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### **Bro. Floyd Smith testimony of Yucatán Mission March, 2006**

This was my second trip to the Yucatán with Bro. Shelby and the group from Bistineau Baptist Church. I am thankful God had prepared the way and the people for the trip. I still am amazed how receptive these people are to the Word of God. We witnessed nine professions of faith in two nights of preaching in the park at Ticúm. According to Bro. Shelby, YEA is in the process of building a church in Ticúm. I am humbled to have been a part of what God is doing through Bro. Shelby and YEA. God is at work in a mighty way in the Yucatán, and anybody that wants to see God working should plan a trip to the Yucatán. If the Lord is willing, my wife and I are planning another trip this fall. We will continue to pray for Bro. Shelby and YEA. Matthew 9:37 **Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Isaiah 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.**

### **Liz Allen testimony of Yucatán Mission March, 2006**

First, I would just like to say that it is an honor and a privilege for God to allow my husband and myself to be just a tiny part of the work He is doing in the Yucatán. This was the second year that God has allowed us to be a part of YEA Missions and we are blessed beyond explanation each time we go. Our hearts go out to the people there, as they are so hungry for the Truth. They receive us with no hesitation, and as we share God's love and His word with them, they share their lives with us. No matter how much of yourself you give, you can never out give God. His blessings are exceedingly abundant, and we always feel as though we leave there with far more than we gave. We are already looking forward to going back again next year. Our hearts are deeply burdened for missions and our prayer is that God will make a way for us to go into mission's full time. If you truly want to be used and blessed by God, get involved in missions, whether it's physically, prayerfully, or financially. God will use you if you are willing and you make yourself available to Him. Get involved in the mission group at your church, or get one started. God WILL bless you.

### **Bro. Floyd Smith testimony of Yucatán Mission November, 2006**

We have returned from the Yucatán once again. Bill and Liz Allen, Melanie Gibson, and Floyd and Tammy Smith made the most recent trip to the Yucatán (November 14-22, 2006).

Of the many things I have learned, one of the most important is to always be ready to adapt to the circumstances. We did visit the orphanage the first day. What a blessing to see 24 children shopping for a pair of shoes. We were also able to buy a washing machine and bed linens for the new beds.

Then we were on our way to San Felipe. Bro. Shelby told us things might be slow and tough. But I believe San Felipe is a different place now. We saw Bro. Francisco really working hard in the town. The people were slow to warm up to us, but I saw barriers come down the few days we were there.

God desires to see these people saved. We were all blessed to be a part of what God is doing in this town. We saw 6 people saved, and can only imagine what God will do as we continue to pray for this mission.

We thank Bro. Shelby for his work while we were there. We are thankful to be a part of this exciting mission. We already look forward to being back in February 2007 to pick up where we left off!

### **Hola everyone!**

God is truly good! First I would like to thank Jesus for allowing us to be a small part of His work once again in the Yucatan. Before our group left Mérida, headed for San Felipe, we had the privilege of spending a day at the orphanage in Mérida. The children were precious, but the orphanage itself is in dire need of repairs and new appliances. We were so grateful that the Lord led our church family to give so generously to help with some of their needs, which included a new washing machine, a pair of shoes for each child, and some food. This was such a blessing for us.

In San Felipe, there were about 7 people that trusted Jesus as their Savior, which was wonderful. Bro. Francisco is the missionary there and he works very hard to win the people's trust and friendship, which is essential before he is able to share Jesus with them and lead them to the Lord. The people there are typically resistant to anything new; therefore you have to be very careful and gentle with them. You can't be pushy or aggressive at all, so the process takes a lot of time and patience. The work there seems to be going very well and we were excited just to be a small part of it.

God is using Bro. Shelby in so many areas in the Yucatán and there is always a need for help in these areas. If God is speaking to your heart to be a part of this work in the Yucatán, please don't put Him off any longer. Just go ahead and jump in the boat, don't get left behind. You won't regret it and you'll be exceedingly abundantly blessed from it. All you have to do is make yourself available, accept the job God has for you, and He will equip you with everything you will need to work for Him. Pray about WHAT God would have you do in the mission field. It's not a question of IF He wants you to do something. He has already commissioned us; does He want you to be a prayer warrior, or to help financially, or does He want you to go physically? Please be obedient to God's will for your life and receive all the blessings He has waiting for you.

**Our love in Christ, Bistineau Mission Team, Bill, Liz, Melanie, Floyd & Tammy**

### **A Word From Shelby**

We are wishing you a Christmas filled with joy in celebrating the wonderful Savior who was born to suffer and die in payment of our sins. Isn't it awesome to be loved that much? FELIZ NAVIDAD!

This has been an incredible year, and it is not over yet. We still have an opportunity to provide a Christmas for the orphans at the Casa Hogar in Mérida. We have several sponsors already, but still need about sixty more. For \$100, you can provide clothing and a nice gift for one of the kids. In return, you will receive a photo, personal note from the child that you sponsor, and if you join us for a trip this year, you will also get to meet the child.

Next year is looking good. We already have a February group to work at the orphanage, and three teams for May and June for the Tizimín, San Felipe area. We also have a team for a pastors' conference in July. Be sure to get your group on the calendar as soon as possible.

Remember, when planning your next trip, we have very few evangelical churches in the new area, and the people may not be as receptive as some areas that you have visited in the past. The rewards are great, however, as you see new churches starting in areas that have never received the Gospel. Our November group rented a cottage on the waterfront, and had to prepare their own meals. The locals were really beginning to accept us by week end, and several were won to the Lord.

It appears that I will have a couple of interns for the summer. I will put their names in the next newsletter, if I have confirmation. Maybe God has someone else scheduled to be a permanent worker in the Yucatán .....wouldn't that be exciting.

Thanks to the efforts of Brother Steve Sutton, we now have a web site in progress. Feel free to offer any advice. The site is [www.yeamissions.org](http://www.yeamissions.org), and is still under construction. We will link your church if you provide the necessary information.

Recovery from my heart attack is slow. I still can't lift, and I get tired rapidly. Your prayers and your love offerings have been a great blessing. Thank You.

We are hoping to have our next board meeting on January 20, 2007, in the Lewisville, Texas area. Please pray that this will be a success.

The **Yucatán Evangelistic Association (YEA)** is an organization to coordinate and support the evangelical effort on the Yucatán peninsula. Through concerned Christian volunteers, the evangelical and construction work in the Yucatán has had great results with these receptive Mayan people coming to know the Gospel. Volunteers are needed to continue the Lord's work, whether it be the construction of churches, assisting with revivals, holding VBS day camps, performing with puppets, doing drama, conducting a medical mission, or conducting a sports program. **YOU** can help do a mighty work for the Lord by volunteering your time, efforts and/or resources in the Yucatán. Each individual who goes and serves truly bonds with these wonderful Mayan people and will receive such a blessing! If you would like to know more about the opportunity to become involved in this mission endeavor, please contact us.

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