

Trail Poop

Carefully gathered by the fairly inarticulate Tim Bernard at Happy Trails Products. Only the dirt and nothin' but the dirt, well a little bit of pavement to get there.



CMA Nicaragua Mission Trip November 2006; Part 3

The next morning Mike Diebert, MVI Missionary, and I headed out on the bikes to find the church that was only 10 minutes away. After seeking numerous directions and wrong turns we were finally convinced by one of the locals that the church we were looking for was just too hard to find. We went back to the motel and Mike found a local that worked for Brenda Rose another MVI Missionary that could guide us to the church. We arrived at the church in short order and realized we had only been one block away. It is definitely a different culture when it comes to asking for directions. I once asked a guy at a motorcycle rally, that was sporting two GPS's on his bike, why he needed two GPS's. His comeback was that his finger got lost on the way to pick his nose.



One of the Pastors that were to receive one of the motorcycles had traveled for three days to get to Matagalpa. The other only had a one day travel. Nicaragua time is regarded differently than here. We try to be prompt in the US and even impatient if someone is a minute late. When I say the pastor traveled for three days his actual moving time was about 48 hours to travel 225 kilometers as the crow flies. In countries like Nicaragua it is very hard to estimate travel time and what time actually means to someone.

After the bikes were delivered we had lunch and then traveled about 10 kilometers out of Matagalpa to visit the MVI hospital clinic. This clinic is located in the hills out of town. The people live in dispersed areas in the jungle and the clinic is located where the people who are in need of this precious service live.



Last year when we visited the clinic the first floor was almost ready for use and some supplies had arrived. This year a second story has been added and should be completed in the next year. The second floor will have two surgery rooms, a recovery room, waiting room and a ward area for beds. The first floor is now treating patients with non surgical outpatient needs. As we walked through the rooms on the second floor we prayed in every room for God's perfect will concerning the use of the clinic. The view from the clinic is breathtaking. The lush green vegetation and the rugged mountains are beautiful.

CMA Nicaragua Mission Trip November 2006 cont.

Our next stop was the re-nutrition center that MVI supports. Brenda Rose is the MVI Missionary in charge of all medical needs for Nicaragua. Brenda is all heart and is very gifted in caring for the Nicaraguan people. The re-nutrition center is a place for families to take their children suffering from malnutrition. This is only a temporary stay for the children. The children here are also starving for affection and wanting to be held. I was drawn to the same crib that Issa Marie was in last year just to make sure she was not there. Last year Issa Marie broke my heart and I went in well guarded this year. I was determined that I was not going to become as emotional with the kids as I was last year. I was a seasoned visitor this time and I could handle it. As I approached the crib there was a little guy in it and he looked at me and started crying. He held his arms to be picked up as he cried. It was as if he was saying "hold me but don't touch me". His name was Dixon Gabriel and he buried himself in my shoulder sobbing. I gently rubbed his back and calmed him, he gave just a whimper every now and again. I asked one of the other team members, Jim, to lay hands on Dixon and pray with me for him. When Jim touched Dixon he started screaming. Dixon only wanted to be held and not really touched. As I prayed for Dixon for a healing in his little body and for happiness in his life I also asked God to forgive those that caused such anguish in this 12 month old. Dixon was cuddled into my shoulder the entire time and then one of the caregivers brought me a bowl of cereal to feed him. I motioned for her to help me and as I moved Dixon from my shoulder to my knee so he could be fed, but he just screamed. A little rubbing on his back calmed



him enough to where he could be spooned the cereal in-between sobs. As soon as Dixon was fed he nestled into my shoulder again and fell hard asleep. Then the time came to leave. I sat him gently in his crib and he began to cry, my well protected heart was shattered again. I will return again someday knowing that you can never become a seasoned veteran when it comes to the needs of hurting children. Even a moment of peace is something that these children might cherish for a life time. Both times I have been here I have been reminded of a time when I was very little and required surgery. My mother was with me in the ward with other kids as I lay in a crib. The nurse escorted my mom out of the room and said

she would be right back. I cried myself to sleep hoping my mother would return and they never let her come back to see me before surgery. It is still vividly on my mind to this day.

Our next stop was at a Coffee Beneficiary, Mario Estralla. Mario buys the beans from the growers, sorts and grades them and then sells them to a roaster.

On the way back to the motel I rode with Jason and Brenda to check on a Dodge diesel pickup that pulls a fifth wheel mobile medical clinic. Jason is a short term Nicaragua missionary until February. Jason's wife Amber Lee is due with their child in March (Angus was born March 5th). They will return to Canada with their 21 month old daughter Kirsten for the delivery of their baby and then return to Nicaragua several months after the birth. Jason has a very unique ministry of auto repair for the missionaries in Nicaragua. Jason is seeking full time funding at this time. Believe me when I say Nicaragua is hard on vehicles. We stopped at a local mechanic in Matagalpa and I was quite surprised at the heart the man had for the missionaries in the area. He would seldom take any payment for labor from Brenda.

