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Bob King Jr.

Dear Partner:

Thank you for allowing me to share not only what is going on in Mexico, but the vision we believe God has given us for the future of Bob King Ministries.

More than eight years ago, God began to speak to Mom and to me that big changes were coming our way and to prepare for them. About the same time, opportunities opened for me to begin studying naturopathic medicine. I was seeking help for failing liver and kidneys. In past communications, I have explained my illness and my pathway to wellness. Thank God for the leadership of the Holy Spirit and I am well on my way to recovery although I still have a way to go. Thank you for your prayers on my behalf.

At Mom's request, I have jotted down some facts concerning the children's homes, information concerning the medical ministry, and the vision we believe God has given to us for the future.

- Mexico is following the lead of the US government in its social attitudes by way of pressure exerted through the UN. Operating a children's home in the US has been a counterproductive venture for many years now. Though in Mexico, not all of the states are following the UN Human Rights of the Child protocol at present, pressure is increasing for each state to do so. We are currently enjoying favor between the government of Durango and Hogar Del Rey, but there is pressure for Durango to conform. The problem for us as a children's home ministry is that since the children are wards of the state, there is no limit to the level of bureaucratic interference that is, not only possible for them to do, but it is easy through arbitrary regulation. The State government claims ownership of the Children and has open contempt for Christian children's home ministries.
- Natural medicine puts us in a position where we are free to minister to people under the covering of our church and civil association. This is one unexpected fruit of our earlier obedience to the Lord in developing a church presence in Mexico. We can freely teach and preach as citizen social workers. In contrast to homes burdened by the custody of wards of the state, as medical missionaries, we have no obligation to follow government guidelines concerning evangelism and discipleship.
  - Mexico does recognize the Schweitzer institute graduates as trained medical professionals, though there are no licenses for that type of practice at present. We prefer to operate outside of the license system, since the regulation is otherwise intrusive.
  - When we reach the level of clinical practice, we will deal with the legal realities that are in place at that time. The environment is changing rapidly, and the Institute is keeping us informed of the standards changes.
- Regarding the dangers involved in providing herbal remedies: Natural medicine has been practiced worldwide for centuries, so there are established channels of supply and dispensatories (indexes of herbal medicines, their identification, preparation and their proper application). We will be making use of these suppliers and standardized methods. This is part of our training.
- We do not expect to compete against the hospitals and clinics that are already in place. They are doing a good job, and we are happy for them. Our purpose is to help people who want to learn how to take their own health back into their own control.
  - Our work on the street looks much like evangelism without medicine. We look for need, offer help, and find those who are interested in changing their lives. Medicine is a valuable tool in this kind of work. In contrast to the operation of children's homes, medicine opens many government offices to us, since they are always looking for community help in areas such as diabetes counseling/care, children's health, and help for elderly or helpless people. Mexico's healthcare system is socialized and therefore anything that will reduce the burden on the healthcare system is appreciated.
  - When our clinics begin to operate, we expect to treat the people who are dissatisfied with the results that they are getting from the healthcare system. Many people are disaffected and unsatisfied with the care that is available through the social security system that they have.

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