

SERVANT SKETCHES

A periodic and perhaps sporadic report from Dale & Susan Slusser

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Greetings,

Since our last letter, there have been some structural changes in our ministry. The first change is that this past December, Helps Ministries' Executive Director, Bo Harris resigned to take a position with another mission organization. Jeff Pott, a 20+ year Helps missionary, has been appointed as Bo's successor. Another change is that Bruce Watson, who was working with Dale as an architect with Helps, has retired. This leaves Dale as the only one in the office providing architectural design. However he is able to work closely (via the internet) with a volunteer Helps architect, Ed Luebben, who lives in Washington State. Dale now concentrates on helping smaller non-US ministries, who are in the most need of our services. Although Dale is the only one providing architectural design in our office, Helps Ministries has one architect in SE Asia providing services to area ministries, as well as 30+ missionaries ministering around the world in numerous countries in other areas of ministry-Please check out our website: <https://www.helpsmission.org>.

PROJECTS REPORT :



Over the past year Dale has prepared drawings for numerous latrines for **five separate schools** in Uganda. These projects have come through an affiliate Helps Ministries ministry, **Knicker for New Life**. KFNL partners with one school at a time in Uganda to provide knickers and sanitary supplies, along with health and hygiene education, as well as funds for **separate** latrines for girls and boys. Started in 2016, by Grace Community Church member, Watha Kollmeyer, KFNL raises funds through Bead Workshops, jewelry sales, and direct charitable contributions.

Yuma Free Clinic- House & RV-Support Structure- *Yuma, AZ-* Rene Bustamante who heads up the, **Yuma Free Clinic**, organizes several dental, medical, eye, and veterinary clinics, and food distribution drives throughout Mexico each year, from his base in Yuma. Volunteer professionals and non-professionals team up several times a year, to conduct mobile clinics in the most impoverished areas of Mexico. Dale finished the construction drawings for Phase 1 (RV Support Structure) of their ministry headquarters in Arizona, and is also working on drawings for a residence/ministry center on the site. The RV Support Structure is now being built, utilizing volunteer helpers.

Pastor Miguel Aguilar Home- *San Luis, Mexico* -In mid-January Dale rapidly prepared drawings for a house for a missionary/pastor in San Luis, Mexico. The request came from Rene Bustamante, of Yuma Free Clinic, who was leading a team of Canadians who were going to construct the home. The catch was that the team was leaving in one week from the date of the request. Dale was able to “crank out” the floor plans, elevations, and stair section on time! Since then Pastor Aguilar has been posting Facebook pictures of the construction progress.

Ministry-worker Retirement House – North Carolina- Often those who are “in ministry” for many years have not had the opportunity to contribute to any employer retirement plan throughout their years of ministry. Dale is now designing a retirement home for such a couple. Their “retirement plan” is to build a small one bedroom home (*with an additional bedroom on a lower floor for a potential care-giver*) on a plot of ground that they already own, and then use their current home as rental income. Preliminary drawings are just about completed and construction drawings will begin soon. (*By the way this is NOT for Dale & Susan-just in case you may be wondering-we would build a ONE-story!!*).

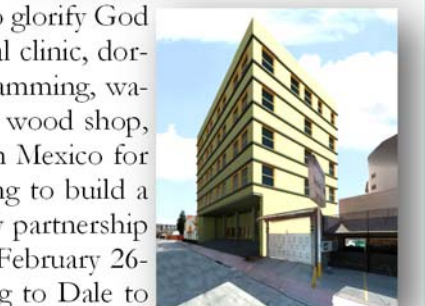
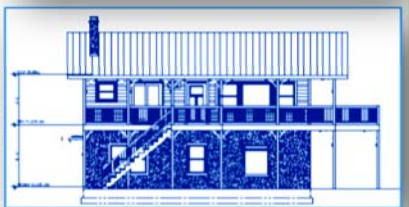
Business As Mission Center- *Puebla, Mexico-* BAM Center's purpose is to glorify God in all that they do. The diversity is seen in the daily-varied activities. There is a dental clinic, dormitories, English/Spanish school, doctor's office, puppet ministry, computer programming, water projects, orphanage projects, evangelism, business classes, church, Bible studies, wood shop, offices, etc. Tom Basile is one of the members of the BAM board, who has been in Mexico for several years, where He directs BAM Center. Tom and his wife Sandy are planning to build a small five-story multi-use building next to their home in Puebla, for use as a ministry partnership and retirement income. Ed Luebben, HIM associate architect, made a site visit on February 26-27, 2018 and has prepared preliminary drawings. He will soon be passing this along to Dale to prepare the construction drawings.

Church Mexico.com- *San Luis Rio, Colorado, Sonora, Mexico-* Helps Ministries had previously prepared drawings for three buildings for this ministry. Two buildings have been completed and construction on the third building is almost complete. HIM architect Ed Luebben made a site visit in February, and has returned with a few additional project requests from this ministry.

We are grateful for the continued financial and prayer support of our friends and family - for without you we could not continue, by the Grace of God, in the Service of the King of Kings.

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