CMA Nicaragua Mission Trip November 2006 cont.

The next morning we traveled to Jinotega with two bikes to deliver; one of the bikes would be given to Pastor Julian Garcia. Pastor Julian is married, fifty years old and has 4 children and several grandchildren. He has been the Pastor of the Nazarene Church in Jinotega for the last eight years. Julian has never had any motorized transportation in his life. He will use the motorcycle to oversee the House of Justice in several other villages. The country around Jinotega is very mountainous and rugged and the motorcycle will be a great benefit to all the people that Julian ministers to. Jinotega is less than 40 kilometers from Matagalpa but the road is very poor and winds through



steep mountainous terrain. Sherry and I road the bikes over the mountains and had one of the best rides of our lives. On the way back to Matagalpa another couple, Jim and Linda, doubled up on the little 185 motorcycle for the trip back. The bus seldom got into second gear and spent a lot of time in granny gear grinding away at the steep curvy road. Jason spotted some red bananas at a roadside stand and had Wilson stop so we could buy some. As the bananas were eaten I asked what they tasted like. Jason replied that they tasted red. We had quite a debate that red is a color and has no description of taste. Jason knows that I am allergic to bananas and despise coffee, so he finally said they tasted like red coffee. When we stopped Sherry wanted a better view for pictures and anything was better than riding inside the bus so she climbed on top of the bus with Mike. She enjoyed the experience and we only had to stop once to retrieve her hat that had blown off. The hat blew off on a down hill stretch when we finally got out of first gear. When we arrived back in Matagalpa, it was time for fresh riders on the bike and time to get Mike and Sherry off of the roof and lunch. I caught Sherry as one of her feet slipped on the descent from the roof!

Wilson told us it was only an hour and a half ride to Juigalpa. Wayne and Michelle decided to ride the bike 2 up for a while. This did not last long and Doug took a turn on the bike. *Several hours later* Doug was stopped at a check point for a random license and registration check. Mike worked his talents and we were only held up about fifteen minutes. By this time the sun was setting and approximately 20 kilometers later we heard a funny noise that was air escaping from the left front tire. This held us up for about 45 minutes as we changed the tire. Mike had cell service and was busy making calls to the motel where dinner was to be served at 5:00 and the Church Service for the presentation of the bike was to be at 6:00.

Remember earlier when I said time is different in countries like Nicaragua? People just deal with it and it is not an issue with them. I decided I would take the next turn on the bike. I had never ridden in a third world country in the black of night with a tinted face shield before so I thought I would give it a try. We had been rolling for about ten minutes when I spotted a sign that indicated Juigalpa was only 55 kilometers away. We were running about 60 kilometers on the flat and very slow over the hills. The black of the night along with the billowing black smoke from the bus and other diesels was quite exhilarating. My eyes either watered from the dust and diesel smoke or when choking on the dust and diesel fumes. The weather was warm and other than very restricted visibility I could not have asked for a better ride. People walk on the edge of the road at night and as I passed them I would realize they are there. The horses and cows are something I had to learn not to worry about at night. By the time I saw them it would be too late to take any evasive course so I was really just riding on my own imagination because the road had no stripes. The little towns we went through only heightened the excitement. People stepping out in front of me, dogs darting every which way (there is no meat on the dogs so they are easy to miss) horse drawn carts and huge pot holes made riding a dream.

When we arrived in Juigalpa we only made a few wrong turns so finding the church was pretty easy. I think the time was about 7:30 at this point. Everybody at the church was singing and praising the Lord as they waited for us the last hour and a half. It was their prayers that got us to our destination without having any disastrous results. Pastor Manuel Romero is the pastor of the Church we were at and also was the overseer for the House of Justice in his area. We presented the bike to the pastor and everyone was elated to witness this gift.

We arrived at the motel around 9:00 PM and were greeted by the friendly staff. They had expected us at 5:00 PM for dinner but I suspect that Mike had gotten in touch with them earlier. A quick dinner and off to bed was on everybody's mind that night. After all we had only been on the road according to Wilson *an hour and a half* since lunch!

Nehemiah Riders

The team left on April with 4 riders, Ken Hunter Mike McLain, Eric Loftsgard and Mike Deibert. You can read about there progress at <http://nehemiahriders.blogspot.com/>

There are pictures at <http://purplesageranger.smugmug.com/>

There are also hyperlinks from the Happy Trails web page.

