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Guatemala and God just go together. What a great trip to Guatemala City and Peronia, Guatemala in November with the "Church on the Rock" from Melbourne, FL. I always feel so connected to God when I travel to a "Third World" or "Developing" country. I think the people there just come to worship and see what God is going to do. And He never disappoints anyone there. A time of powerful anointed worship, in a roofless church with 4 light bulbs on a wire. That's it, just God and His people, all in one accord with His mighty presence felt by everyone.

My friend Pastor Greg Phillips is the Youth Pastor at Church on the Rock. He invited me to go and help out with some bull whip routines and some gospel magic. It was a special time working with my "Gospel Magic Mentor" Pastor Greg and his youth team. I would take his youth anywhere to be powerful prayer warriors and workers for God. Check out: www.cotrmelbourne.org for Guatemala pictures.

This year I felt the mighty presence of God in dozens of states in North America, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. I have been with people without hope, without happiness, and seen empty hearts that have been filled by the Holy Spirit. It makes no difference; it could be a church, a village or a prison in another country, people's lives, young and old, changed forever.

I have been so blessed to participate with "Forgiven Ministry" of Taylorsville, NC and founders Scottie and Jack Barnes. I have seen their anointed ministry of "reaching, restoring and reconciling families impacted by crime" touch people who would not otherwise have known about God's redeeming love. I had the chance to work with them in: Texas, Ohio, Colorado, Louisiana, and North Carolina this year. Check out www.ForgivenMinistry.org and see how this powerful ministry changes lives forever. I look forward to another great year with them in '07.

Bill Glass Champions for Life and their approach to evangelizing men, women and youth that are incarcerated has blessed many lives again this year. I was able to participate with them all over Florida, Mississippi and several other states. I worked in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic with CFL and look forward to an event in Guatemala next year with them. Check out www.BillGlassCFL.org

The Christian Motorcyclists Association put on a stellar event in the Mississippi State Prison at Parchman. I had the chance to spend several days and nights inside the prison and saw God move there, too. I worked for the first time with "Prison Fellowship" and "Operation Stating Line" in the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola in advance of the Franklin Graham event there. I had the privilege to attend a Missions Conference in Albany New York and made many new friends there. I hope to become more involved in that area of the country in the near future.

Many of our prayers were answered as YOU gave generously, offered office space and provided a dynamic display to help me tell folks about HOPE and God's work. When I got home from Guatemala, a wonderful family made a huge contribution that will allow me to attend language school next year to continue to study Spanish; so vital to this ministry. I thank God for answered prayer as He used you folks that love Him and that I dearly love. You have been responsible for many people being saved and encouraged all over the world. Thank you.

I pray God will bless your faithfulness, generosity and love for this ministry. Please let me know if you have any prayer needs or anything that I can help you with. Stay up to date by visiting: www.HOPEeternal.com

If you know anyone that would like to make a year-end contribution to our prayer needs or become a partner in this ministry, please let me know. I am praying for each of you and your families.

Joe McDonald