

May Newsletter:

**ROUTINE TRIP:**

It was on one of our routine trips to El Real and La Barra, when Karen met a seven (7) year old boy. As Pat frequently stops at a little convenient store to buy a few staples; Karen made her way over to see this little boy who caught her attention. He was in and out of taxis and all over the street waiting to help park cars or do whatever he can for a mere peso. Karen grabbed a Chick tract and headed his way. She engaged in conversation by asking if he knew Jesus. He said, "Why yes, that's *my* name." Taken back a little she continued by telling him she too knows a Jesus who is her savior. She asked if he knew him too. His response was, "There are many Jesus' in these parts." Karen began to tell him of the Jesus she knows who died on a cross for our sins and rose again defeating death and now lives inside of her. "Do you know this Jesus?" she asked. A smile draped across his face as he remarked, "Why yes, I think I *have* heard of him." As he read the Chick tract, we bid our a due and continued on our voyage. Little 7 year old, Jesus, ran ahead to tell Karen how much he liked the tract. Karen thought of how God in just a few minutes planted a seed of hope in a little boys' life. May God send servants by to help water the seeds Karen helped to plant that day in the life of seven year old Jesus.

**GOD'S PROVISION:**

WE HAVE BEEN BUSY THIS MONTH. GOD SEEMS TO KNOW WHEN PAT IS SUPPOSE TO BE HOME. HE WAS HOME THIS PAST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, WHICH IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL. IN FACT, HE IS BOOKED UP UNTIL JUNE FROM HERE ON OUT. BUT THIS PARTICULAR WEEKEND, RUTH WAS ADMITTED IN THE CIVIL HOSPITAL HERE IN SAN ANDRES WITH SEVERE DEHYDRATION AND STOMACH PAINS. RUTH IS THE 2 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER OF A FISHERMAN FATHER, NAMED JUAN AND A BLIND MOTHER NAMED MARTHA, FROM LA BARRA. GOD WANTED TO PROVE HIMSELF FAITHFUL TO HER FAMILY. THE HARDEST THING WAS TO SIT BACK AND NOT DO ANYTHING. YOU SEE, WE HAVE KNOWN THIS FAMILY FOR 4 YEARS. EVERY TIME THERE IS A CRISIS, THEY CALL ON US AND WE HAVE BEEN THERE FOR THEM. AS SOON AS THE CRISIS IS OVER, THEY SEEM TO REVERT BACK TO THEIR NORMAL WAYS. THIS TIME, GOD SAID, LET THEM WALK INSTEAD OF CRAWL. THEIR EYES WERE ON US TO SUPPLY THEIR NEEDS. BUT, GOD SENT OTHERS, MANY OTHERS. IT WAS AWESOME TO WATCH MARTHA, TELL KAREN OF THEIR STRUGGLES THROUGH HER "BLIND" EYES. ALTHOUGH SHE IS PHYSICALLY BLIND, SHE NEVER SAW GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH ALL THE PEOPLE MUCH LIKE THE ISRAELITES IN MOSES' DAYS. GOD PROVIDED:

1) CLOSED AND OPENED DOORS. THE DOCTORS SCHEDULED SURGERY BUT DUE TO LACK OF "THINGS", THEY HAD TO CANCEL THE SURGERY AND MOVE RUTH TO A MORE EQUIPPED HOSPITAL. PTL!! WE BELIEVED IF THEY HAD OPERATED, RUTH WOULD NOT HAVE MADE IT THROUGH THE OPERATION AND BE WITH US TODAY. GOD IN HIS INFAMOUS WISDOM SPARED RUTH AND SENT HER TO A PLACE WHERE SHE COULD BE CARED FOR CORRECTLY.

2) FOOD THE HOSPITAL GAVE THEIR DAUGHTER, ADA LADI AGE 5, **ANYTHING** SHE WANTED TO EAT. MANY OF THE PATIENTS FAMILIES WERE FOUND GIVING OF THEIR MEALS BROUGHT FROM HOME, OR WOULD PURCHASE FOOD FOR JUAN AND MARTHA TO EAT.

3) BATHING WE WERE TOLD THEY WANTED TO COME TAKE A BATH AT OUR HOUSE. UPON OUR ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL, THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BATHING ON THE PREMISES.

