UNTTO THE LEAST OF THESE, MY BRETHREN
Guatemala Venture for Christ
with special thanks to Dr. Peter Knight and Dr. Henry Dumas

We drove into San Marcos late Sunday afternoon, March 5. The countryside there is most beautiful with San Marcos and San Pedro surrounded by beautiful mountains on all sides. At an elevation of 7500 feet it represents a very busy twin city area of approximately 50,000 people. There are many pedestrians in the area and men and women are seen carrying bundles of wood and other heavy loads on their backs and on their heads. Rather malnourished horses also carry heavy loads of wood which is the primary fuel of Guatemala. The Indian people are dressed in rather striking garb each tribe having its own particular type of colorful clothing.

On Monday morning, early, we went to the Nacional Hospital, a modern structure built within the past six years. Our first vision of the hospital revealed a very long line of patients waiting to be seen in the various clinics. We met with the doctors of the Hospital, all of whom were very cordial and welcomed our Christian Medical group from the United States. Our group consisted of internists, surgeons, nurses, one anesthesiologist, a nurse anesthetist and a few laymen, a very compatible, happy and Spirit-filled group. After meeting with the San Marcos hospital physicians, we began seeing patients in the clinics and some of us made rounds in the hospital. It immediately became apparent that the facilities in the hospital were probably comparable to some of our outlying community hospitals of the 1940's. X-ray facilities are limited. Laboratory facilities are almost non-existent and many of the patients are lacking adequate care because of inadequate equipment in the operating rooms. Despite this, a dedicated group of physicians does an excellent job in taking care of the people to the best of their abilities, laboring under difficult circumstances.

Beginning on Tuesday, those of us in surgery began operating in our various fields. In my four days of operating there, I did multiple operations on small children, as well as patients with gynecologic and general surgical problems. In every instance, the Guatemalan physicians deferred to us and assisted us in the operating room along with their operating room personnel plus our own people. Our anesthesiologists began each operation with prayer and each operation was upheld with prayer. Our vision of Christian Medicine during the past thirty years, with the patient upheld in the wards and in the preparation rooms, being treated by Christian personnel and upheld in prayer in the operating room and in the post-anesthesia recovery rooms, finally was realized, not in the United States but in Guatemala.

All of our patients did well during the operations and post-operatively. Our experiences in the clinics were actually overwhelming. Many surgical conditions were seen in the clinics, some of which were totally beyond operative intervention. Virtually every patient was prayed for and witnessed to and many patients were led to Christ. All of the people, most of whom were predominately Indian, were very open to the Gospel, very quiet and always joined us in prayer as we prayed for them. I found myself weeping often because of the tremendous need and our inadequacy and our incapability of giving help to many of these dear people.

Dr. Kennedy, our orthopedic surgeon from Corpus Christi, commented that continued on next page
many of the congenital hip dislocations and club foot problems demonstrated procrastination and neglect. These conditions should have been operated upon in early life and we are seeing them much later on when correction is much more difficult. This was also true of many of the surgical and medical problems.

There were no facilities for obtaining serum electrolyte determinations. A gastroscope was there but was unusable and unrepairable. There was no dermatome and the orthopedic instruments, as well as many of the general surgical instruments were archaic and inadequate. The family of a patient who needed a bone plate was forced to go to Guatemala City and purchase the bone plate and screws there, bringing them back to the hospital where they were put in place by Dr. Buddy Kennedy.

In Nebaj, there is a hospital recently built by the government but un-staffed and poorly equipped standing there waiting to be occupied by physicians, nurses and their patients. The population at Nebaj primarily Indian, with tremendous problems of tuberculosis and every form of illness and disease is inadequately treated and waiting for Christian doctors and nurses to come to answer their needs. This is also true in San Marcos and San Pedro and throughout the entire Guatemalan area external to and within Guatemala City. Add to this the needs in Nicaragua, Belize and throughout Central America and doubtless South America and we see that there is a horrendous problem which defies our intellectual capacity to imagine. However, the many doctors in the United States who are being forced out of practice by premature retirement and malpractice insurance problems, many of whom are very well trained and capable could be mobilized along with Christian nurses who want to take care of patients in a Christian sense to meet this worldwide need.

Christian Medical Foundation with its emphasis on New Testament spirituality in Medicine may at last have found the avenue through Missionary Ventures for the practice of truly Christian Medicine. As President of Christian Medical Foundation I know that I speak for the OMF doctors who went on this most recent missionary surgical and medical venture to Guatemala in thanking Missionary Ventures for the privilege and for the opportunity of going to Guatemala. Hopefully those of us who went on this trip will be able to go back to Guatemala in the future. We are praying about this. Certainly Christian Medical Foundation will advertise this need and I feel there will be a continuing response. What a tremendous gratification there is in seeing the power of God's Holy Spirit working through our eyes, our lips and our hands in giving forth the unsearchable riches of Christ to those needy and many times hopeless people.

