

Air Transport Arm of Christ, Inc.

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Greetings to All!

As we endure these days of intense heat, we are all looking for a nice cool front to chase away those 100+ degree days.

Our activities this year have been a blessing in spite of our enemy's efforts to keep us away from that great need in Mexico. With the world in the terrible shape it is in, it is very easy to become discouraged but the Word says we must not grow weary in well doing. We are very aware of the terrible events going on in Mexico, all driven by drug demand here in the US. I will not deny I have had some of those discouraging moments. Especially with some partners seemingly withdrawing from their once enthusiastic support.

We shall continue as the Lord leads. Our teams visited the little church in Bassett, Arkansas that was started in my parents' house in the early 50's when we were cotton sharecroppers.

ATAC teams re-visited the church in 1987 and did an extensive remodeling. We revisited again in 2012 as a fact finding visit, since we were informed that attendance was very low and the building in need of some critical repairs.

I assembled a team and returned the fall of 2014. We did a complete galvalume roof after strengthening support beams, and leveled the structure. We also re-carpeted the family gathering center, redid the ladies bathroom and did some other less needed repairs. We had a great team which included four of my brothers. We were able to complete the work in the time allotted and have a rededication before we left.

This year we went back for a homecoming to meet everyone and encourage them to continue and be a lighthouse for that very poor community. We also decided to make this event an annual gathering as long as the Lord leads.

We had another wonderful dental clinic this year July 23-26 with our Amish friends in Colorado. We are going to make this an annual event as long as the Lord says "Go Ye."

I am in the process of doing a trip schedule for 2016. One item I am planning is to do a quality construction trip to Dave Roever's Eagles Summit Ranch wounded warrior locations, both the Westcliffe, Colorado and the Kerrville, Texas locations.

I am also preparing to have our 33rd Annual Banquet. We plan to have the event here at ATAC's hangar on Thursday, the 15th of October. Should be cool enough then to be very comfortable. The speakers will be Miss Ollie from Mexico and Cathey Osman of Burleson. Our very first ATAC mission trip was to Living Love Church (Iglesia Amor Viviente) in Cd. Victoria, Mexico in 1982. Cathey was a part of that work and can bring us a report of those early days.

Please plan on attending our 33rd annual ATAC banquet. See the [banquet flyer](#) for more details.

God Bless all

'Til next time

Billy W. Knight, President
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Our Banquet Speakers . . .



“Miss Ollie” as she is lovingly called by all who know her, was called to be a missionary when she was just a girl. However, she was a young woman by the time she actually came to Mexico and started her lifelong ministry to the people of Mexico.

Rancho Louisiana and Miss Ollie is the mission trip experience everyone who has ever gone will agree is the “number one” place to go.

The orphanage with all the smiling little faces (and hugs), the orange trees loaded down, the clinic, the elementary school and the Bible school are all very impressive. You may hear her testimony about the famous “well.”

Sitting in one of the rockers on her front porch, or having one of her old-fashioned Louisiana breakfasts is just icing on the cake for a memorable mission trip. We always look forward to going “to meeting” to hear her preach and hear the people sing and worship.

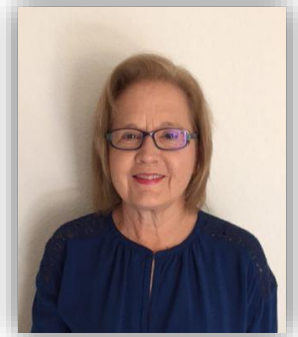
Miss Ollie not only runs the orphanage and compound, she also pastors a church and shepherds over 30 churches in Mexico.

It is a privilege to have her host our teams, whether it be medical, dental or construction.

She is loved by all who meet her, especially all of us at Air Transport Arm of Christ, and we are honored to have her as our featured speaker at our banquet this year.

Cathey Osmon served as a missionary in Mexico from 1972 until 1991. She was an interpreter on the first medical missions trips to Mexico. Our very first ATAC mission trip was to Living Love Church (Iglesia Amor Viviente) in the Cd Victoria, Mexico in 1982. Cathey was a part of that work and can bring us a report of those early days.

Cathey lives in Burlson, Texas where she continues to serve the Lord in different capacities such as family, schools and her church, The Fountains Church in Crowley, Texas. She has three children, Dale Lewis, Paul Lewis and Stephanie Emert, six grandchildren and one great grandson.



See you at the Banquet!!

I Went . . .

Giving A Little And Receiving A Lot

In July, 2015, my wife Beth and I arrived in Monte Vista, Colorado to participate in what I thought was to be a group of dental professionals providing health care to a group of needy Amish families. I was not sure what I expected in regard to what we would find there, the life style of the Amish, or how we would be received. In fact what I found was a closely knit group of families, all hard working people, eager to help their neighbor, full of life, energy and smiling faces. Beth and I were invited to stay with the Bishop and his wife in their home while we were there.

On the first day, we set up the equipment, making ready for the first group of patients to arrive. Even with short notice of our arrival date and in the middle of hay cutting season, the families had organized a schedule of patients to show-up at the school where we had established a dental clinic. For the most part those first few patients were the children of the community. They came into the classroom not knowing quite what to expect. Each a little nervous and tense, they sat in the dental chair initially to get their teeth cleaned and then an examination by the dentist if there were problems needing correction. I could see the apprehension in both the children and their parents at this, possibly their first experience with dental work.

During that first day, I did assist with the operation by sterilizing the dental implements as each patient was finished. I did this for a while, but not being a trained dental person, I found it much better working outside with Ben, the Bishop, cleaning the stalls in the barn and trailing after him to learn more about their austere life style. What I discovered was eye-opening. I have never encountered a more devoted, family oriented, hard working group of people. Each family I met while there seemed grateful that we would come there for them and provide free dental service.

While we were there I did have the chance to see hay being mown by horse drawn mowers, experience the living without the benefits of electricity, the camaraderie of families working side-by-side and praying together. Beth and I became friends with Ben, his wife Laura, their three sons and their families, along with many other members of the community. Given the chance, I would look forward to going back to Monte Vista again to experience those feelings of warmth and pride I got while we were serving them.

Bruce Foytic

(Ed. Note: Bruce's wife Beth is a Dental Hygienist who volunteered her time and skills for this trip. She also worked our 2014 trip to the Amish.)

