

Total Commitment

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Raising the Roof

Although I'm now officially on the Administration Team here at AMOR MINISTRIES, I still get farmed out to the Field Team for Palm Sunday week and Easter week. In those two weeks we had over 3500 youth and adults working in Mexico! Over the last six weeks, there have been over 5500 people who have come through San Diego, CA and El Paso, TX to build homes for the poor! And it doesn't stop there. We've always said, "AMOR works in Mexico 365 days a year." This year we are coming closer than ever to having volunteers in the field every one of those days. I hope you'll praise God with me for our continued growth in serving the poor!



Raising the Bar

All of this means, of course, that AMOR continues to grow also in terms of our business process and the resources required to get the job done. We are expecting more growth (20,000 workers by the year 2000), and are **still** looking for more staff. Until we get more people, guess who gets all those new projects? Me and the rest of our overworked staff. In my last letter, I let you in on the number of projects I'm responsible for in my new position as MIS. That list has certainly not gotten any smaller. And two weeks in the field did not allow me to catch up. Although some of the major projects (eMail and the Mission Trip Scheduling program) have been pretty well polished up, there's still Accounting. I'm also now looking into abandoning Windows in favor of something cheaper (like Linux!), at least for our network server. Linux is an Operating System that is freeware: all the source code is free and openly available. Cool stuff.



Raising Stress Levels

Okay, I can't say that I'm the type to ever be "stressed out". But it fit the title motif. I did tear out the cabinets in my kitchen and am looking to replace them soon (after rerouting some plumbing). Soon for me has meant about 8 weeks so far without a kitchen sink, but hey, I'm flexible.



Still don't have a car. Still don't have a girl (no phone offers, please). Still don't have a life. I'm becoming an Internet junkie since I found a great Web forum for computing professionals (<http://www.infoworld.com>).

On the plus side, I may be an uncle soon. My sister and her husband have decided to adopt, and I think they may have already found a suitable child.

I'm also going in for about \$1800 of dental work soon (a week and a half). That meant a lot of tough saving, which adds a little stress. I was finally in a position to not only pay for a checkup, but the work as well.

Raising the Salary

Which brings me to my final praise. AMOR MINISTRIES decided to give me a \$5000 per year raise! This is a flat payment in addition to the support I continue to raise. No free rides, yet. But I can't tell you how much my stress level has gone down, knowing that extra bit is there. I'm still paying off my folks for my college loans (another couple years worth).

I want to take the remaining space to thank each of you, my supporters, for the prayer and donations you have given me over the years. Can you believe I've been working for AMOR for five years? I can't. But I certainly realize the dedication in so many of you who have supported me every day, every month, every year. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity not only to serve the Lord full-time, but to work in such a cutting-edge, rock-solid company, and to have a day-to-day job I love.



In Christ and His Mission,

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