

YOU JUST NEVER KNOW

"It takes me an hour and forty minutes, so it should take you two hours." With this observation of our guide, we began our trek up the mountain to the village of Las Ballas. Four and a half hours later we arrived *really dragging*.



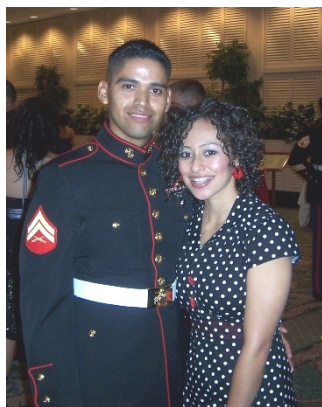
A lot was learned from this trip. One important lesson for future trips will be to make arrangements for donkeys or horses to be our transportation. In the mountain villages **You Just Never Know** what "Just follow the path to the next house" might entail.

Five of us went to do a survey to see which medical and spiritual needs could be identified. The greatest needs were for a pastor and for a teacher. The government has assigned a teacher but for two years he has collected his salary but not climbed the mountain to the little village school. Another organization has sent one teacher to try and teach the sixty-some students in

grade school. There are over ninety school-age children. Can you imagine one teacher for 90 students?

We were invited to attend a meeting with the parents where possible solutions were discussed.

We are planning to return later this month and talk with a pastor in a neighboring village to see what possibilities there are for getting a pastor for the village. There are two nurses there who used to work at the hospital who are doing a good job.



Some of you remember I had two foster daughters about twenty-five years ago. Michelle was five and Angie two.

I have tried to locate them, but for the past fifteen years we have had no contact. In April, I received an email from a Christians in Action staff member. A lady who attends the same church gave her a letter that had come to their house. I had lived there, with their grandmother, fifteen years ago and the address was on

a Valentine card I had sent to Michelle. She wrote asking me to contact her.

I can't even put into words the joy in my heart from having learned that Michelle is walking with the LORD and that her husband is also a believer! **You Just Never Know** when an unexpected blessing will let you see that your labor is not in vain. We are looking forward to the day we can hug each other's necks and walk down memory lane.

A few months ago the clinic staff waded through the heart-wrenching struggle with a family as their daughter battled with skin cancer. It eventually ate away her face and took her life.

Her little brother has the same type of skin disease so the struggle continues. Surgeries have been performed and research done to try and find a cure for little Aaron.

The other day during a home visit his mother told me that Aaron says when he grows up he's going to be "McKenney." Dr. Jeff with his wife Rosanne are the ones who care for this little one. They obtained special creams and food supplements to try, and since they were started no new "spots" have developed.

You Just Never Know when the LORD might choose to use something as

simple as a dietary supplement to make a huge difference.

Please pray with us for little Aaron's healing.



Praise and Prayer

- * Praise for the new hope for Aaron's condition
- * Praise for the joy of being in touch with Michelle
- * Prayer for the continued healing and growth for Aaron and Michelle
- * Prayer for continued safety and health

How I thank the LORD for you, my ministry partners, who help this all happen.

Love and prayers,

Norma Hunt

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