

JANUARY 2004 NEWSLETTER:

HOSPITAL VISIT: At a recent visit to La Barra, Pat discovered that Pastor Reyes' brother-in-law, Jose, was in a hospital in town. He assured him He would pay him a visit on Monday morning. So many things to do keeping Pat busier than a bumble bee, that a hospital visit was one of the last things he wanted to do that day.

But since he gave his word he went. He walked into the room filled with six beds and tried to figure out which one would be Jose. Jose sat up in bed, giving Pat more than a hint it was him that he came to see. So Pat walked over to him and began sharing Jesus with him when he noticed that an elderly in a bed across the way took notice. Pat could see this man was hungry to hear the word! God then introduced Pat to Abram as he went to his side. Abram began to tell him that he was Catholic but believed in Jesus. So Pat prayed for him and went back to visit more with Jose.

While visiting with Jose, Pat discovered the man in the bed next to him was having difficulty breathing. He saw a spirit of death on him. He left Jose's side to go pray for the 70 year old man's healing and salvation. Pat quietly returned to continue his visit with Jose. Then the nurse walked in. The 70year old man sat straight up in bed and told her he was hungry. It was then Pat noticed the man was breathing better and his heavy breathing stopped. He looked at Jose and exclaimed, " Can you see Jesus' wonder working Power flowing in him? and Jose replied, "yes!" It was then, Jose was ready to receive Christ into his life and His promise of healing. As Pat got ready to leave, one by one, the other patients in room after witnessing the Power of God in the old man, they asked Pat to please pray for them. It was then that Abraham made a decision to follow Christ. Still another rolled back the covers so Pat could see the infected leg . Pat prayed for him and he too asked Jesus into his heart. He exclaimed that something happened on the inside of him that he never felt before. One by one, all four patients received a special touch from Jesus when they invited Him into their hearts that day.

Fellow Christians, there's a lot of work out there for us to do. Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." I Corinthians 11:1. Let's GO! God is pouring out his spirit. We have a prime example in the Bible, Jesus. Let's GO!

MEXICO CITY YOUTH EXPLOSION CONFERENCE:

We spent a few days preparing the bus for the trip to Mexico expecting it to be full of excited teenagers when in actuality, only a few were able to make the trip which encompassed the end of the year festivities. They spent four days in intensive teaching and praise and worship. New Year's night we celebrated by taking communion together, praying and Praising God, with over 6,000 youth in attendance. Pat and Frank drove the 8 hours straight home after staying up all night. God's grace was with them.

Two of the youth this year that we brought received Jesus into their lives for the first time and returned changed, never to be the same again. Another young man Pat has been witnessing to for years now, attended the conference. His name is Octavio. He invited Jesus into his heart years ago but wasn't walking with HIM not was ever Born-again like John 3:1 talks about. We need to die to our worldly flesh daily. We need to allow the kingdom of God to live in us. That means when Jesus lives and shines in us manifesting the gifts of the spirit mentioned in Gal. 5:17, we experience the new birth.

Octavio ran away from home when he was 13 years old. He ran to the US and got tied up with the Mafia doing drugs and alcohol, several years ago and wound up shooting someone. He ran from the cops for months until they finally caught him. He could have been sentenced 8 -10 years for attempted murder but the victim never showed up for the trial. They set Octavio free by deporting him back to Mexico. It's been five years now since that happened and he has continued to drink and do drugs since his return. His father is an alcoholic and Octavio didn't know that he was holding so much anger against him until he was convicted by Jesus at the conference. He went up for about every altar call. Pat watched the Power of God working a miracle in his life. He was "knocked" down and filled with the Holy Ghost. He couldn't wait to return to reconcile things with his family. Please join us in prayer that God will continue to deliver him from his "old man" habits, be edified and continue to grow in the Lord Almighty!

FRANK MARCHESE'S MISSION EXPERIENCE:

" When I first started, I had no idea of what to expect. What I thought to see was a lot of pain and suffering. To tell you the truth, it was quite the opposite. Yes, there is poverty and hardship. Yet throughout my journey thus far, I have noticed that God is ever present, and that hope and goodness, and charity is prevalent everywhere. The people that I have met, and grown to love have greeted me with smiles, open