Here is a blurb from the blog: The team called in tonight after a great day of riding. Mike Deibert was letting me know that his butt hurt and I explained that was too bad and he only had another 2000 miles to go. On several previous phone calls Ken had referred to my bike, Trigger, that he is riding as a "she." I corrected Ken and explained he was on an exceptional stud and the bantering has continued. Another comment the long legged Ken made to me was that Trigger has a great passenger seat. My back hurts and enough with out Ken ribbing about the good time he is having on my bike. Ken also let me know that the XR650L piloted by Eric could leave him in the high elevations but that Eric could not keep up with at the lower elevations. I thought these guys were supposed be on a Mission Trip!

The Idaho Statesman called today and they want to do an interview about the trip on Monday.

February 24th Suspension Tech Day

We had a good turn out again this year with 20 to 25 people. We covered the DL 650, DR650 and KLR 650. We covered the damping and rebound on these bikes and helped to get a few bikes set up. Jason and John did a great job, hats off to these guys, everyone had a good time and some new friends were made.

—Ed

March 17 Happy Trails Road Side Tire Repair Tech Day

This was our second tire repair tech day this season. We had 10 to 15 riders show up for the tech day and ride. Kyle and I started with a rear tire and tube change on his DR650; the tires he had were a very low profile and started to kick our behinds badly. Todd jumped in to lend a hand and we were able to prevail over the tire. I think some of the folks thought it was my 1st time, not one of many. The good lesson was in the best of circumstances it can be a challenge. Add the heat of late summer and the dust of the dirt roads and it can be a real good time. We headed out for a ride to Emmett, then Horseshoe Bend and on to Idaho City. Along the way we saw a couple of wolves and Sam was able to pick up an 8 mm open end wrench in his rear tire along the Harris Creek Road and put his tire changing skills to a test with the help of Tom Tolle. They got Gumby back on the road and a good day was had by all.

This was the last of our tech days for the season, we will look forward to offering them again next fall.

—Ed

Moab April 25 - 29 Dual Sport Ride

Randy Phillips and Dave Bracht are "loosely organizing" a Boise Dual Sport Group during the annual Moab Car Show weekend. Moab is a spectacular place to ride motorcycles, hike, bike, etc.

For more information you can contact Randy Phillips randy@logicalsystems.us

Reservation information <http://www.slickrockcampground.com/>

Moab info > <http://www.moab-utah.com/>

Car Show info > <http://www.moab-utah.com/aprilaction/>

April 14

Spring has Sprung Prairie Poker Fun Run

Contact Sam Stone [sjstoneiii@cs.com]

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May 5 Carl Struthers Memorial Ride / CMA Run for the Son

We will be doing a similar ride to last year. There will be several dirt road options as well as a paved road route. The ride will start at Carl's Cycle and end at a FS campground for a BBQ. This will be a great ride and the funds raised are for the CMA Run for the Son. Mark this on your calendar for a great day of riding.

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July 19-22

Happy Trails Twin Peaks Ride.

This year will be a different format for the camping. We will be staying at Challis Hot Springs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Last year we had only positive comments about the Hot Springs and we did not get to see everything we wanted to, so we decided to return and finish the ride. The date has been moved up about 10 days to be ahead of the start of fire season. This will be a great ride with some of the best vistas around Idaho. Sleeping Deer and Twin Peaks will be one the rides we do.

The cost is \$85.00 and includes 6 meals and your camping at Challis Hot Springs.

We will be able to transport a limited amount of camping gear this year for those with bikes that are not set up to carry the gear.

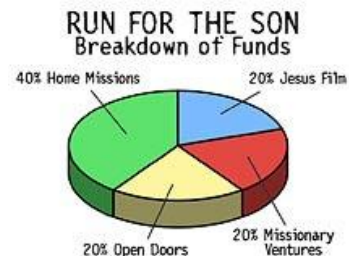
Marty Morache has said he will join us again this year.

Sign up at <http://happy-trail.com/ProductInfo.aspx?productid=HTP%20TWINPEAKS>



2007 Run For The Son 20th Anniversary - Saturday, May 5th

Over the past nineteen years, CMA has been able to extend our outreach to millions of people throughout the world by the fruits of Run for the Son. By giving 60% of Run for the Son monies to fellow ministries, we have been able to place the message of Hope in front of the multitudes in hundreds of other countries.



