

## Church Planting!

Over the past year CHIA has really worked hard on church planting. CHIA has not only focused on the spiritual state of the church in each village, but has taken team in to start the physical part of the church. One of the churches is in the village of Palomas. This church is truly coming along now. They have a strong pastor now working with the congregation. The foundation is complete and walls are going up.

This past August we had a large team help continue the building efforts. We had families and married couples attend this trip. Randy Ismond of Plano, TX said *"my most memorable event was working side by side with my two sons and knowing that we are standing together and making a difference for Christ!"*

This past November CHIA had one of its largest teams (46 people) go to Constitucion, Mexico. The team consisted of 21 people from Matthew Road Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, TX. The others came from the North Dallas area along with people from Oklahoma. Matthew Road has worked with Brother Eldon in Constitucion to adopt and start a new church in the near by village of Flores Magon. Each day while in Constitucion we had teams walking around the town of Flores Magon evangelizing and getting the word out about a new church. Steve Gaskill of Grand Prairie said *"I now realize how big the task is in Flores Magon"* after going around the town all day.

Additionally, this trip had many kids come along. Each of them was able to be part of starting a new church while continuing to disciple the village of Constitucion. Baylee Huff, 12 year old from Plano, TX said *"They [the children] are happy with whatever they have even though its nothing compared to us. It just showed me how amazing God is!"* The trip was a huge success and Shannon Nicholas of Skiatook, OK summed it up by saying *"I have seen that I can make a difference through Jesus Christ. I did things that I'm not normally comfortable with but I will be next time after this spiritual experience."*



*Group shot of the August 2007 trip to Palomas.*



*Part of the team in Flores Magon after a prep rally in the local gymnasium one evening.*



*Group shot of the Constitucion Mission trip in November 2007.*

*The mission of Christian Hands in Action is to touch the world with gifted hands and change hearts with the soul-saving message of Jesus Christ.*

# CHIA Update

Dear Friends of CHIA, I am sure it has been said a 100 times, but this year flew by. It is hard to believe that it has already been one year since I left my full-time job to take on this role. Our God has done some amazing things this year and the fact that we get to be a part of it is such a blessing. This year CHIA has had 21 mission trips and has touched close to 5000 people's lives (patients, missionaries & saved souls). Our trips have consisted of Medical, Dental Clinics and Work Camps. We have finished the food pantry in St. Elena with the group from Florida. We have made huge progress in the church in Palomas with the help from Rockwall and Plano, TX. Additionally, a few members from Matthew Road Baptist did a ton of work and almost completed the apartment needed in the Constitucion Orphanage. I have been blessed to have been on most of these trips and it is great to see how so many people are willing to give of their time and talents to help grow the Kingdom.

We wrapped up the year with our Annual Banquet. The banquet was very fitting for how our year has gone! The annual event was bigger and better than we could have ever dreamed. We had Michael Chenoweth, Stacy Brady and Holly Newton lead us in some great Praise & Worship music. Following them were great speakers like Chelsea Williams, a 15 year old, who spoke about her past trips over the years. Then we had Louis Martinez speak and show a video on how the President of Mexico is embracing the Christian movement in his country. All this was followed by Scott Tuner, former NFL player, who truly challenged everyone to go out to all nations and be the feet that bring the Good News. The event was such a blessing, but the best part was its focus on missions.

This coming year looks to be another rocket-ride. We have been talking with many churches about adopting cities and really looking to make a difference in each village. I would ask everyone to continue to pray for CHIA and for God's favor on us. I/we know that none of the "accomplishments" could have ever been reached without His favor and hand in the work.



*CHIA Missionary, Janice Isam of OK, assist CHIA dentist Sara Solis in Constitucion this November.*

Additionally, may we all continue to remember what this holiday season is about. Without Christ there truly would not be a Christmas. I hope and pray that each of you have a blessed Christmas and great New Year.

Blessings,  
Mike Richardson  
Executive Director



*CHIA Missionary, Rosario Martinez and Mike Richardson, evangelize to a man in Flores Magon who rejected Christ 3 years ago, but now accepts Jesus as his Savior.*

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# A Note from The Doctors....



*Dr. Sherman seeing a patient in Palomas*

The year 2007 has been very exciting. We've run medical missions to multiple sites in Chihuahua including Juan Mendoza, Juarez, Palomas, and Constitucion; approximately 2000 patients were seen in the course of these trips. We've continued to work with the Nazarene church and Eliseo Sedano, the District Superintendent of Chihuahua Nazarene Church in their effort to build a church/parsonage in Palomas. In spite of a minor construction set back, the progress of the project has been excellent.

We began work with the Assembly of God Church in Juarez this year. They were very helpful in our move into a smaller office, and in the process, they were able to take a large amount of our medications and supplies to begin a clinic at their church in south Juarez. The medical mission we ran in their church was highly successful, much of the credit going to their people who adequately prepared their members in advance for the mission.

In late October we added eleven medical team members to the ten construction workers from First Church of the Nazarene of Denver to go to San Carlos, Nicaragua. Our team saw over 700 patients and the construction team put finishing touches on the Third Church of San Carlos.

Earlier this year we moved the optometric part of the mission to Tulsa, OK. Dr Saurino, an ophthalmologist there, will be taking over the preparation of glasses for the mission as well as, supplying optometric support for the missions. This has been a much needed support as optometrists seem to be hard to come by. Please pray for Dr. Saurino and his staff that they will be successful in their efforts.

In closing, it's been a good year for the ministry with several hundred new believers having made decisions to follow Christ via the clinics and the door to door evangelization; we pray that 2008 will see even more of the lost brought into the Kingdom.

**John M Sherman MD**  
Medical Director

**W**HAT A YEAR!!! A lot of surprises came with this past year. Some of the surprises were good and some were sad. This year I

had to deal with the death of my sister. As comforting as it is to know she is in heaven, it is never easy to lose someone. Some great things did happen this year! Ed and I had our first newborn Sarah. In addition to these changes CHIA has had a lot of work in mission trips. There has been numerous blessings throughout the year. It has been amazing to see the changes in the Palomas church of Nazarene. It was great to go back and see how the kids in Constitucion are growing up, and that the church in Juan Mendoza still working in these hard times. However the best of all, was the Nicaragua mission trip. The people there are very nice, friendly and helpful, and worked as hard as we did. We left many friends and good memories.

That encourages us to keep doing the blessing of serving our Lord Jesus no matter what happens in the next year.

**Mini Conde Soriano DDS**  
Dental Director



*Dr. Mini Soriano with Erin Seaman from Heath, TX in Palomas in August.*

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*CHIA Missionaries working hard in Palomas this August.*



*CHIA Missionary, Tom Mooney, evangelizing in Juan Mendoza this October.*



## PASSPORTS



CHIA is encouraging everyone get their US Passports as soon as possible. Although the restriction for a Passport for **LAND TRAVEL** has been pushed back, the wait time in getting your passport can be up to 12+ weeks. Below is the **CURRENT** dates from the US Government concerning **LAND TRAVEL** into and from Mexico.

**JANUARY 31, 2008** U.S. and Canadian citizens will need to present either a WHTI-compliant document, or a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, plus proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate. DHS also proposes to begin alternative procedures for U.S. and Canadian children at that time.

**SUMMER 2008** At a later date, to be determined, the departments will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of WHTI. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have either a U.S. passport; a U.S. passport card; a trusted traveler card such as NEXUS, FAST, or SENTRI; a valid Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) when traveling in conjunction with official maritime business; or a valid U.S. Military identification card when traveling on official orders.