"Oh to be His Hand extended, Reaching out to the oppressed Let me touch Him Let me touch Jesus So that others may know and be blessed"
(a song of Vep Ellis at ORU at its inception)

The following people were among those on this wonderful venture for Christ:

Charles Kennedy, M.D.
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Stokes
William S. Reed, M.D.
William Reid, M.D.
William Mamande, M.D.
Peter Knight, M.D.
Henry Dumas, M.D.
Karl Hunt, M.D.
Larry Edgerton, C.R.N.A.
Stephen King, M.D.

Future dates, 1989:

June 16-25, 1989
July 21-30, 1989
October 27 - November 5, 1989

If you are inspired to be of help as a physician or a nurse willing to go on a OMF/Missionary Venture please contact our OMF Tampa office at (813) 932-3688.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. George Richard and his wife Twana on the birth of their son George Joseph Richard.
CRYBABIES NO MORE

by Michael Stick, M.D.

Crybabies no more. Rather than sitting on the sidelines complaining, the Church, or part of her, has been aroused and is taking action. For years one of the crybabies on the sidelines, I had been stirred by a Dobson radio show beaming the voice of Randall Terry, activist and organizer of Operation Rescue, over the airwaves, was getting underway. I was to talk, later on, in an Atlanta prison, with a fellow inmate who had long been involved in the pro-life movement, and who was totally in the pro-life front lines. He said a 'rally' of that type years ago would have gathered only a small handful of "protestors". Now the numbers were into the hundreds, and the future, though cloudy, was still promising.

I entered Randall Terry's Operation Rescue by showing up at an Atlanta motel, Motel 1 oddly enough, on the eve of the 'rescue'. Rescuers were of all stripes economically and denominationally. Orthodox priests, Catholic laypeople, assorted fundamentalists, and a goodly bevy of charismatics were all on hand. A 'rally' was held on this eve in a nearby church. Places of rallies shifted, in military fashion, from night to night, presumably to evade or off-balance the opposition. In fact, Operation Rescue though led by civilians, has a decided and pervasive military flavor. It almost reminded me of Marine Corps bootcamp, when we sang in chapel "Onward Christian Soldiers", obviously in a different context.

The rally contained hymns and some sermonizing, but was primarily a platform to organize and discipline the recruits. We got onto the church stage and went through a mock protest and arrest, with appropriate do's and dont's.

The following morning some two hundred of us had no idea where in Atlanta we were headed, the motel being about half an hour from center city. At 5:30 a.m., cars and buses arrived to cart us somewhere. Helicopters hovered overhead at daybreak and followed the buses. Our forces were divided and sent to two different clinics, abortuaries as O.R. calls them. A fair number of police were waiting, but they were outnumbered, and most of us were able to elude them by simply marching around them to the clinic entrances. Many of us were by this time somewhat awed by confronting the law, and even more awed by the prospect of going to jail. Hymns were sung, and we obediently did not argue with or preach at either the police or the abortion clinic employees, who by this time were outside heckling. Our main task was to sit. Sit we did, even after the yellow tape cordons went up around the building at the edge of the sidewalk. By this time a huge police contingent had arrived and were unceremoniously 'unsitting' and dragging us to the waiting vehicles. The police seemed confused by the numbers of protesters and threw some of us to the ground, then handcuffed us behind the back under billy clubs. Some police were rougher, some more polite. Eventually our singing but apprehensive group arrived at jail. The total time of the action had been less than three hours.

For the next nine days I was to learn the flavor and ways of the Atlanta jail system - a total of three separate incarceration areas. The jail time represented one of my higher - if not the highest - spiritual points in my life. This was due to intense interaction with fellow Christians and warfare against an unseen enemy -in the courthouses of Atlanta and in spiritual places. Most of the others would say 'ditto'.

Our jail term, circumstantially, was unpleasant enough, bad food with gastrointestinal consequences, no outdoor privileges, minimal phone privileges, minimal contact with our families and lawyers, sleep deprivation at times, and so forth. Just about all of us wound up paying bond money - seemingly assessed by a toss of a hat - sometimes reasonable, sometimes not, one $5000 bond for obstructing the sidewalk and failure to give name, the latter a false charge.

But personal responses and details of the rescue miss the point of this travelogue. The point is what happened in the long run. Myself, having served in Viet Nam, the same old question came to haunt me, "What has been accomplished by all this?" Looking back with the reflection of nine plus months, and watching in the meantime the self coverage and press coverage of Operation Rescue, I offer the following suggestions.

