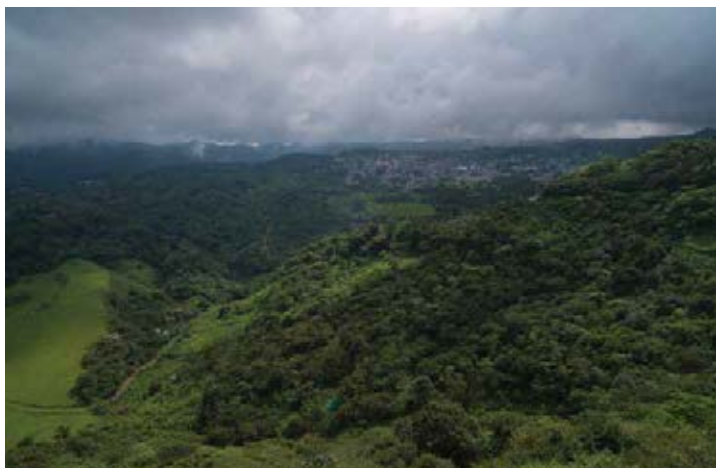


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The Best of Both: Preserving Traditions and Protecting Tomorrows

By Kim Saam

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The village of Xocoyolo, Mexico sits off the main highway that cuts through the lush, green mountains of the state of Puebla. The cobblestone streets are flanked by humble, though developing dwellings. Intermittent downpours transform streets into temporary waterways that flow into nearby streams churning up white water and creating stunning waterfalls.

Self-reliance has been a way of life here for generations. It's a trend that is shifting to make room for modern ways of life, but many still aim to preserve the legacy of respect for tradition and knowledge handed down by elders.

Anareli, a mother of two, sits at this nexus of old and new. Her family lives in a home shared with her mother, Alejandra, and grandmother, Mamana – four generations of women all under one roof. Anareli is who she is today, in part because of the lessons and skills she has learned from

her family members. Yet, she also understands that change is part of life and takes steps to keep up with the times.

One constant, no matter the era, is the desire of each parent to have their children be healthy and to finish school. Anareli is no different. To ensure her daughters, 5-year-old Stephanie and 3-month-old Nancy, have the best possible start to life, Anareli diligently ensures that her children attend the free community health clinics. Stephanie has been receiving deworming tablets and vitamin A for two years now, while Nancy benefitted from the prenatal multivitamins available to her mom.



The benefit of these modern offerings is evident to Anareli. The dedicated mother rests a bit easier knowing that her children are protected from illness and infection. She remarked on the notable difference in Stephanie's health, energy, and appetite. Watching her daughter cook with her grandmother, and play dolls with her cousins, brings her great joy. Anareli dreams that

her playful and smart daughter has a bright future ahead and that with continued good health, she can fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher—passing on knowledge to yet another generation.

Note: Last year, The Worm Project donated enough deworming medicine to Vitamin Angels to treat 8 million children in over 30 countries.



Claude Good is the founder of The Worm Project and resides at Souderton Mennonite Homes. He turned 90 in January. His mind is still sharp as he continues to dictate articles to his daughter.

More Than Enough

By Claude Good

So what is God like? In the original Hebrew, God is called “El Shaddai,” which means “More than enough.” Many people have been praying that children with worms would get the medication they need to get rid of them. Recently, I received a very dramatic dream that I believe contains



Photo Marcia Good

the answer to those prayers. In the dream there was a large table. On one side there was a large pile of large and small coins. On the other side was a large pile of small wrapped fruits. I believe the dream meant that the kind deeds people have been doing to get rid of the worms are successful. Jesus said, “If you abide in me, you will bear much fruit.” I believe the word “abide” has to do with “spend time with me.” Jesus also said in another place, “Without me you can do nothing.” To me, this means that when we spend time with Jesus and live close to him, he is actually the one who is doing those kind deeds through us.

I believe that we are anointed to close the gap that still remains for the children who have not yet been treated for worms. According to one of our “Worm Warriors,” two thirds of the reachable children with worms are now covered, with 10 tablets spread out over the first 5 years of their life. I believe that with the help of El Shaddai, we can cover the remaining one third of these reachable children. This is something that we can get excited about! We can talk about it in our Sunday School classes, and pastors can enthusiastically promote this great opportunity to make a very significant improvement in the very repugnant situation that so many families face.

The low cost of the tablets is unbelievable. The price has gone up lately, but a child can still be treated ten times over a five-year period for less than 25 or 30 cents. In addition, the organization that sends the most tablets

(Vitamin Angels) matches the number of tablets we donate to them. In one year’s time, this group sent out 90 million tablets and the president tells us that we are the largest contributor to the program.

Some of you may want to do a “Daniel Fast” and donate the money you save. This fast means 21 days of eating mostly vegetables. More than a million Christians are doing this every year, according to Jentzen Franklin, pastor of multiple campus congregations. There are other unique ideas for raising funds that we could share with each other. The apostle Paul said, “I beat my body into submission.” I think he means that he took charge of his whole life and as a result he probably did more than almost anyone with the success of his life.

When we really take charge of our lives and dedicate ourselves to doing kind deeds to others, we receive a great benefit, a wonderful gift. The gift is that we excitedly discover we have become something we never dreamed we could be. To love who we are is a wonderful way to live. If we really apply ourselves to this task we can also become very grateful that we are a part of a body of believers and have done unbelievably important work in God’s Vineyard.

The dream that came to me was so very real. I was utterly astonished at what it was saying, along with the fact that others were present in it, including the Worm Project Board. El Shaddai really wants this to happen. I believe that he can bring us together to do this with great enthusiasm!

Here is a prayer that you may want to use frequently: “*In the mighty name of Jesus, I actually believe that millions more children are going to eat and be satisfied. All glory goes to Jesus.*” El Shaddai wants to do “more than enough,” so be assured that your prayers are going to reach his wonderful listening ear.

I believe there are people you know who would like to hear about this program, so feel free to give them the joy of what can be done with such a wonderful father, El Shaddai! God bless you all!

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Reserve your place at
The Worm Project Free Banquet
on Sept. 21, 6 PM
at Franconia Heritage Restaurant

To register go to www.wormproject.org

5K & Children's Fun Run

By James Yothers

Photos: Sophia Delp



Everyone involved had fun at the second annual Walk/Run 5K Fundraiser for The Worm Project. For some this might have been just a nice day to dust off the old running shoes and get out and enjoy some fresh air. But this race was a lot more than that.

Thanks to the participants and all the volunteers that made this race possible. A special thanks to all of the business sponsors. We were able to help tens of thousands of children live healthier lives. The impact made was tremendous and the lives of the children helped will never be the same.

There are still millions more lives that need to be touched, so we hope to have your on-going support and to see you out next year!

100 photos of this event can be found on our website wormproject.org under **5K Fun Run** heading



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The Worm Project: What we do:

The Worm Project buys medicine to treat children infected with parasitic worms in the poorest countries of the world.

- Over 800 million children (roughly 1/4 of the world's children) are at risk of being infected with parasitic worms
 - Parasitic worms cause physical and cognitive impairment in children due to malnutrition
- The Worm Project purchased and distributed enough deworming medicine to treat 10 million children in 2018
- Each deworming tablet costs roughly 2 cents and treats one child for parasitic worms
 - One tablet kills virtually all the worms living in children
 - Medicine is extremely effective and safe
- All-volunteer Christian organization is extremely cost effective
 - Expenses are extremely low
 - Donations are tax deductible

*"... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40 NIV)*



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