# DCI MISSIONS REPORT

#### 27 Years of Ministry In The Land of the Mayans | Bill & Kathy Craver



#### **Door to Door** Food Evangelism

The mission of bringing food to Mayan homes continued in 2019. More than 800 packages of food were distributed where many people accepted the Lord.



#### **Family Conferences** and Workshops

Two conferences were conducted where we reached out to strengthen the Mayan family.



## It's About Soul Winning!

A statement was made to me at the DCI base by a visiting woman from North America. She said, "It's a little troublesome to me watching people return from mission trips and they show how they brought aid to the poor but there's no mention of bringing people to salvation through Jesus Christ. What I like about DCI is that you care for the suffering, and yet, you're not just a Christian charity humanitarian organization. DCI conducts all of this, but you're also leading hundreds to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and



people are being saved. You're literally impacting an entire people group of the world!"

Her words verified to us what it's all about, bringing people to salvation. We are called to feed the hungry, clothe the needy and bring aid to hurting people. We do all this to impact a nation, the land of the Mayans, bringing people to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This report is a testimony of the goodness of God and was made possible by the faithfulness of our partners. - Bill & Kathy



## The 50 Strong Mentoring Program

Developed to mentor 50 young people but has grown to over 200 Mayan Youth from the ages of 12-19. This program has captured the hearts of other area leaders and is making an impact in a great way. It is an ongoing ministry.



## Magdelina's Bathroom

In 2019 the bathroom was started for Magdelina's house. This will allow her to live on-site.

#### 4 Workshops/ Conferences Hosted On DCI Base 2019

On campus mentoring programs for area Mayan pastors, workshops for Business people, Youth mentoring ministry and training for people from North America were all conducted.

#### The Miracle of "Freedom House"



It was crazy, we had two challenges. In the land of the Mayans people never sell their property. Their view on possessions are totally different than the people of the United States and Canada. The house to the left of us became available and through the remarkable faithfulness of partners, we were able to purchase it for \$32,000. It is paid for. Can you say praise the Lord!

Now, with the additional properties, we are able to house many more Mayan people for mentoring. At the last youth conference,



the additional property allowed us to house over 200 young people on the property to be taught the word of God.

#### PIM Network

Among the Mayan churches, most of the pastors are bi-vocational. This means they pastor the church and also have a job for

income. The Lord led Bill and Pastor Chip Winans to start a ministry for the bi-vocational ministers. It was widely accepted among top leaders of government, denominations and organizations.

Needing help because of the rapid growth in PIM's School of Ministry, the Lord sent Tim Sherman and Jim Steele. Word got out about how incredible the training is and it created a need for more talented teachers. The Lord brought Dr. David Speicher from South Bay Church with Pastor Norris Brown and Pastor Juan Santos and Pastor Freddy Santos of DTM Church.

PIM has more than 70 pastors working together from various denominations and ministry organizations.







#### The Grace Place VBS / Magdelina's Kids

In the months of May thru August 2019, Mayan children ages 4 thru 12 came to our children's programs within the Mayan city of Tizimin, local Indian villages and at Magdelina's (Grace Place) where we had more than 400 children attend.

#### **Zach's Sports Court**

The sports court that was dedicated in the name of Zack Renner has been a great tool for reaching street children. One of the problems we've had is that between 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. it is too hot for the children to play. We're excited to announce that efforts are being made to build a covering over the court that will cost a little over \$17,000.



## **Yucatan Impact**

Our target area for 2019 is in red above with a population of 110,000 Mayan people with ongoing operations to area villages and the city of Tizimin.

One of the keys for DCI is to look within the Mayan Yucatán world and look where churches are needed. How we go about this is we find an area that needs a place for people to be discipled in God's word. We'll look for a church that's meeting under a hut or in a house, a location where the pastor is giving it all, and we found such a place.



to finance this Mayan church.



Rick Tosca, one of Bill's mentors, came and spoke into Mayan youth and aided us with operations in Merida. Norris Brown and Juan Santos honored police officers of this Mayan city with a banquet. They never experienced anything like this! This event opened up the hearts of government and further connected DCI with the culture.





#### **DCI Ministry Team**

It delights our heart when our staff are provided for. Two cars were donated by Carol and Bob Kemp. Above is Moises Balam, our director for over 26 years at DCI.

