

April 30, 2009

YES OR NO ?

Whether the answer is "Yes," or "No," God is in control, we know.

April has been an unusual month for us in many ways. We started out the month wondering if our Mexican visas would come through in time for us to travel to California for the legal wedding of our son, Tim, and his fiancée, Judith. With a few days to spare, we received the answer of "Yes." We were delighted to be present for the lovely ceremony between them. The religious ceremony, with Gary officiating, will be here in Mexico City in August.

A phone call in the middle of the night called us to the home of a church family. Through the early morning hours we talked with them and ended up taking a family member to a hospital. The young man, troubled by drug use, did listen to Gary's counsel, and even came to church the next Sunday. Only time will tell if he can make the decision to say, "No," to the habit that is harming his young family.

We are encouraged by the "Yes" answers we have received from various churches who are inviting us to join their congregations for a Sunday of sharing about the mission work of the Free Methodist Church in Mexico. Many of the dates (Sunday and weekdays) from September 13-January 31 for Southern Michigan Conference and August 27-31, September 1-3, 2009, and February, 2010 for Arizona Conference are still open. Please contact us for a time we can meet with you.

September 4-7, 2009 Family Camp in Prescott, AZ

October 4 Pulaski Free Methodist Church, MI

October 25 Stone Haven FMC, MI

November 1 Lighthouse of Hope, MI

November 8 Ferndale FMC, MI

Many of you have read about the flu epidemic which has hit Mexico during this month. Our daily ministries have suffered a big "No" answer as all public meetings have been canceled for a couple weeks. We are especially thankful for the prayers of our supporters as both the missionary families and the local church congregations have not experienced a case of this flu. We hope that May will bring relief from that and that we will be able to return to church services, Bible studies, English classes and travel as usual.

Waiting on answers, we submit these prayer requests to you:

-The young man, JP who is fighting drug abuse

-Allens' trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in May to visit the areas where we used to work

-Wisdom for the Director of the Central Mexico Mission District as pastor placements are considered for the next year

We are grateful for each financial gift that allows us to continue our ministry in southern Mexico. If you are interested in contributing to our Missionary Support Account, please follow this link: To give online, go to www.fmwm.org and click on "Missions Connect" at the bottom navigational bar. Choose Gary and Jann Allen from the list of Missionary Support Accounts.

Your partners in missions,

Gary and Jann Allen
Mexico City