, "He Didn't Lift Us Up to Let Us Down". Google it, if you'd like. It goes: "He didn't bring us this far to leave us. He didn't teach us to swim to let us drown. He didn't build His home in us to move away. He didn't lift us up to let us down." I hadn't thought of it in ages, but somehow, that's how I felt as I observed the congregation gather around Bruce and Karen to welcome and pray over them. God's presence was palpable. Keep them in your prayers. They came from British Columbia! Sweet, humble, smart, spiritual couple. God Is.

We are thankful to God for the years that Pastor Scott and Annette Gahn invested in Lighthouse Church, Tulum. The enemy tried to steal Pastor Scott from this world via COVID! Our Lord did not allow that. While Scott is still recovering from Long-COVID, He is doing well. I know some of you reading this took part in mounting a virtually world-wide prayer vigil. We still speak to Scott and Annette, via telephone. In fact, they are planning to spend Christmas in Tulum! Right on and Amen.



2022 Mission Team

A few months ago, we took a team of some of the best short-term volunteer missionaries to Mexico. We worshipped at Lighthouse Church, Tulum, and then invested the rest of our week ministering in the Mayan village of Ek Balam. The reception there grows sweeter and sweeter. Our Mayan co-laborers worked tirelessly, as did our mission team. The construction project on "House of Light," an outreach center, is coming along. We tried our hand at Adobe construction, as we worked on the bathrooms. A Mayan young lady with a certification in building with adobe was our watchful partner and co-laborer. We visited in several homes, prayed over many, many people, did two baby dedications, spoke to a group of 40 or so widows and widowers. Never a dull moment with a group of Texans, and one Pennsylvanian on our team. Like "Home on the Range," Never a discouraging word. While we did have one team member

become ill and visit the doctor a few times, it was very hot, and our flight home was caught up in an airlines schedule change since purchasing our tickets, and some of us tested positive for COVID. It was all thumbs up when we landed in Austin, and when the team shared a report with Coryell Community Church (our home church). That's what happens when people feel that God has used them. It's like, "it was all good."

The one from Pennsylvania, her name is Gena. We had met her at church in Tulum, several months before. When she returned home, she messaged me about being part of the mission team. I didn't know her that well. I spoke with my wife, Debbie, about the possibility, and we received "clearance" from the Lord. Well, she was a wonderful asset. Affable, good testimony, hard worker, and fun. Thank You God and Thank you Gena. She's already inquired about our next trip or trips.



Debi, Omar and Pedro

Our missionaries in Ek Balam, Debi Morris, Omar, and Pedro, are tireless. They are dedicated and they depend upon the Lord at every turn. I love and appreciate them more every time I am around them. We are in essence, taking a deep breath, as we gear up for a push to try to complete the construction of the outreach center in 2023. All interested, please reply to this YOM Update, via email or call me. Not totally certain on the dates yet, but May and November, are under consideration currently. Should know in a few weeks as discussion continues with Debi, in Ek Balam.

I have abbreviated this report. I am almost certain you're happy about that. Inflation. I know you are familiar, right? We have all felt it.

Whether it is flights, hotels, van rentals, construction materials, or food, it is all more expensive. I have told people over the years that God has money He never has spent. I was not being coy, then or now. Yucatan Outreach Ministries is a registered 501 C 3. We minister with our whole heart, sometimes on a shoestring. But we know He is holding the other end of the string.

We have some very, very faithful donors, for whom we give thanks, and for whom we daily pray. There will be a pay day someday. That's for sure. We know personally, almost all the people that will receive this YOM Update. We likely do not know your situation right now. But we would like to at least offer to you the opportunity to help do some things that will absolutely have eternal value. Whether it's a special or extra year end gift, a one time or first-time gift, or you would like to begin giving through Yucatan Outreach Ministries monthly, as most of our donors have, you have a great opportunity to do so. Prayerfully consider.

Ways to reach out to us to talk about our ministries on and around the Yucatan, are listed below.

It's almost Christmas! I pray that you and yours have already received The Greatest Gift. John 3:16 in the NCV reads, "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." The greatest Gift. Right there. Remember Him. Worship Him, this Christmas. We love you guys.

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