

# update

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## GUATEMALAN MISSION OUTREACH

### THE SMITHS, ONE MORE TIME!

Donald, a direct result of bus ministry at Bethany Temple, has deep-rooted faith and shares it boldly. He's a teenager *and* a servant.

Danny has had several surgeries for brain cancer and definitely sees life more honestly than most. His coping mechanism is humor, he's an expert! When he asked Bernie to baptize him, because of meningitis in the past, GMO's first baptism took place on the front patio of our home. Danny professed his salvation and was totally immersed by gallons of water. Then, we surrounded him with prayers for spiritual growth and strength. It was powerful, what a gift!

Jim was a wonderful addition to the group. He touched our hearts as he bragged about his wife and children. We talked many hours about the Lord and His love. I hope that his entire family will come with him someday.

We had marvelous devotions and discussed scripture into the night. We shared testimonies and rejoiced, prayer needs and cried, and experienced joy until our ribs ached. We went to Panimaquin and they sensed our hearts.

Jim and Sharon Smith have now led four group trips. They grow closer to the Lord each time.

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### YOU PRAYED FOR IT, PASTOR MARK!

In the last trip of full-time ministry with Dr. Hermann and Dr. Trucky, God chose to bless us more than we ever imagined. Each Harvest Temple Youth Group member, including leaders, came open to receive a special touch. The rest of us (9 others) are always anticipating a move of God.

God's plan for our group was overwhelming! In His infinite wisdom, he saw open, hungry hearts and filled them with His love and mercy over and over again. Each one shared how awesome God really is. All were blessed in different ways. We began and ended each day with devotions and private time with Him. The worship and praise sprung from our hearts. The dramas were powerful! There were hurts uncovered and healed. We felt power in our

prayers. We saw 750 patients. Thirty nine received Christ---3 were healed on the spot. We did drama on our shopping trip and led a man to the Lord in Antigua's park. Then, sang God's praises all the way home.

It was precious when Dallas received his prayer language. It was heart breaking seeing the family in the dump. It was eye opening discovering that we could learn a lot from the villagers about servanthood and joy.

We experienced many emotions both happy and sad. This was the week God ordained to take two faithful daughters home. I know that Marilu and Aunt Billie are having a "Gate Beautiful" experience in bodies totally whole and pain free. Hallelujah!

One Way Youth Group returned home knowing the majesty of God, understanding the heart of Jesus, and overflowing with the Holy Spirit. Thank you Pastor Mark for your obedient spirit during devotions. WHAT A GROUP!!!!