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Hola Amigos:

What a successful year it has been for Accion Ministries! In June two students graduated from Villa Infantil Maya who then went on to college. Eight young men living at Casa Estudiante Merida graduated with degrees from various universities. We had ten work teams travel to the Yucatan this summer to complete multiple projects such as roofing churches, concreting floors and working on a new dining patio for our students at Villa Infantil Maya. Due to many of your generous donations, we bought a new red truck to transport needed supplies back and forth to all our many projects. A big thank you goes out to Oscar Dorantes, Jr., Roger Aviles, and Oveth Hernandez for their leadership and for the many tireless hours they give to enhance the lives of young people in the Yucatan peninsula. None of this would be possible without their dedication.

This summer I was fortunate enough to be on a work team with Westminster Presbyterian Church from Greensboro, North Carolina. As always there were many blessings on my trip. We arrived in the town of Akil to find a congregation worshipping in a very small space that they had outgrown long ago. In fact, the worship service that was planned to welcome our group was so well attended it had to be held outside. The minister and her congregation welcomed us into their homes and continued to graciously feed and house us during our stay. We attended birthday parties, played soccer in the square and were generally welcomed to participate in all aspects of living in their village. The congregation worked alongside us as we laid the foundation for a much larger church. Our farewell worship service was so touching as we were showered with gifts and most of all sent away with heartfelt hugs and an invitation to return. I am not alone in my experience. Every member of a work team this summer has their own blessings to tell.



Oscar Dorantes, Jr. continues to be amazed by the support of Friends of Accion. Oscar reminds us that, "year after year, we continue to send members of our churches as well as funds to act and live what the scripture says 'That His name be great among the nations.'" (Malachi 1:11) When we work together, pray together and worship together, we are one in Christ. The goal of Accion Ministries is to continue to partner with our Mayan brothers and sisters to build His church and make disciples. I guarantee you the graduates of VIM and CEM are disciples of Christ. One way you can help these young people in the Yucatan is by participating in our BECAS (Building Educational Chances through American Sponsors) program. We invite you to financially support a student in the Yucatan. You will be paired with a scholar and will receive personal letters from them about their progress at school. We appreciate your prayers for this important ministry that is changing young lives daily in the Yucatan.

Sharing His Grace,

Stacy Collins Lynch, Friends of Accion President