

2007 Guatemala Mission Team Daily News

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Spring Valley United Methodist Church

The highlight for Sunday was the well renowned Market Day. Then the Team was ready to head to Cunen. We hear from Susan Hanchey and Meghann Beverly.

When transmitting this report from Guatemala, Jerry Malone commented, "Hope you get all of this. Not used to a keyboard in Spanish. JM".



DAY TWO, SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2007 **SPRING VALLEY GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM**

Market Day and travel to Cunen

Editor's Note: The Sunday itinerary included a visit to the Chichicastenango (often abbreviated "Chichi") market, which is stated as being the largest outdoor market in Guatemala. This "shopping spree" is something our Guatemala Mission Teams look forward to each year. ~ Ron Amberg.

Sunday's itinerary: 9:00 a.m. – Visit the market in Chichicastenango
12:00 noon – lunch at Santo Thomas hotel
1:30 p.m. – everyone depart for Cunen
4:30 p.m. – arrival in Cunen

Susan Hanchey:

Wow, what a day!!! Market in Chichicastenango,... truly wonderful.

Great lunch at Hotel Santo Thomas and then off.

We had a wonderful drive to Cunen. This is a fabulously beautiful country.

Our hotel in Cunen is better than we had thought.

We finished our day with a devotional led by Jan [Andersen] with help from Joanie [Copeland].

Can't wait to see what tomorrow brings !!!

- Susan Hanchey



Worked at Baylor
Jerry Malone saw this guy in the market on Sunday.
His shirt says "I worked on January 1, 2000 at Baylor Medical Center Irving!"

Meghann Beverly:

Well we finally made it here to Cunen!

The market was great today at Chichi, and the bus ride here was quite an experience too! All I can say is that we are so lucky to have Adolfo driving us!

The hotel is quaint and very cute and we are all getting settled in so that we can have the clinic here tomorrow. We are setting up our own little clinic at the hotel, complete with exam area, "triage", and a pharmacy.

It's raining right now, so we're praying that the weather stays nice enough tomorrow for the people to come out and for the construction crew to do their work.

We all are loving it here, but we miss home too.



Daniel Ixtuc' s Family
Daniel (our interpreter), his wife Josefa
Janice Ainsley, Daniel Nathaniel

I'm sure that all of us will be more than happy to tell our stories of the trip over and over (especially how our bags almost didn't make it here with us... how lucky were we that they held the plane in Houston!)

Well, lots of love and hopefully sunshine, and we'll be home soon!

- Meghann Beverly



Team (picture taken outside of Cunen)

Standing (left to right): Jerry Malone, Jan Andersen, Frank Andersen, Tom Purcell, Adolfo (our bus driver), Kathryn Beverly, Bekki Beverly, Meghann Beverly, Susan Hanchey, Nick Anderson, Liz Gross, Mark Jacobson, Robert Gross, Sue Metzler
Kneeling in front (left to right): Raoul (our second translator), Daniel Dominguez (our translator – trilingual in Quiche, Spanish and English), Amanda (works at Salud y Paz), Judy Kline, Joan Copeland.