



Dearest Friends:

March 21, 2024

Here at GYTTE we hope that you are beginning to get a taste of spring! We have had a lot of wonderful work with the advanced course for Health Promoters as well as an AWARE mission team.



The AWARE mission team is from Belmont UMC in Nashville. They usually come every year and this time 3 young adults participated. We pray they will bring other young adults next year.



This year the major project the team worked on was a thermal house: A strong metal structure and walls made of clay and chopped up grass of some kind. The

walls are very strong and the house is thermal, if it's hot outside it's much cooler inside. And you can see the view that the family will have – a family who had a lot, but no home. In one photo some of those working on the house are presenting Alejo's wife, Carolina with a Talavera plate that says "God Bless You."



The pictures of Estela, Pat and Norm and the one of Catalino (director of the Tree of Life Training Center) are at the chapel where they are building walls with a technique that is likely thousands of years old called Zacatlanilolli. It uses earth with a high percentage of clay, and long grasses.



The appropriate technology rope pump allows families with wells to pump the water very easily from their well.

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Here Pastor Paul, Pastor Hunter, Marce and Salatiel are building a rock and cement pathway.



AWARE teams always learn about the work of the Health Promoters. Here they are participating in a very interesting workshop on self-esteem.

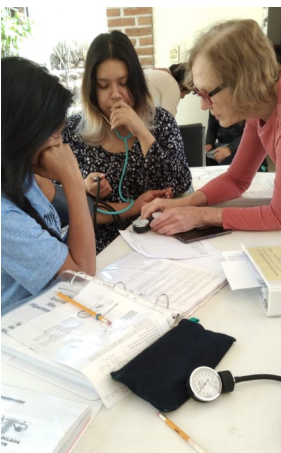


First-time AWARE participants have a rural reality day where they learn some of the things rural families have to do every day to get by. Preparing corn for dough to make tortillas is especially important. This group had an intensive course and also made tortillas.



The last day the mission team and the GYTTE workers have a meal together, exchange momentos and take a group photo in the beautiful dining room.

In the month of February, 16 Mexican women from three states took their third and final one-week intensive course to become health promoters. In this photo health coordinator Betza Lopez (pink) and some of the students are discussing the qualities that a Health Promotor needs to be successful.



Here you see women practicing taking blood pressure. All of the women had to learn this in order to graduate.

Missionary Miguel Mairena is sharing a Biblical reflection about how women in the Bible helped Jesus.



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These three women are teaching about sexually transmitted illnesses like HPV Human Papiloma Virus for which there is now a vaccine. Young people who get the vaccine will never have cervical-uterine cancer!



Every day the women designed and acted out socio dramas to show what they had learned that day. Here they show the difference it makes to plan your family.

Finally, the 16 women all graduated as Health Promotors – a great accomplishment. The pastor from Tlancualpican and the Bishop for the South East Conference were present.



The week after the AWARE team left Catalino, Miguel and son Daniel (visiting), plus fulltime and parttime workers began redoing the roof of the Palapa, made primarily of a kind of bamboo and palm leaves. This will take about six weeks.



We could not do this wonderful work without your prayers, interest and gifts. Please consider an AWARE trip to GYTTE very soon!

In Christ,

*Nan, Miguel, Clara, Cata and the whole Give Ye Them to Eat team*