Due in no small measure to Operation Rescue, the polarizing effect and the importance of the abortion issue has increased rather than decreased. Today, the Church, at least in my opinion, stands taller and with greater vigor, having become militant (in part) - reviving a word that had been eclipsed by a church excessively polite and restrained in the face of evil. Some of us have discovered that to be militant does not always detract from one's Christianity, and can perhaps even add to it. We, I think in a limited way, have learned that one can dishonor an unjust law and yet still honor the police, the court system, and the nation. We have learned that to defy one unjust law does not lead us to defy any law we simply don't like, any more that it led antislavery people to anarchy. Once the issue of passion has been resolved, most citizens will continue to abide by the laws of the land especially we who bear the name, Christian.
CONCERNING NEEDS AT CMF

As of this writing Christian Medical Foundation faces the summer months with continuing need of funds. Only a small gift from each reader would very adequately take care of every need. We are in debt as a result of diminished income this year totalling $50,000.00. Please pray about this and see what our precious Lord would have you do. I was reading Poor Richards Almanac recently and read, "If worldly goods cannot save me from death on earth, they ought not to hinder me of Eternal Life." I have found that giving to God's cause always brings not only satisfaction and blessing but also financial reward. Please pray and give to this worthy and needful Christ centered healing work. **WSR**

TAPE OFFER

This month we are offering several tapes by both Dr. Reed and Kay.

Tapes by Dr. Reed:
1. SPIRITUAL VALUES IN HEALTH CARE - $5.00 donation
2. BECOMING WHAT YOU ARE - $5.00 donation
3. A CONSIDERATION OF DEATH AND DUST - $5.00 donation

Tapes by Kay Reed:
1. FAITH: WILL IT CHANGE CIRCUMSTANCES? - $5.00 donation
2. STRESS: WHAT IS THE ANSWER? $5.00 donation
3. WISDOM'S SEVEN PILLARS - (set of four)- $23.00 donation

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SPECIAL SUMMER READING

During the summer months we would like to make available several excellent books for all ages.

1. MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST - Classic Devotional by Oswald Chambers - $5.95
2. HOT BUTTONS II - Insights on 12 Controversial Issues for Teens - $6.95
3. GOD’S PROMISES FOR SPIRIT-FILLED LIVING - Devotional arranged topically from the riches of God’s Word - $9.95
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BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays with Kay at 10:30 am, & Clinical Correlation of the Gospel & Healing Service by Dr. Reed, 1:00 pm at CMF, 813-932-3688.
Dear Friends of the Littlest Angel

Summer once more is visiting Florida as our winter friends take leave for their summer residence and we settle down to a quieter pace of life.

The end of June, Jan Goodwin from Little Rock, and I plan on a buying trip to Dallas when we do our Christmas buying for the Doctors' Conference in the fall.

While I am in Little Rock, Jan has arranged for me to speak to some of the business women in the area on how to achieve the balance of the Spiritual in a natural world.

I have been thinking a great deal about this in recent months and wrote about it in the last newsletter. I look forward to this fresh challenge as it is important that no matter what we do in our lives that we do it for the glory and revelation of our Lord Jesus to a lost world. The market place needs Him today.

God's Word comes alive, "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me - I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me, that is, I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency." Philippians 4:13. We must be equipped by His Spirit to walk in this godless arena, clothed in His righteousness and His empathy, to meet people where they are, to have His eyes to see the brokeness of hearts, lives, and homes in this broken world.

The market place is a true mission field and discernment of the Holy Spirit is needed in all areas of our lives in helping our customers as they browse and buy, that we might help them in all ways, through all things to see Him. This is our daily goal at the Littlest Angel.

Angel collections are very popular today. This month we are offering a hand-crafted pewter angel candle holder by Seagull Pewter of Nova Scotia as the angel of the month at $14.95 each. They are lovely in pairs. There are also a few Reco angels left from last month if you forgot to order one, you are not too late. They are $17.95 including postage and handling. Why not order your angel today?

Love,

Kay

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VISIONARY B.E./B.C. RHEUMATOLOGIST who seeks to start new life and assist in start-up of new project as Medical Director of new center. Commitment to quality but, more importantly, to Christ. Opportunity for academics and research. CONTACT: Sally M. Marlowe, NP, Director, Arthritis/Pain Treatment Center of Clearwater, FL, P.O. Box 130 South Duncan Ave., Suite #135, Clearwater, FL 34615, (813) 446-0133.

MEDICAL/MISSIONS TRIPS NEED DOCTORS, DENTISTS, NURSES, MEDICAL & DENTAL TECHNICIANS to go to Belize, Central America July 15-20 & August 19-24. Need short-term volunteer staff for permanent medical/dental clinic in San Ignacio, Belize. Can also use laypeople for concentrated evangelization efforts; donations of medical supplies or medicines would be gratefully accepted. CONTACT: Church Planting World Mission, P.O. Box 15924, St. Petersburg, FL 33733, (813) 544-5427.

ESTABLISHED GYN PRACTICE in Northern California for share and later sale. Obstetrics available; No abortions. Reduced malpractice rates first two years. BC/BE required. CONTACT: Dale W. Ritter, M.D., 572 Rio Lindo Ave., Chico, CA 95926, (916) 342-1878.

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY ASSOCIATE needed to work at hospital with unapologetic Christian stance; 250 beds. Possibility for full partnership later. CONTACT: Dr. Lyn Myers, Deaconess Hospital, 5501 N. Portland, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, (405) 946-5581.

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