



The SonLight Beacon

Special Edition

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West coast connections fuel Guatemala 2007 trip

Phil Wilson and Tom Eckhart joined Leo Rader and Allen on a November trip to Sayaxche, Guatemala. Eckhart, an energy efficiency expert, and Wilson, head of "The Wandering Wilsons for Jesus," hail from Washington State. The west coast duo also contributed enough

Cosigua, proved a great helper, assisting us at Los Arenas and Santa Amelia.

The small team worked out well since school was not in session. The first install, at Arenas, was accomplished with few

problems, except a required re-drilling of panels to fit the extrusion used for mounting racks. Arenas is the school mentioned in the Fall 2006 SonLight Beacon that used to use candles to provide light at night classes for older students. Due to the

extreme poverty of the community, SLP also provided a TV/DVD player for each school. Dara provided videos on health facts and other topics, including Bible stories.

The kids watched attentively—some seeing a TV for the first time. Edgar and Virgil plan to return to both communities for training once school starts in mid January.

Photos: Above right: The community, panels, and school at Amelia. Left: Leo & Tom re-drill panel to fit rails. Below: Kids and adults watch TV at Arenas for the first time.



money to provide for the installation of two school power systems.

Violence in the area caused the cancellation of our summer trip to Guatemala. Allen scheduled a fall trip because he didn't want to abandon the area and we had a sponsor for Amelia school. The pending relocation of Virgil and Dara Stoltzfus from Guatemala to Canada also added to the sense of urgency.

While in Sayaxche, Leo and Allen visited with Arlen King, Guatemala coordinator for Mission Ventures—and new SonLight Power area coordinator. Arlen's sidekick, Edgar



SonLight Power Celebration Dinner fast approaching

Friends of SonLight Power are encouraged to make reservations early for the 6th Annual SonLight Power Celebration Dinner, February 2, 6 PM at College Hill Presbyterian Church, 5742 Hamilton Ave.

Recording artist Eric Hauck will provide music. SLP Honduras coordinators Meilyn & Mauricio Moncada will speak. Noted event host Drew Dinkelacker will MC.

\$25/ plate or sponsor a table for 8 for \$150. Reservations can be made by e-mail: Allen@sonlightpower.org 513-521-0708 SonLight Power, 7859 Bobolink Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45224



As always, Chef Lance Brown & friends plan to prepare the another delicious menu:

Cream of Asparagus soup;

Poached Salmon mousse on spring mix with fresh dill vinaigrette;

Beef Wellington with bordelaise;

Potato croquettes;

Steamed broccoli with hollandaise;

Chocolate mousse with strawberries and blackberries.



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Kiwanis help SLP pioneer new frontier mission field in Ecuador

The White Oak Kiwanis and two Quito Ecuador Kiwanis chapters partnered with SonLight Power to open Ecuador as a SLP mission field in December. The White Oak chapter sponsored the equipment while two Quito chapters provided in-country support and install team.

“This could be the start of a great international partnership,” Allen Rainey said. “The Kiwanis are known for helping social causes and the Ecuador chapters are committed to their part. We’ll have to see what God has in mind but the partnership has great potential.”

Alex & Carol Lucio planned on visiting Alex’s family in Quito for Christmas; Allen scheduled his trip for the same time frame. The rainy season also corresponded with the timing and thus contributed

to weather problems encountered—especially slippery mud on steep, dangerous mountain trails.

The team—Alex, Carol, Fernando, Caesar, Ruben & Allen installed the 240Watt system in the school at Brilla Sol, which means “Brilliant Sun” in Spanish. Ironically—we



Photos: Above: The school at Brilla Sol and the team w/panels.

Below left: girls of Brilla Sol.

Bottom left: Ruben, team attach panels. Below right: Boys of Brilla Sol.



Carol mentioned at one point that there would be lots of good stories when they got back.

Allen, haunted by memories of falls during four-hoof mule slides, suggested it would be prudent to wait until survival was certain before considering stories.

God was faithful and all returned safely. Hindquarters healed over time; there are no mule rides planned for the foreseeable future.

only saw the sun for a few minutes the second day of the install. However, the modules collected enough sunlight, through the clouds, to power the lights and battery charger in the school.

Rain postponed the five hour mule ride back to civilization another day—so we stayed over at the Fausto residence while the trails dried, feasting on BBQ chicken and Tilapia—raised in the back yard. The kids and the hospitality were great.



Allen & Carol, saddle sore, were glad for the extra day of rest.