#### **Visiting Teams**



The Lord provided 18 weeks of teams in 2019. These visiting people bring manpower and resources that produce amazing results. One from North Carolina, Hope Chapel, led by Tina Fowler came on their third mission trip. King Park Int. Church joined them and miracles took place!

#### The PIM Book

The story of DCI was developed in 2018. In 2019, the Bi-vocational book was produced by Robin Lux. It is now available on Amazon with the help of coauthor Gordon Winans.

#### Seminar Workshops for Women

In 2019, Kathy Craver launched "Workshops For Women." The first event was with Alexia Young and her team from the U.S. called Beauty For Ashes. It was a powerful time for women.





Scott Phipps, a long time friend and partner, came and conducted ministry that majorly impacted the Mayans. Juan and Patricia Escobar of CCWC were a major factor for so many Mayan people making decisions for Jesus!



A ministry that was about to close is renewed by Pastor

Mike Benson and his members of Arlington, Texas. Pastor Alex Canul Rivero, a young Mayan pastor

was about to quit, but one night he had a dream. Within the dream there came a man to give him hope. It was the next day that visitors were coming. The dream he told us about came to fulfillment when Pastor Mike Benson came in 2018. Then Pastor

Benson sent a team in the summer of 2019 that made a major impact in Pastor Alex's life. Today, Pastor Alex is a major leader in the city and is part of the executive board

of the council of evangelical churches. All of this took place because Pastor Benson was obedient to come.





#### **Holy Fire Ministries**

Throughout the year a powerful prayer meeting has taken place and provided for DCI called Deeper Place with Holy Fire Ministries.



#### **Kathy's Surgery**

As we ran in high gear, in the middle of 2019, Kathy had to have two of her parathyroids removed and it took her 8 weeks to recover. We thank God for the leadership at DCI for providing insurance and finances and we are so grateful for all your prayers for Kathy. She has recovered and feels so much better.



#### Freedom Church

Leaders returned from Freedom Church of Fairhope, Alabama bringing much vision and monthly financial aid.



## The Impossible Property

The DCI campus was landlocked and seemingly it looked impossible to get additional parking because the owners who had the land thought they had us trapped, wanting \$125,000. This was more than double what it was worth. But, the Lord allowed them to have financial trouble and they dropped the price to \$60,000. By faith we asked them to finance it and they did, wanting \$20,000 a year. This still was unachievable, but God is faithful! We presented the need and remarkably God fulfilled a miracle. \$20,000 for closing came by the last day of July and the impossible became possible!

April 1, 2020... A miracle offering came in the mail from Pastors George and Mickey Walters for \$5000 towards the property payment!

## **Eyeglasses to Connect With People**

Since 2014, DCI distributed more than 7,500 Dollar store readers to connect with Mayan people to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Into 2019 we conducted



Every person who has come and served at the DCI Mayan Yucatán Missions Base all make this statement, "What has contributed most to the success of DCI, is the outstanding staff."

#### DCI's Gifted Staff

- Moises Balam has been a part of DCI for more than 26 years. He has shown such loyalty, integrity and has exceptional management skills.
- Jesue Cordero (age 28) basically grew up around us. He started 12 years ago as a volunteer and showed exceptional multitasking skills and displayed problem solving qualities while conducting projects. In 2017, he was made assistant director. He truly has become a spiritual son to us.
- Natalie Hamilton Cordero from New Port Richey, Florida joined the staff full time at the beginning of 2020. She went through one year of internship and it's tough (At DCI). We consider internship training much like boot camp, and yet she endured it with exceptional qualities. Natalie has become vital to the future of this ministry. She shows qualities within the office and out in the field that are above her age of 22. In 2020, she was married to Jesue.
- Karla Ruz has worked for two years part-time at DCI.
  Recently her husband left her and her children homeless.
  DCI gave her family an apartment to live in. She is such an addition to the ministry.



To keep the staff and operations going during the coronavirus the minimum is \$2200 monthly.

At the time of this report, there has been no corona virus found in the region where the DCI mission base is located.

However, with the panic of North America, understandably many teams have cancelled. The entire staff's salaries are dependent on the short term missions teams' support. We simply need a miracle to make it through 2020. Unfortunately, DCI has no reserves. Will you pray for the staff? We have enough funds until May 1st (This will be updated regularly). There have been so many that come on short term mission trips who have fallen in love with our staff. We are praying for monthly partners through the DCI website dcimissions.com where people can make a monthly pledge through PayPal.



Coronavirus







