

August Newsletter:

GRACE HARBOR GROUP ARRIVES:

The team arrived and we started things off full steam ahead. The ministry team consisting of 8 youth and 4 adults from Grace Harbor Family Church just outside of Folsom, Louisiana, who rose to the challenge of performing sometimes twice a day in the tropical heat of July!! Some of the kids were sick yet they still gave it their all, collapsing after they ministered, proving to be real champions forging through to accomplish what they came here to do. They will always be champions in our eyes. It was so wonderful to see the growth and maturity in these kids we had taught in Children's Church only five years prior to their visit. God is doing a new thing and is preparing to use the next generation to become warriors for HIM. Many experienced many "firsts" on this trip, beside the first time on a plane, some rode a donkey, others experienced and saw the power of prayer, as one prayed in the spirit, God translated it into the Spanish language to the one being ministered to, just like on the day of Pentecost in the book of Acts. 2 :7-8, *"Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?'"*

In the planning stages of this trip, Pastor Mike asked what was the possibility of doing something in Tecolapan and at the time, we thought it absurd. As we prepared to minister in a church in Cabada, a town not far from Tecolapan; we began to sense they would not allow us to perform. And so it came to pass. So, as this door closed, but God opened up another door, *of all places*, in Tecolapan. We were received immediately by the town's mayor who helped to set things up in the main street and within a few minutes the group was performing. They drew a crowd and several went up for prayer afterward. We were able to reach the unchurched in Tecolapan. So it happened just like Proverbs 19:21 says, *"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."*

The team helped to lead many to the Lord through their dance and puppets which they brought to share with the Mexican people. We praise God for allowing us to be apart of such a wonderful team. Thank you Lord for giving the youth of Grace Harbor Family Church the desire to come to Mexico to minister.

CASA DE GLORIA'S CLOTHING MINISTRY/ENGLISH CLASSES:

We signed the contract to Casa de Gloria on July 17th after the owners built a barred door, painted the interior, added a shower head to the bathroom, and rewired the building insuring no electrical defects. We are currently waiting for electricity so we can hang the wire racks for the clothes. The clothing ministry should be up and running by the end of the month.

We plan to use the next few months to prepare for the English classes. We need to secure desks, text books and materials, students and scheduling of the classes. We felt it wasn't fair to the students to begin their classes now because we plan to head home for furlough in November which would give them 2 months of classes and two months off. Opening day is set for early January, upon our return.

LA BARRA WEDDING:

Fransica, Pastor Reyes' daughter, and Ronaldo were married legally on Friday, July 20th in a Civil court in Catemaco. They remained living apart until they were married in the church in La Barra on Sunday, July 29 as an act of purity before God. The groom was baptized in the Gulf early Sunday morning, then he escorted his bride-to-be by boat to his grandmothers home in Sontecomapan where she would get dress and walk down the road to catch the boat for the return trip to the church. Upon arrival in La Barra she was met by her parents who then escorted her down the towns' only road. Fransica and her husband along with his two young children will reside at his home in Catemaco. This was the first wedding of it's kind in La Barra.

FRUIT OF THE LABOR:

A family of 7, 4 young girls all below the age of 10 and a baby boy, are one family we make it a point to visit when we are out doing our house visits. Moses and his wife, Isabel, have been featured in the Sept & Oct. 2000 edition of our newsletter. They also were blessed with a new tin roof last Sept. Moses battles with alcoholism and has trouble holding down jobs. He comes from a long line of alcoholics. We pray and believe that this alcoholic spirit will leave him. Drunkenness is a spirit. Gal. 5:16-21. Isabel, his wife, comes from a lineage of witchcraft. It used to be that when her husband would come home drunk, she would put a curse on him and have him drink potions.

Well, it happened and the fruit of HIS word and prayer came into effect, granted, not in the way we expected but praise GOD it happened. Moses fell off the wagon, to put it in common terminology, and had

been drinking for 2 days. He came home and beat his wife. Her shirt was covered with blood from facial wounds. She was still wearing the mark on her throat from where he intended to choke her. She told Pat that during this rage of debauchery (Eph 5:18) she could remember her husband threatening her not to use any witchcraft on him. She replied, not to worry because I'm crazy for Jesus! She knew she had authority over the enemy in the name of Jesus Christ. She began to claim she was crazy for Jesus and used HIS name in authority. He continued to beat her even more, but stopped before he nearly killed her. We believe if she would not have used the name of Jesus Christ she could have been killed., because that is what the enemy was trying to do. The Bible teaches us that we are to defend ourselves against the evil one by speaking aloud God's truth! Moses woke up the next day not remembering much. When he saw his wife and heard her story he was convicted.

Tessie Ettie from J.A.M. Ministries and Grace Harbor Family Church, had a prophetic word for Isabel after they ministered in dance in front of her house. She didn't know who she was or anything about her but she saw something strangling her in the spirit and the Lord said that the thing is now gone.

Alcohol is a spirit and is of the devil, how else can anyone else do something like this and not remember anything. It all starts out small, by getting drunk one or two times a week. The next thing you know, you'll be like Moses as described in the above story. When you drink, it's a seed from the enemy. One day that seed could grow up to be a tree in your life. Do something about it now. Turn to Jesus Christ! You heard it from a man with experience. Use your authority in the name of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray with us for Moses and his family. Agree with us that the spirit of alcoholism will depart from his body and mind, that he will take up as the spiritual head of his household with a deep understanding of who Jesus Christ is.

UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:

Film evangelism continues nightly. Pray for God to open the eyes of the people so they can see His love as Pat carries these films to uttermost parts of Mexico!

Jacob's 17th birthday is August 14th.

Acayucan outreach scheduled for Aug. 18th.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Please continue to pray for Pastor Goyo and Pastor Reyes, their wives and families. Pastor Goyo needs a lot of encouragement and Pastor Reyes and his wife Silvia, need some serious time to rest.

The Pastors in La Barra and El Real and their families are undergoing a tremendous amount of stress. Silvia, Pastor Reyes' wife in La Barra has experienced several stress attacks this month alone in the form of fainting or passing out. God has placed a dear doctor friend in our midst who chooses to serve us as we serve his country. He is also providing free medical care to those we bring to him. He is a real blessing to us and to his own people. He is a highly sought after doctor here in San Andres and appointments may take hours of waiting on any given day, before you can see him. We waited 3 hours this particular day as Silvia waited to see the doctor. We were relieved to find she was experiencing any heart problems but were dismayed to find out she was being attacked emotionally. She has stood strong this last year as her husband went through some pretty tough times trying to balance fishing, pastoring, preaching, counseling his congregation and making time for his family. His church grew very quickly within a year and with this growth came "babies" in diapers metaphorically speaking. This created a lot of new added responsibilities he had never had to encounter in his 13 years serving the Lord as Pastor in La Barra. New challenges arose and shook things within him from deep down. Silvia stood close to him and loved him through it all. Karen remembers listening to Silvia's maturity in God as she shared with her during one of her most painful of times. Continue to lift them up in prayer. They are wishing to take a few months off to recoop from the stressful life they lead.

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Stress can take on many different forms and can literally kill us. We need to learn to lean totally upon God for EVERYTHING!! He says, *"...to cast all your cares upon me...???"*

Be on the outlook for some simple desks , Pre-school and Kindergarden videos on the ABC's, colors, shapes, numbers, etc.. and Christian based school books that could be used to teach English as a second language for Casa de Gloria's English class. No one in the surrounding areas will teach English to children under the age of 8. This may be a means to reach and teach God's message to the youngsters.