

## Taking Time

In the governor's palace of Yucatán, there is a collection of murals depicting the history of the region. Among the paintings displayed there is the one shown in this article. This dark representation shows the hands of a Yucatecan henequen harvester, swollen and calloused from their constant labor. It speaks of the oppression that this region has suffered from the hands of outsiders since the time of the conquest to the exploitation of the population through the early 1900s.



Perhaps because of this continual conflict and because of its historically isolated location, the Yucatán as a region has been suspicious of foreigners. Although the people of Yucatán are by and large friendly, they have a tendency to maintain newcomers at a distance, offering access only to those who have earned their trust.

## Chi Alpha Return Trip a Success

Last year, my brother Mike and his Chi Alpha team from American University visited the Yucatán, working in Muna to minister to youth and adults alike. This year he and his group returned as the culmination of a project that was 5 months in the making.

After planning among the local churches and weeks of evangelism training, the 10 member team arrived to hold services in 5 separate sites: Aabalá, Opichén, Muna, Sacalum, and Mérida. It was encouraging to see these youth collaborate with church members to share about Jesus in settings as varied as conversations on the front steps of homes to services in the

In our year and a half on the field, we've found that earning this trust takes time. For this reason, we have decided to extend our term in the Yucatán one more year. We've made strides in creating relationships, in teaching, and training, but there is more to be done before we head back to the US for itineration.

We want to begin learning Maya, the primary language of much of the population. We want to establish discipling relationships so that we can multiply the impact of this ministry, and,

most of all, we want to display to the people of Yucatán that our hearts are with them.

We could not do this without your faithful support. So we take a moment to thank you and encourage your continued faithfulness in prayer and giving as together we seek to make disciples in the Yucatán.



town square.

We appreciated the team's willingness to serve and look forward to the continued reports of the impact that this project had on the Yucatán.



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## get involved

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- Gólgota Church Building Expansion: *Project #14290*
- Tabernáculo Roof Replacement: *Project #14312*

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## relate

The kids are enjoying a break from the routine of school and some family togetherness during this Easter season. Here is a family photo from the tour day of the Chi Alpha trip.