4) TRANSPORTATION GOD SUPPLIED AN AMBULANCE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF RUTH AND HER FAMILY TO THE HOSPITAL IN VERACRUZ, VERACRUZ. THEY STAYED THERE ABOUT A WEEK. THE DOCTORS SEEMED TO BELIEVE THEY CAN HEAL HER WITHOUT UNDERGOING SURGERY. SHE IS HOME BUT CONTINUES TO WRITHE IN PAIN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO LIFT RUTH UP. HER "PROBLEM" IS A HARD LUMP ON HER UPPER LEFT SIDE RIB AREA. IT'S FEVERISH, AND PAINFUL TO THE TOUCH. PLEASE GIVE THE DOCTORS WISDOM AND REVELATION KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT SPECIFICALLY SHE HAS AND DEAL WITH IT IN A PROPER AND SAFE MANNER. WE PRAY GOD'S PROVISION AND CARE OVER THEM NOW IN JESUS

NAME! GOD HAS BROUGHT THEM TO A SPOT WHERE THEY HAVE TO FULLY LEAN ON HIM AND NO ONE ELSE. THEY ARE IN THE DESSERT OF THEIR LIVES PRAY THEY HAVE THE FAITH TO CROSS OVER TO THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY!

During this same time, another young woman, Adit or Eddy as we will call her from here on out, who is from La Barra, came to seek our help. Her brother-in-law, Abraham is the assistant pastor in La Barra and a very strong spirit-filled Christian. Within hours of her delivery, her baby was immediately whisked away from her and transported to a special needs hospital in the capital city of Xalapa, Veracruz. Her doctor advised her not to travel, so her mother and husband, Lazarus, left her at home in La Barra to go to be with the baby. No one had heard from them after five days and she came to us very distraught. She was not a Christian and therefore didn't have the peace of God living and reigning in her. She was too upset and wouldn't eat. Karen kept food ever before her to try to encourage her to eat. She felt alone and missed being with her husband and holding her newborn baby. She had yet to nurse and hold her baby in her arms. Without any communication about her newest blessing, husband or mother, her mind was left to wander.

We prayed for God to guide us to make the right decision. There was a lot to consider. Do we drive the 6 hours one way to the hospital, unsure of exactly where it's located? Do we send her on a bus alone? What would she do in a big city not knowing how to read or cross busy intersections or even make a phone call? Then God gave Karen a name of a wonderful family in Xalapa, the Fruitis family. Karen called first thing the next morning. When Karen explained the situation at hand to Alma, Karen knew that God had the situation under control. Alma personally drove to the hospital twice inquiring about her husband, mother and baby. It was on the second trip to the hospital that she found Eddy's family. She sought the Lord as to how she was going to find total strangers in a such a big place. God directed her steps immediately to where they were. Alma taught Lazarus how to use the public phone system and gave him our phone number so he could call his wife. Alma was not only able to put them in contact with Eddy giving her much comfort hearing everything was fine, but she also led her husband to the Lord! Alma shared with Karen that when she inquired of the baby's health status, the physicians told her that the baby would need to remain in the hospital's care for quite some time due to it's delicate condition. Alma told the father of the baby, that if he truly wanted his baby to be healed and released to go home, he needed to trust God. Alma said in the beginning, he had a very hard heart. God had put it upon Alma's heart to go visit this family several times during their stay in Xalapa. Within days of Lazarus accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior of his life, the baby was released and the whole family was able to return home. God is touching lives. Please pray for God to continue to strengthen Lazarus, Adit, and their children and keep them healthy. Thank you Lord for using people like Alma in the big family of God to reach the Lost in this world.

#### **FILM EVANGELISM:**

This month the film evangelism outreaches passed by almost uneventfully, aside from the many salvations. But one particular night, the pastor was no where to be found when the movie ended. Pat wondered what was happening as this was not the norm. When he went to investigate, he discovered that a young woman had a demonic spirit and was causing a scene. When asked her name, she said it was Legion. Several believers and the Pastor prayed over her for 3 hours. Pat witnessed something unusual that he had never seen anyone do before. As they were praying for her, they were not anointing her with the oil, but were pouring it down her throat! Pat just knew she would drown in it giving him an opportunity to raise her from the dead! After they were finished, Pat moseyed over to her to pray for God's grace and protection. He was able to lead her in the prayer of salvation. It was at this time she began to sit up and become alert. She was set free that night. There never seems to be a dull moment around here. One never knows what to expect. That is why we need always be alert and guided by HIM.

#### **ENGLISH CLASSES:**

People are still enrolling in the classes. Pat met & talked with the owner of the foreign language school here in town. He was discouraged about his enrollment. He told Pat that it usually takes a plummet after the holidays and Karen should be made aware of this. It is times like this that we are made aware that we heard from God to teach English, because our enrollment continues to rise. Praise the Lord!

A friend of Karen's heard she was going to use the scriptures to teach English and wanted to see how she

would incorporate this into her class room. After her first day, she was so encouraged by how much English the class was speaking and responding to, she decided to pay for her classes in advance!

Another young man began to get nervous and ask Karen, why she was using the scriptures to teach. After hearing her answers, he left the classroom before it's hour of completion. Karen told Pat about it and they prayed for Juan. Not sure if he would return again, Karen placed it in God's hands. Now, Juan not only comes to his scheduled class but has just joined another class, therefore coming twice a day now! God is good!

