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ASELSI MINISTRIES

John and Sharon Harvey

Guatemala, Central America

WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH has enjoyed the privilege of supporting John and Sharon Harvey and their work in Guatemala, ASELSI Ministries, since 1998. The Harvey's have visited WOC on several occasions, and in 2003 at the Harvey's invitation, a ministry team led by WOC International Missions Development Directors, George and Betty Jackson, traveled to the mountains of Guatemala. The Harvey's, both called to the mission field as youngsters, have been ministering to the Mayan Quiché Indians since 1998, just two years after the end of a war that had killed tens of thousands and had ravaged a country the size of the state of Tennessee.



ASELSI Ministries is primarily two-fold: instructive and humanitarian. Their educational focal point is the discipling of community leaders, most of whom average a third grade level. In turn, these leaders are trained to disciple others in order to establish strong, passionate and thriving communities of believers. Presently, over 300 pastors and leaders are being spiritually equipped through ASELSI's various leadership 'extension' centers. The challenge is vast

considering many of the local parishioners in this mountainous region practice animal sacrifice on the steps of their churches.



The humanitarian aid aspect of the Harvey's ministry focuses on a medical clinic and 'milk program' through the efforts of *Father's Heart Health Ministry*. Sharon Harvey, an RN, organizes not only the clinic but also the teams who minister the Gospel while mothers patiently wait to have their babies examined, treated and furnished with much needed milk. Malnourishment is a major problem in this impoverished part of the world. The clinic offers desperately needed physical and spiritual care, with over 5,700 consults last year alone. The Milk Program touches over 250 babies each month.



WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH had the opportunity this past Christmas 2005 to participate in meeting a vital ASELSI need through a special WOC International Ministries offering – a heavy-duty vehicle for transporting staff between the various ASELSI Extension Centers. The Harvey's sent us a warm thank you letter with a very telling excerpt:



"We want to thank each of you who participated in the offering that we received at the beginning of the new year. The ministry here has expanded with more and more trips taking our vehicles hours away from our center. We had been praying about the need for another heavy-duty vehicle. When we received the news of the offering, we felt that this was God's answer for this need. We were able to purchase a 2004 Hyundai Terracan with a turbo-diesel motor, 4-wheel drive, with seating for 7 passengers. It is perfect for the rough, mountainous roads that we travel! We have over 300 pastors and leaders that we are discipling and teach in our various leadership centers. This involves a lot of people traveling to a lot of places!"

The following is the Harvey's latest report from a Pastors' Conference they held at the end of this past April '06, in the village of Chichicastenango:

"I went up early this morning to the hotel to pick up the speakers for the final day of our conference. I had to wait for a car to pass; it was a student going to the conference. Then a van passed filled with our students, then another van, then a bus, all coming from various directions, all going to the conference. I got so blessed. They came from three countries and in Guatemala from over 13 hours away. Pastor Dan Barraco came down from our home church. We had five speakers all bringing a good Word. One of them ran for President of Guatemala and all of them nationally known. Between the five of them they have founded thousands of churches. Never before had they been together in one place to teach but here in the little village of Chichicastenango they came to bless and were blessed themselves. We heard testimonies of the transforming power of God in the lives of our students and in the lives of their churches and communities. I write this with a grateful heart to all of you who have never seen, but, by faith, you are praying for us and supporting us. How can I say thank you enough? Thank you!"