arms, and generosity. Soon after my arrival, we were blessed with a trip to a youth conference that was unlike anything I had ever experienced in the US. Thousands of youth praising and worshipping the Lord with exuberance and electricity that could only be described as a celebration of life. For four days, I was greeted and accepted as if I was in my own House of Prayer. This trip has been a learning experience that I shall never forget. There has never been a dull moment. At times, it seemed all too much, and at the same time, I have wished that the days were longer so that we could do more. Being a baby Christian in a strange land can be a trying experience at times, and it seems that no matter how much you do, you always wish you can do more; if there were only more hours in a day! The Warren's have treated me as if I was one of their own, making me feel welcome, and guiding me through many obstacles and have me that prayer and faith are mainstays in their lives as well as in the lives of the people around them. The short term mission trip I had planned had doubled in size, and at times I feel that it still is too short. I am already planning my next trip to San Andres Tuxtla, and hope that, no, I know that through faith in our Lord that I will be blessed by helping and seeing a noble cause through to fruition. For anybody planning a mission trip to here, or anywhere else for that matter, I pray that their experience has been as enlightening as mine.

Your faithful servant in Christ,
Frank Marchese

ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH: We continue to reach out to the alcoholics every month.. This month we were joined by a sweet member of our church, Solidaridad and her two young daughters. They were so sweet to watch as they handed out tracts to people who passed-by and served coffee to the men we ministered to. It is our desire for everyone in Casa de Gloria's services to participate in the outreaches.

ENGLISH CLASSES:

Karen will begin English classes on January 12th. Many people who wouldn't ordinarily go to church or attend our Bible studies may seek ways to learn or improve their English. Karen has an opportunity to develop relationships to share the gospel in the process of meeting their need to study English. Normally a person that has studied English will want to practice using the language with an English speaking teacher. Her purpose for teaching English is to build relationships so she can help to deepen understanding of who Jesus is and what he came to do. Pray that God will open new doors to reach the lost while teaching English. He has brought new materials to be used this year, one being a curriculum using the *Jesus Film*. Pray that God will use whatever materials she uses for the soul purpose of evangelism.

NEW BIBLE SCHOOLS:

BAPTISMS:

CLOTHING MINISTRY: We have had a steady influx of people receive clothes since our return to S.A.T., even though we still aren't officially open to distribute them yet. It's neat to see the body of Christ working together to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Several young people from area churches have come to get clothes to bring to others in need. We are blessed to have a "storehouse of blessings" where people can come, get supplies, and carry them out to those who don't know Jesus. It's no longer about us and those we can reach. It's about expanding HIS tents and reaching more than just our sphere of influence.

It's neat to see the change God is doing in every part of our ministry. This year, people true needs are being met by the items we have. For instance, supplying homes with clothes and household items to displaced families, burned homes, warm clothes for the winter months, shoes for the school kids. We are extremely thankful that God has allowed us to bring them in and distribute them among the villages.

FILM MINISTRY: A 2-day outreach is scheduled in La Barra. Our family will take the bus and stay out in la Barra for the duration of the mini-campaign. We hope to not just spark flames but to ignite the fishing

community with the gospel of Christ!

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE:

MEDICAL MISSIONS TEAM SCHEDULED FOR MAY: The medical team of Health care professionals who wish to come and teach mini-sessions on Nutrition, Diabetic care, Dental Hygiene, Pre and Post Natal care, etc.. will board the “Happier Bus” and travel to several local villages during their stay administering medicines and advise to the sick and injured who attend the free clinics by day and by night we will do some film evangelism. We hope to incorporate the clown ministry, dramas, and a mini-vacation Bible school program to reach the children who gather to the clinic site and /or are waiting to be seen by the doctors. Anyone interested in joining the team or desire more info, please email us or fax us in Mexico at the addresses and numbers provided on this newsletter.

WAYBUILDER PROGRAM BEGUN:

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Plans to use the bus are many but in order to help make it cost effective to use the bus this year, we hope to convert it to propane which is also a cleaner burning fuel. Converting to this fuel will cut gas expenses in half. it will cost about \$600.00 to convert it.
2. Pray for Bible school materials and operation expenses.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

January 4th- Casa de Gloria held it's first Finance Clinic. Five area churches gathered together to attend the four hour clinic. Pastor Horacio Bibar of Acayucan taught on Tithe and Offerings. It was such a success that everyone asked him to return to speak again...one church asked him to speak that evening in their church.

January 8-9 La Barra Film outreach

January 12th- Karen's English classes begin.

January Baptism

January New Bible Course begins

January 24-Feb 7th Linda and Kenneth Husser, of Harvest World Outreach Ministry will join us for time of prayer, vision enhancement, and groundbreaking of the G-12 Cell Groups in our area.

February 14- officially register couples who desire to get married. Mexican Government offers this day free of charge to those who normally cannot afford to purchase marriage licenses.

July 17-19th, Acayucan Youth Conference.