

OUR MISSION

February 4, 2012

CANCUN,
MEXICO
JANUARY
23 - 26
2012

Our First Mission in Cancun, Mexico.

Amazing God!
The things which
are impossible
with men are
possible with
God. LUKE 18:27

HOW THINGS FELL INTO
PLACE SMOOTHLY.
WITH GOD IT IS POSSIBLE.

GOD ANSWERED PRAYERS!

E-mails had been sent back and forth between John Tarrer, Mission Volunteers State Missionary/ GA Baptist Missions & Ministry Center; Mauricio Menesses, head of Mission House in Cancun and Jerry Baker, State Missionary last fall for a while. The reply from Mauricio Menesses to John was positive. He did the research regarding deaf people....there are over 3000 deaf in the state of Qroo. 20 % youth and 80 % adult...65 % of this group lives in the city of Cancun. He thinks there is a lot of potential in doing some type of ministry with them.

Jerry told Mauricio of his interest in establish Baptist Ministry and possibly churches among the Deaf in Cancun.

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Flying over Gulf of Mexico to Cancun, Mexico





Flying over Gulf of Mexico to Cancun, MX via Delta



Sammy, Jerry Baker and Isai

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Also Jerry told him this would be a vision trip and a team of 2 or 3 might go and ask what locally needs to be done early in 2012. If everything goes well, we hope to have a team of 3-5 people going there possibly in the fall searching for them and witnessing to them in God's will.

PERFECT TIMING PLAN

Mauricio let Jerry know that he and his wife would be at the GBC in November 2012 which was perfect timing. Few of Carter Bearden Mission Committees were there to meet him on November 14 at North Metro First Baptist Church in Lawrenceville. I did not go for a reason.

I decided not to go to Mexico because I thought they need another man to go along with Bud Richardson and Beth Rosenzweig. A

few weeks later, Bud could not go because of his ailing wife and he told Jerry he thought that I might be interested in going. So I was asked if I would be interested in going which I did.

Jerry emailed us a video he got a from Mauricio about a deaf guy who is the director for a non-profit organization that works with deaf people and also Sign Language teacher in Cancun. We watched a video to acquaint the guy, Sergio with our plan in advance. He knows ASL which was a great help. (See photo next page)

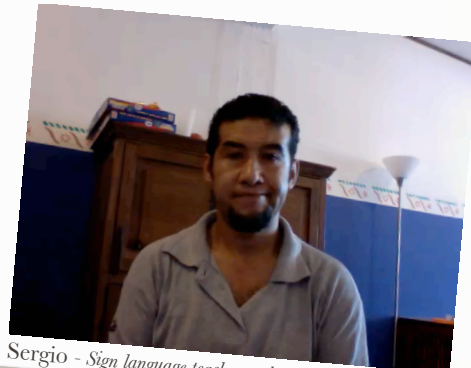
Monday on January 23, 2012 Jerry, Beth and I departed at 9:47 am in the rain and flew over the Gulf of Mexico and arrived Cancun about 11:45 CST and the weather was gorgeous.

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Beth Rosenzweig, Jerry Baker and Lois Hitchcock



Sergio - Sign language teacher and non profit org. with Deaf

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We met a Mexican, our hosts of Mission House Isai and, Sammy, a pastor of Kantunilkin, MX at the airport. On our way to Mission House, they pulled church van to the beach parking lot. Man!, how beautiful beach was by the Caribbean Sea with 3 tones of blue shades (see picture on page 2). Boy! What a strong breeze and fresh air back there. We took pictures of us all by the beach. (See pictures above & on page 2)

When we got to Mission House, the luncheon was ready for us to eat. We were introduced to Sammy's parents who did the cooking and preparing every meals for us during our stay there. We dined as we discussed plans. Then we rested for about 1-2 hours. They took us touring around churches, showing deaf school where Sergio (see photo on the right side) works, some areas of poor homes, etc and we went back to Mission House for supper.

I believed that Sergio Isca (see photo on upper right corner) brought other couple of deaf friends to introduce and visit with at Mission House that evening. We stayed overnight.

Tuesday: Right after breakfast, we went to deaf school and met Sergio and directors of that school. We asked questions and she gave us answers regarding the deaf school and classes. We visited each class and director told us what they learned. They have primary school up to 6th grades and that is all they have and some of students according to their levels of intelligibility, will go to secondary school. Some will go to vocation school. We were invited to go to university where at least 10 deaf students are attending class.

That afternoon the students at university were excited about us visiting from America. Some of them want to go to America so badly. Few of them know ASL.

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Some of them went to America or other countries for Olympic games in the past and they won several medals, mostly on relay races. There were three interpreters between us and students. We enjoyed visiting there. Before we left there, Jerry Baker gave director some of stuffs and football frisbee from GBC (see below – center picture.) We took picture of student (see below on the right).

That evening a deaf couple from Sergio's drama club were sent to our Mission House as planned previously and rode with us to Sergio's friends' house showing us their goals of making new Latino Sign Methods on video and books. They discussed how they want

to develop and asked for financial help. Beth told them that our assistant director of Mission House, also a pastor, helping mostly on needy people, winning people to Christ and not worldly things. We would be glad to help them if they could help us visiting other deaf people and children.

After that, we talked a little while before leaving for Mission House for overnight stay. One of them said she would come ride with us to Kantunilkin, MX to help with translating LMS to ASL if deaf kids as she promised yesterday.

Wednesday: About 8 am we were waiting for that lady to come but never showed up since 7:45 am. Sammy's

parents along with us left for Kantunilkin without her and it took over 1 1/2 hours drive before we arrived there. We stopped by Mission House where Sammy lives to tour. Then we went out to tour deaf school where two deaf children attend while Sammy parents prepared a luncheon for us. Unfortunately both of deaf students, aged 6 & 7, were not there. We were told that they don't have a certified teacher to teach deaf students. That really concerned us about their education.

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Right below, a teacher or therapist teaches a blind and crippled kid to walk at deaf school in Cancun. Since not many blind children, they go to classes at deaf school.



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That lady, who normally teaches those kids, studies sign language online, then teaches them.

We asked assistant director of that school what they want us to help, etc. We told her our plans and see if there was possible for us to help them in any way, not only religious reasons. We were welcomed to help.

After lunch, we went back to Cancun Mission House for the afternoon rest.

We went to two different churches to introduce ourselves and Jerry explained to congregations about our plan for the deaf mission. I gave

testimony how I became saved. Beth explained about what we did during our stays. Then we left for another church. We told congregations like what we did previously. On our way back to Mission House, we saw the original deaf school that is being renovated. It should be done in a couple month or so.

We got our suitcases prepared for the return to USA after supper. We stayed overnight for the last time.

We had about 14-18 people including around 7-10 pastors coming over the Mission House to listen Jerry explaining our purpose of our mission trip. I gave my testimony and Beth sang a song "He lives" in sign language to show our deaf

people's ability to grow in education and do the commission for the Lord. Had questions asked and answered. One of the preachers would like for us to go back to his church for Vacation Bible School to teach sign languages. The outcome, to me, turned out real good.

We had our last luncheon with Mission House before going to Merchant 24 for souvenirs before going to the airport. Left Cancun at 3:06 pm and arrived Atlanta at 6:44 pm.

Now we just wait for the answer from Mexico if it is God's Will for volunteers to go there next fall. Just pray for us.



Not picture of us, but just show how busiest airport it is during the break or summer.

Map of Cancun,