

2005 Guatemala Mission Team Commissioning

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Spring Valley United Methodist Church

Sunday morning, August 7th, the 2005 Spring Valley Guatemala Mission Team was officially commissioned during the 11 o'clock worship service.

The Litany of Commissioning is shown below.



A LITANY FOR THE DEDICATION OF MISSIONERS 2005 SPRING VALLEY GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

Pastor: Dr. Paul L. Escamilla

Pastor to Congregation: Friends and members of Spring Valley United Methodist church: Jesus Christ sent out his followers into all the world to bear witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God and to serve humankind. They did so rejoicing. Because of their witness and that of all who succeeded them, the gospel still challenges us to witness and service. These persons who stand before us continue that tradition. Today this congregation sends them forth, in the name of Christ, as our United Methodist Volunteers In Mission in service at Spring Valley United Methodist Church.

Pastor to Volunteers: Do you as United Methodist Volunteers In Mission promise you will be faithful servants of Jesus Christ?

Volunteers: We do.

Pastor to Volunteers: Will you adhere to the purpose and goals of the mission project?

Volunteers: We will.

Pastor to Volunteers: Will you keep faith with others with whom you serve so that by your work, study, and worship Jesus Christ may be glorified?

Volunteers: We will.

Pastor to Congregation: Do you, the members of this congregation, promise to support these persons through prayers for the success of their mission and for their safe return?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor to Congregation: Do you pledge and continue your support when they return by expressing interest in their experiences?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor to Volunteers: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority vested in me as pastor of this church, I charge you to serve as United Methodist Volunteers In Mission for the project you are about to undertake. Go with joy. Witness for your Master. Represent your church. Encourage and inspire all of us in our Christian commitment. And may God richly bless and keep you on your mission.

Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 2154 (The Faith We Sing) *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now to make the earth the place in which the kingdom comes. The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain into a world of love, of justice and of peace. The task is ours to do, to set it really free. O help us to obey and carry out your will.

2005 GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

*Frank Andersen
Jan Andersen
Don Barnes
Carol Baughn
Terry Baughn
Bekki Beverly
Stephen Beverly
Ginny Bitting
Ted Butler
Peg Gilbert
Elizabeth Gross
Robert Gross
Lucy Hemming
Jerry Malone
Nancy Purcell
Tom Purcell
Betty Reichel
George Sikes
Phyllis Sikes
Leona Wynne*

2005 GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM STATESIDE SUPPORT

*Ron Amberg
Freda Clark*



Front Row, left to right: Nancy Purcell, Leona Wynne, Peg Gilbert, Terry Baughn, Bekki Beverly, Betty Reichel, Ginny Bitting
Second Row: Don Barnes, Jerry Malone, Elizabeth Gross, Carol Baughn, Tom Purcell
Third Row: Anna Hosemann-Butler (Senior Associate Pastor), Freda Clark, Lucy Hemming, Ted Butler
Back Row: Jan Andersen, Robert Gross, Frank Andersen, Paul Escamilla (Senior Pastor), Ron Amberg, Stephen Beverly