In addition, Run for the Son has enabled CMA to equip the saints here in the United States to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The successful efforts of the past nineteen years have raised over 24 million dollars to help spread the Good News.

~~~~~ HOW IT WORKS ~~~~~

On Saturday, May 5, 2007, motorcyclists from all over the United States and Canada will participate in the 20th Annual Run for the Son. Our plan is to spread the light of Jesus around the world as a result of the work leading up to this day.

Those participating in this event will raise money by seeking individuals to sponsor them on a ride, usually taken with their chapter. The joint efforts of thousands of motorcyclists will make this run a successful endeavor.

Every penny promptly goes to work. CMA does not lose sight of the fact that money is entrusted to the ministry to be used to spread the Gospel. Every effort is taken to handle the Run for the Son funds as efficiently as possible, realizing that proper administration will put more money into the work of reaching the lost rather than in the administering of funds.

Through yearly mission trips, CMA members have personally delivered Bibles into the hands of fellow believers in restricted access countries and presented motorcycles to native pastors around the world. Will you help spread the light of Jesus around the world through the Christian Motorcyclists Association's Run for the Son?

CMA Emmaus Riders
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The Emmaus Riders Chapter will be having 2 rides again this year on Saturday May 5th. They will have their Dual Sport ride which will include a lot of dirt; and they will have a road ride for those that want *no* part of the dirt. Both of these rides will meet for a



BBQ lunch in the mountains (location TBA).

If you would like to participate in one of the above rides, they will meet at Carl's Cycle Sales on State St. at 9:00 am. The rides will be 100 miles.

CMA R-Wheels-R-His
Contact: Pres. Jim Kennedy 208-571-4992
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The R Wheels R His Chapter is having their 100 mile Run for the Son ride leaving from the Boise Community Center on Eagle road at 8:30 AM. After the Run for the Son ride, we will assist the Coalition of Motorcycle Safety (ICMS) with their Motorcycle Awareness Ride from Lucky Peak. There will be flags from several motorcycle units leading the parade including the CMA flag. Since the Capital building and the surrounding area is closed this year for construction, the ride will end at the MK Building of Washington Group for the speakers, etc. The rest of R Wheels R His will go to the Municipal Park and get ready for the Awareness Rally BBQ put on by CMA for ICMS. We will have tracts and a bike blessing and invite bikers to attend Biker Sunday the following day. If you would like to attend Bike Sunday on May 6th it will be at 7540 Northview Ave.; Northview Family Worship Center (look for the domes) in Boise. This is a Biker Service where CMA leads the service. After the service there will be a BBQ and bike blessings.



Second Annual

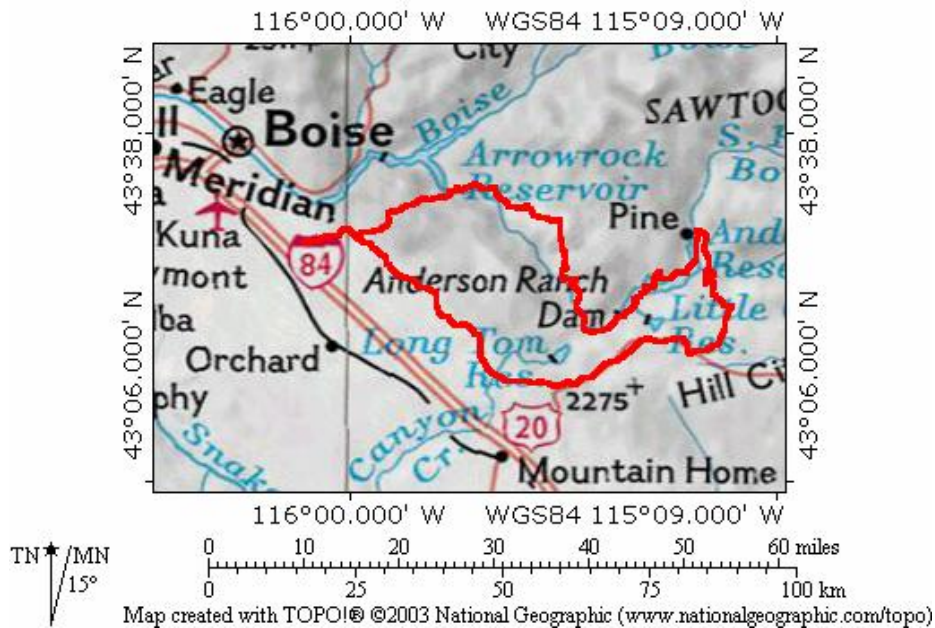
Spring has Sprung Prairie Poker Fun Run

WHY? Cause, it's time to knock off those cobwebs, tone those muscles and get out and soak up the sun. A great time for all to get together, meet&greet.

Saturday 14th April 10AM

This year I have extended to route by another 30 miles, total~140 miles, although there is an option to get off at last years exit. Below is the tentative route: Blacks Creek-Y-Stop-Anderson Dam-Fall Creek-Pine-Highway 20 to Immigrant road-Mayfield or highway home your call.

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MEETING LOCATION: To Be Determined

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