

2005 Guatemala Mission Team Daily News

Ron Amberg, Communications

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Spring Valley United Methodist Church

The Spring Valley Guatemala Mission Team is welcomed home at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

This report provides some of your reflections—from anticipation and eager expectations at the beginning of the mission to comments along the way to notes of appreciation.



Many people have had integral parts in making this mission a success: flight arrangements, transportation for the missionaries to and from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, the missionaries themselves who did the work in Guatemala, and the missionaries who took turns writing their stories and experiences while on-location in Guatemala. As editor and daily communication liaison, I have had the privilege of compiling the stories and photos to allow Spring Valley United Methodist Church (SVUMC) membership and friends/family to vicariously live the experiences of the mission team. Thanks to Pam Hiam for posting these reports daily at the SVUMC website.

HOMECOMING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005 SPRING VALLEY GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

Welcome Home to the Spring Valley Guatemala Mission Team!

Comments on the Mission and Notes of Appreciation

[Reference: Commissioning,
Sunday Report, August 7th]

Thank you, Ron.

You are appreciated.

Paul

Dr. Paul L. Escamilla
Senior Pastor, SVUMC
August 14

[Reference: Commissioning,
Sunday, August 7th]

*We look forward to the reports,
especially those from or about
our friends, the Purcell's.*

Mike and Judy McIlwain
Friends of Tom & Nancy Purcell
August 14



Left to Right: Earl Barnette, missionary Ginny Bitting, Pat Christley, and missionary Betty Reichel at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

[Reference: Commissioning,
Sunday Report, August 7th]

I can't wait to read about all of your adventures out there. How's Tom's Spanish?? Give him and Nancy a big "hola" from us.

Love,

Melanie (and Bryan too!)

August 14

Melanie is the future daughter-in-law of Tom & Nancy Purcell.
Bryan is the son of Tom & Nancy Purcell.

[Reference: Day Four, Tuesday, August 16th]

These reports are just absolutely priceless. Thanks once again for getting them to us.

Dr. Anna Hosemann-Butler
Senior Associate Pastor, SVUMC
August 17

Once again I send my THANKS for all you do to send all of us the daily reports from our mission teams. You do such a GREAT JOB and I want you to know how much I appreciate your time, effort and energy spent on this. You are an inspiration to us all.

Donna Campbell
Aldersgate Class Member, SVUMC
August 17

Thanks for sending the reports. Our team just returned from Guatemala a couple of weeks ago.

---Ann

Ann Ables, Music Director, Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
Houston, Texas
August 17

[Reference: Day Five,
Wednesday, August 17th]

*Today's issue made me smile!
I've missed going on trips the past
couple of years. This is great.*

*Thanks,
Sue*

Sue Davis (Ron Amberg's niece)
Salina, Kansas
August 19

[Reference: Day Six,
Thursday, August 18th]

*All the reports have been
wonderful, but I think you outdid
yourself today!*

Pam

Pam Hiam, SVUMC webmaster
August 19



Dr. Frank Andersen at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, upon return from Guatemala.

Thank you so much for sending out these reports – it has been fascinating to follow your journey.

Mary Dorendorf (Frank's sister)

August 19

Mary is the sister of missionary Dr. Frank Andersen.

Reports

Ron, you outdid yourself. The reports are spectacular. I just printed them off and I know what we sent you and you transformed them into something really special.

Thanks. Elizabeth

Elizabeth Gross, SVUMC Guatemala Team missionary

Sunday, August 21, 10:05 PM

Guatemala trip

Hi Ellie [Sims],

Just got back last night. ...

I want to thank you for all your work. You did a wonderful job.

We were so impressed with the way we flew through check-in at DFW. I may have the

Continental Airlines lady's name spelled incorrectly but I believe it was Surel Garza. She came to work on Saturday just for us. If you could pass along our appreciation to Continental we would appreciate it.

I'm copying Ron on this so that if there is an opportunity some time in one of his many excellent communications to give you some praise, I'd like for him to do so.

You arranged everything.

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Tom Purcell, SVUMC Guatemala Team missionary

Monday, August 22, 10:52 AM



Left to right: missionary Rev. Don Barnes, Joanna Shampine, missionary Robert Gross. Joanna greets Don and Robert at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, upon their arrival.

Re: Guatemala Mission Team Communications

Just a word of gratitude for all your communication with us and for us during our week in Guatemala. It's just great how you keep everyone in church and family informed.

We had a very successful mission week and a great team to work with.

Ginny Bitting

Ginny Bitting, SVUMC Guatemala Team missionary

Monday, August 22, 6:32 PM

Aug. 22, 2005

Dear Ron,

I am writing to again thank you for sharing your communications from the mission group in Guatemala.

Your services to the church are invaluable and, I know, very much appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

Eloise Wynne

Eloise Wynne, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Eloise is the sister-in-law of missionary Leona Wynne.

Messages from Guate

Dear Missioners,

For the first time I just read the e-mails from Guatemala and I want to compliment everyone on the high quality of the newsletter. Thanks to the writers, photographers, editors and especially to Jerry [Malone] and Ron [Amberg] for compiling and distributing the newsletter - very professional.

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Thanks again to everyone for making 2005 the best Guatemala mission yet.

Robert and Elizabeth

Robert Gross, SVUMC Guatemala
Team missionary

Tuesday, August 23, 8:39 AM

HELLO TOM AND NANCY
**THIS IS DANIEL HOW
ARE YUO DOING I
HOPE YUO ARE WELL
WE ARE WELL WITH
MY FAMILY WE MISS
YUO I HOPE YUO
WILL E-MAIL ME
SOON GOD BLESS
YUO.**

LOVE DANIEL! 🙌

TELL HELLO TO EVERYBODY.

Daniel Dominguez, Chichicastenango, Guatemala

Interpreter for the SVUMC Guatemala Team

Wednesday, August 24, 5:35 PM



Left to right: Patti Malone, missionary Dr. Frank Andersen, missionary Nancy Purcell, Joan Barnette, Joanna Shampine.

Joan and Joanna welcome Nancy home.