#### **CLOTHING MINISTRY:**

Over 270 people came through the doors of Casa de Gloria to receive a blessing from God this month. It's the first month of it's doors being open to the public in 2002. In an effort to calm the masses and create some order, some changes were made. Each person who passes through the doors of Casa de Gloria is escorted to sit down in the downstairs portion of the office/classroom to watch a video like Heaven's Gates Hell's Flames or the Jesus film, while they wait their turn to go upstairs to receive clothing and/or shoes of their choice, FREE! And since God gave us the "FREE" gift of salvation, they too have an opportunity to receive this absolutely, FREE!! We had several individuals and families receive God's "free" gift of salvation! P.T.L.!

#### **CHIAPAS TRIP:**

The trip went as scheduled. Pat arrived to a bunch of hungry alcoholics. He told them he didn't have any sandwiches this time, but what he did have was an opportunity to change their way of life. He had 5 takers! The five alcoholics who accompanied Pat, Horacio and his family to San Cristobal de las Casas were: Eleazar, Habram, Marcelo, Arcudez, Laurentino. This was the first time we had the support of their families and the local church body. Four of the men were on the verge of death. We made our rounds to each of the five men's homes to inform the families of their decision to go to the rehabilitation center in Chiapas. One of the men was dressed and ready to go. Another one's family donated some money to help with the expenses of their loved one, the third one had family members cry tears of joy at his departure. The fourth and fifth had no one to wave to or see them off. After making our rounds, we loaded them up in the van. About 5 hours into the trip, we saw a black cloud in the road. The second it took to pass through it, we discovered it was a large swarm of bees. There must have been thousands! They sure did mess up the windshield's visibility too! A couple of them made their way into the car stinging the Pastor Horacio's little girl. Upon arrival, we found the Rehab Center struggling financially and not wanting to accept these men. They took them in by faith. Please pray that God will bless this ministry and these men. We are believing God to supply all the needs of these men and this wonderful ministry.

#### **MARCH FOR GLORY:**

April 27th at 9:00am, over 350 people participated representing over 20 local churches gathered together to march for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A lot of hard work went into organizing this event. Praise God for the numbers that did turn out. The weather cooperated too! It was a beautiful cool, sunny day. It was an attempt to reunite the Christians in an all out effort to strengthen THE CHURCH here in San Andres. Hopes are to be able to come together several times throughout the year to evangelize and assemble outreaches in a display of God's Love for the people of San Andres; working in unison to benefit the Kingdom of God.

#### **HAPPY 22ND ANNIVERSARY TO PAT AND KAREN, MAY 9TH**

#### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOMS MAY 12TH.**

#### **PRAYER NEEDS:**

1. Please continue to lift up Victoria in La Barra as she continues to battle cancer or the effects of it. She continues to travel to Xalapa for chemotherapy and appears to becoming weary of the battle that is before her.
2. Please pray for Raul, the Baptist pastor who organized this years' march for Glory. Having left his home in Mexico City two years ago to raise up a church in San Andres Tuxtla, Raul is having difficulty making

ends meet and being accepted into the Christian circles. He is suffering much opposition as is in need of much prayer. Please pray that God will continue to open new doors and relationships to help further His Kingdom, and to continue to send folks by to encourage him in the Lord's work. Much needs to be done in this town and we cannot do it alone!

3. Pray that God will miraculously heal Ruth's "problem", and her cleft pallet.

4. Pray for the alcoholics and the rehabilitation center in which they are staying, that God will pour out his blessing upon them and enrich their camp!

5. Pray for Pat's protection as he goes out evangelizing with films in the streets of San Andres and the surrounding areas.

6. Pray that God will continue to send his servants by to minister to and water the seed that was planted in little 7 year old Jesus and all those just like him that need to hear the salvation message.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

May 2-4 Film campaign in Agua Dulce, Veracruz ( about 3 hours south of our home in San Andres)

May 16th First day of Tele-Bible school. Classes will be given every Thursday night and Saturday mornings.

May 9th Pat and Karen's 22nd wedding anniversary.

May 10th & 11th film campaign in a colony of San Andres

May 16-18 Film campaign across the bay from La Barra. It's new territory that hasn't been evangelized yet!

May 19th Carlos, a pastor from Acayucan will be ministering in La Barra with his Praise and Worship band.

May 23-25 Film Campaign in Sihupapan (next town 10 minutes south of S.A.T.)

May 25th Feed the alcoholic of Acayucan with Pastor Horacio

May 30-June 1st Film Campaign in San Andres Tuxtla.

English classes are every Monday and Friday at 11:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00. Please pray God will open more doors and use Karen to reach the students with HIS love.