

GUATEMALAN SISTER CHURCH PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2008

2008 was an active year for the Sister Church Partnership between Peace River Presbytery and Central Presbytery of Guatemala.

Current Sister Church Partnerships:

Covenant, Fort Myers	El Divino Salvador
First, Bonita Springs	El Buen Pastor
First, Port Charlotte	Jericho
Moorings, Naples	Emmanuel, Balcones de Palin
Pine Shores, Sarasota	El Mesias
Cypress Lake, Fort Myers	Ebenezer
First, Naples	Central
Venice, Venice	Transfiguracion
Chapel by the Sea, Fort Myers Beach	Nueva Jerusalem
Faith, Cape Coral	Getsemani

Some highlights of 2008:

Venice continues their work with Transfiguracion at Balcones de Palin at the medical clinic of Dr. Ekik Estrada. Frank Ebetino has wonderful photos of the clinic and the people of Balcones de Palin.

The Choir of Covenant, Fort Myers, visited El Divino Salvador in January, came home and raised \$5,000.00 for new choir robes for El Divino Salvador. A couple from that church came to the US in March to pick them up. Covenant is also involved with VBS at La Pasqua, a mission of El Divino Salvador.

A group from Cypress Lake, Fort Myers, visited their sister church, Ebenezer to renew old friendships and to meet new friends.

In November Dave Moore from Beth-El and Pastor Miguel Estrada of Mision Peniel, Immokalee, attended the Network Meeting held for the Partnerships at Monte Sion, Amatitlan Guatemala. They met for workshops, worship, presentations and fellowship with both the US and Guatemalan Presbyteries.

In December, three people from Chapel by the Sea, Fort Myers Beach, visited their sister church, Nueva Jerusalem. They also renewed their partnership and greeted new friends.

There were similar events in our other sister church partnerships. People working together to share their love of God, their love of mission, and to study and understand the differences in our cultures.

Respectfully submitted,

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