

### El Salvador Report

Ruth and I attended the Missions Door Central American Conference in El Salvador, last month. We had the opportunity to meet the Missionaries, as well as some of the National Pastors that we will be working with when we lead teams to the area. It was very encouraging for all of us to know that we will be able to be working together as soon as we are fully funded. We began to build relationships that, Lord willing, we will be able to build upon in the years to come. The following are some observations from Ruth...

The day before we were to fly to El Salvador, Rick spoke at a church in Claremont NH. During the service there was special music. The song was titled, "The God of the Mountains". Little did I know at the time that that song would be with me our entire trip.

We left Logan airport at 5; 30 am on our first flight. After a short layover in Atlanta we headed to El Salvador. One of my first sights was on the mountain pictured here. The song rang in my head. The God of the Mountains... The mountains were so beautiful and lush looking. He does provide lush growing experiences for his children if we just look for them in all things.

We arrived at the conference center/hotel and were immediately struck by the beauty of our surroundings; yet were hungering to get to see villages and Nationals. God's timing is perfect, yet we humans get ahead of our leader. We wanted to get out there and get going, although we knew the agenda for the conf. was to be different than that. God had lessons in the classroom for us, not in the field.

After enjoying many seminars and some great challenges to our thinking, we went to a place in San Salvador that had us driving up a mountain! I mean UP mountain winding roads, steep cliffs and not much room on the side for passing vehicles. We stopped at the look-out and the view of the city was truly breath taking but in two ways. Yes it was beautiful but what struck me was another line in the song!" ...is the God of the valleys..."

Seeing the beauty of the valley was one thing, but seeing the poverty and struggle of the people struck me to the core as I sang the words of the song to myself. "God is the God of the valley" took on a new meaning for me. {See picture} He loves and cares for the people in the valley no matter what. How can we not share the news that they are loved and He died for them just as He did for all?

In another Seminar we heard a sermon on how to kill the Goliath in our own lives. We were challenged to identify those things that held us captive, that which would not let our ministry go forward, and to deal with them and allow us to go out and do that which God has called us to do. David had to take the taunts and the trials of the giant Goliath for 40 days, hearing that he

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and his people were no good, that he was better than they were, and so on. Satan whispers that to us every chance he can to hold us back from speaking boldly about the love and saving Grace of the Lord. Finally, David made his move, and stood right in front of the giant and took his insults for the last time. It was not his strength that allowed that stone to fly way up and hit the exact spot to bring Goliath to the ground, it was the Lord God's hand that guided that tiny missile. All it takes is the courage to confront our fears with God's guidance, and whatever is holding us back can be taken down.

Do you have the courage to take the first step and LOOK honestly at what your giants are?? I was deeply challenged to keep stepping out of my personal comfort zone and see the possibilities God has in line for me.

### Why do you support Missions?

I support Missions as a way to further God's Kingdom and also to join him in His work.

Larry Marshall...Hampton, NH

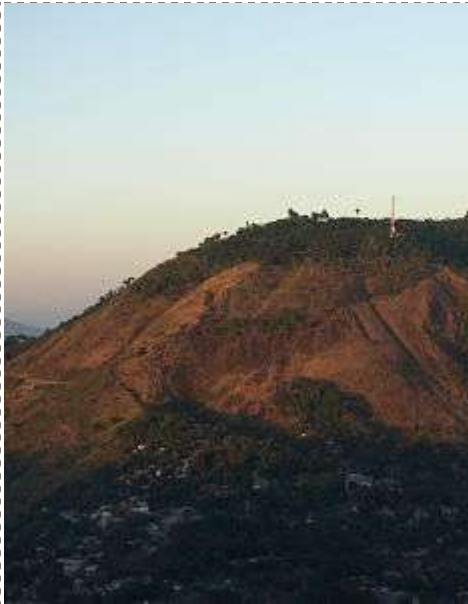
1. By supporting the mission you are in a big Christian community working with others without walls 2. The mission has years of experience (at least 50+ years) in dealing with Missionaries and work around the world 3. It doesn't matter who the credit, as long as we win people for Christ and Christ gets the glory

Radha Manickam...President, Cambodian Ministries for Christ

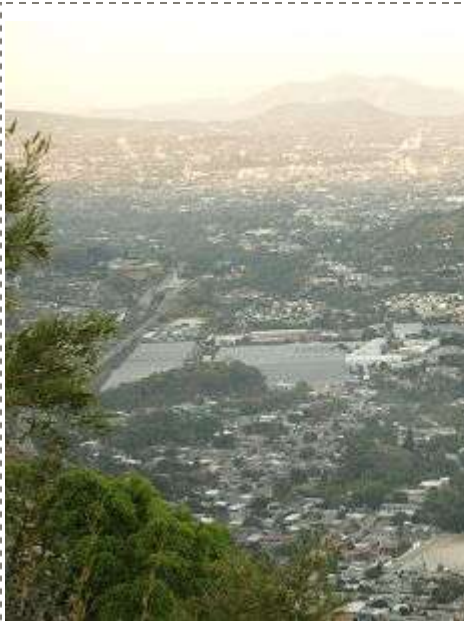
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God of the Mountain



God of the Valley

### Prayer Requests

1)Wisdom and grace as I will be leading 2 workshops and am also the keynote speaker at an upcoming conference in CT on April 17, and preaching at the leader's church on April 18. 2)New individual contacts to present call, vision, and support needs to 3)Time well spent at a newly organized, regularly

scheduled prayer time with my prayer team 4)Continued gains in prayer and financial support

### Special Request

In response to the Haitian Crisis, I have been asked by the leadership of Missions Door to contact new and existing Churches and Donors and see if they would consider a special gifts to my support that would allow me to be fully funded. They need me to be available to lead teams to Haiti and other Central American ministries impacted by the Haitian earthquake. It will take years to rebuild many of the ministries in Haiti. Will you help us to help others?

### Opportunity Update

The Lord continues to open doors to allow us to share the vision He has given us. Here is our Speaking Schedule as it currently stands. Please pray that we are able to be a blessing wherever we present God's plan for our part in His Mission. Please also pray that our message moves folks to join our prayer and financial support team.

Gibbs Mill Road Baptist Church	Livermore, M
Congregational Church in North Chelmsford	North Chelm
First Baptist Church of Meriden	Meriden, NH
Central Vermont Christian School	White River
Highpine Baptist Church	Wells, ME
Rehoboth Baptist Church	Rehoboth, M
Chaplin Congregational Church	Chaplin, CT
Emmanuel Mission Fellowship	South Dennis
Brookville Baptist Church	Holbrook, M
Calvert Community Church	Huntingtown
Grace Baptist Church of Cheshire	Cheshire, CT