



## Teaming with Activity

Who would have thought that 2 months could make such a difference?

During June & July the Mano con Mano (MCM) ministry had the privilege of hosting **11** different teams coordinated through Oscar Chiquitó and Los Olivos Evangelical Church. These teams ranged from 4 to 25 people, and visited and/or worked in San Jose el Yalú for half a day up to five days.

Through these teams God's love was shared in the village and surrounding areas during...

- Construction of 12 stoves & 3 bathrooms
- Interactive children's Bible studies for up to 500 children
- Preparing & serving lunches, and washing many, many dishes,
- Loving & caring through washing feet during women's ministry
- Caring for 150 through medical treatment
- Prayer and sharing the message of hope in Jesus!

...and the list can go on! PRAISE GOD!



In fact, one afternoon a team from Minnesota washed the lice out of 100 kids' hair. 100 KIDS!!! That has to be a record! If we hadn't told them to stop, they probably would still be washing heads!!



It became evident to those visiting el Yalú, that life here is challenging and many are feeling defeated and overwhelmed, lacking hope. Many of the patient's physical symptoms were of a chronic nature, but thankfully team members were able to share the gospel message, a message of hope that lasts, that changes lives, and that is perfect in Jesus Christ.

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Interested in serving the people of Guatemala on a short-term mission team to Yalu? Contact Gerry and Barb Normand [gerry.normand@hotmail.com](mailto:gerry.normand@hotmail.com)

**God Bless!  
Dios le Bendiga!**



### Update from Susan

Congratulations to Susan and Steve Jones!

Susan – MCM founder, and long-term missionary – was married to her long-time friend Steve Jones, June 18<sup>th</sup> on Whidbey Island.

Over the past few years Susan has been working at her own medical practice on Whidbey Island and actively serving on the Mano Con

Mano US Board providing invaluable support to the new MCM missionaries serving on the ground in Guatemala.



We wish Susan and Steve all the happiness in the world and are excited for the addition of Steve's involvement on the MCM board in the coming future. Welcome to the MCM family Steve!

### Why Short-term Mission Teams (STMT)?

At their best, STMTs have proven to be a tremendous tool in the hands of the church - a tool which simultaneously helps educate participants and helps reach the world for Christ.

As believers, Jesus called us **all** to be missionaries and to spread the Good News of salvation available through Jesus Christ. He calls us out of our comfort zone, to not sit still, but instead to be His hands and feet in a broken world.

STMTs can be the wind in the sails which give velocity and thrust to a ministry. At times they also bring with them resources, a strong prayer focus, and tremendous enthusiasm and compassion.

Sharing the love of Jesus Christ in a cross-cultural context can be a life-changing experience for the STMT member, the missionaries and ministry hosting them, and for the people they will encounter during their trip.



*"My life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the good news about God's wonderful kindness and love." (Acts 20:24 NLT)*

There is certainly a right way and a wrong way to do cross-cultural ministry. MCM is focused on walking "Hand with Hand" with communities we serve to spread God's hope through empowering the locals and not creating dependency on foreigners.

Interested in how to be an effective servant and understanding the complexities of poverty-alleviation? Read the excellent book titled "When Helping Hurts" by Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett