

October Newsletter:

CASA DE GLORIA:

Casa de Gloria is a success. In its one month in existence, we were able to supply used clothes to some families from the surrounding areas, to flood victims in Ohuilapan, and to a 15 year old cancer patient from La Barra, named Victoria. We wish to thank all who have so generously donated clothes and shoes to this ministry. Proverbs 28:27 clearly states; "He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses." God is into blessing HIS people! Thank you for allowing us to be your extended hand in this area to reach those who needed clothing.

After we boxed up a few boxes of clothes to donate to the flood victims in Ohuilapan, Casa de Gloria had to close its' doors after being in operation for *only* one month. We are hopeful that we can reopen in January with a new supply of clothing to bless those in need. In the four hours it was open twice a week, we were able to bless an average of 35 folks a day. Most folks came by foot from the surrounding ranch towns just to be able to receive the blessing of the clothes. One pastor told Karen that he only owned one pair of dress slacks and they were seven years old. He wore them to church every time they had service. Casa de Gloria was able to bless this Pastor and others like him with much needed clothes and shoes.

On Thursday, September 20. Pat and Karen were privileged to help disburse used clothing from Casa de Gloria to the flood victims in Ohuilapan in cooperation with Pastor Alejandro Gloria. A few members from a few local churches also put together some bags of clothes and staples for distribution to those hit hard by a flash flood. On Friday, September 14th, the waters of the river in this town overflowed its' banks flooding homes and stealing their household items. Water rose between the hours of 1:30 and 2:00 am robbing everyone of their sleep as well as their few precious possessions. We witnessed homes that had anywhere from 3 feet to ceiling high water. Being the homes are made of thatches roofs and walls, their belongings and dirt floors were easily swept away by the fast flowing currents. One young man's home was laid on its side on the ground. This is the first time the river waters ever exceeded their banks. The men were seen on Thursday hauling and leveling dirt for their floors and making repairs on their homes while the women were trying desperately to wash their mud laden clothes in the river. It was a blessing to witness and hear of the community pulling together to help each other recover from the muddy mess left behind by the occurrence. It blessed Karen to notice some clean "Casa de Gloria" clothes hanging from the rafters of a few of the homes signifying an earlier visitation of the clothing ministry. The clothes were a small token to the people of Ohuilapan of God loves for them and He cares for them and has not abandoned them. Many were very appreciative and receptive to the clothing and prayers that were offered to them.

On Saturday, September 22, Casa de Gloria's clothing ministry surprised a 15 year old cancer patient from La Barra, with an elegant evening dress, shoes and matching scarf. Victoria was able to celebrate her 15th birthday with friends and family in elegance; a dream for most girls her age. A young Mexican girls' 15th birthday can be compared to an American girls' 16th birthday and a debutante's ball combined into one. Even the poorest of the poor pull their resources together to be able to celebrate this day with their neighbors. Victoria's sisters killed a few chickens, strung a handful of multi-colored balloons on the outside of their wooden board house, trying to make things appear festive; and served all those in attendance, mole; the traditional food for special occasions. Upon our arrival in La Barra, Karen asked Pastor Reyes and Siliva if they had plans to present Victoria in the church because Karen overheard Victorias' mother make this request the weekend prior to her birthday. We were unsure of the possibility of it all because of previous plans for a campaign in El Real. The decision was made to make time for this special event. Victoria was called for at once. She was whisked by her mother and friends into the Pastor's home to ready herself for her formal presentation in the church. The dress, shoes and matching scarf fit her to a "T" as if someone had made it especially for her. By the time she came out of the house a crowd was already forming in the church. Victoria, weakened by her chemotherapy treatments slowly entered the church and took her seat of honor. Pastor Reyes led praise and worship. Pat shared a few scriptures. She was able to form a few smiles for our camera as we helped her to celebrate her 15th birthday. After service the church was invited to go to her house to eat. She was even up to biting the cake, a true Mexican tradition. We then arrived in El Real for the campaign which had just begun. God's timing is always perfect!

ACAYUCAN OUTREACH:

There were several new faces this month as we reached out to the alcoholics in Acayucan. Some came with an ever increasing boldness to drink in our presence something, up until now, was non-existent. We

feel it may have been the result of the alcoholic spirit coaxing them to celebrate their country's Independence on the Saturday before the festivities. Of course the alcoholic is always looking for an opportunity to drink. Pat ministered to a couple off in a corner of the porch and Karen was invited inside the owner's house to share the "good news" and to pray for them. Pastor Horacio and his wife Tonia came to make us aware of the rowdiness of the group. They suggested we leave before things get out of hand. The message was heard by the few whom God placed in our path that day, but not all heard the gospel message preached this day due to their drunken state.

We have scheduled to make another trip to the rehabilitation center in Chiapas on October 13-15. Several have shown interest in going on this trip. Please be in prayer for the men whom God is tugging at their hearts to change. Pray that the change will not be difficult for them and their families will be provided for during this time of separation. Pray for these men and their families as they seek God's best for their lives and for a safe and uneventful trip.

We are excited to announce that Pastor Horacio and Tonia have recently been given enough material to build half of their church building. They have been faithfully holding church service on their plot of land for three years without a roof over their heads. Pray that the rains during this rainy season won't interrupt the construction of their church building.

CAMPAIGN IN EL REAL:

A few musicians from Tecolapan, organized by Andres Amoroso, held church service in El Real on Saturday, Sept. 22. Pat brought Pastor Reye's church from La Barra so they could receive from the service God's goodness. The music played on the accordion was a treat to hear. The congregation in El Real is beginning to grow again and Pastor Goyo and his wife are in much better spirits than in the previous months. Thanks to everyone who is praying for them. Please continue to lift them up in prayer.

La Barra and El Real will share a 3-day evangelistic campaign on the 12th, 13th, and 14th of October.

FILM MINISTRY:

The film ministry continues to be a blessing to many. God has been so merciful by keeping the rains back during this rainy season during the film showing. We have seen it rain all day and clear up just in time to be able to show a film that night. Then after the film, they start up again. It had rained all day. Pat asked God how he would be able to show a movie that night because he knows the roads will not be passable once they become wet. The red clay becomes very slippery making driving almost impossible without a 4 wheel drive vehicle. Pat arrived and to his amazement the clay was firm. Many of the villagers in the area were also very surprised to see his vehicle parked on the hill. Many inquired to how he was able to drive it up there. The rains were kept away until after the film projecting. Then Pat was able to crank the van in time and head down the road just before it became a slippery mess. God is so good! We serve an awesome God! God has brought more than 340 to the Lord through the showing of these films to date this year alone. Those that have chosen to either accept Christ as their personal savior or rededicate their lives to HIM, are invited to attend church service in their area. They are then visited by someone from the congregation to see how they are doing. Please pray they will become planted by the river of life and grow strong in HIM! May they become like Psalms 1:3; "He is like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf doesn't wither. Whatever he does prospers."

Please:

1. add our email and slow-mule address here in San Andres to the newsletter as was done on the March edition. We have had several comment that they wanted to write but didn't know where since it was no longer on the newsletter.
2. would like to see our logo added to the newsletter, maybe with our address like you did the house on the issues before February's. Not sure where it would be best placed. I'm calling on your expertise advise now. :)

3. Also, please continue to write the supporters note: "No matter how great or anointed the ministry, it cannot affect the lives of many without someone to sow into the vision."

Vision for our return in January:

Karen is seeking guidance from God as to how to teach English as a second language. She plans to begin classes in January upon our return from furlough.

Pat plans to begin a video based bible course. Both will be held in Casa de Gloria's ministry office

beginning in January along with the clothing ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Please pray for Victoria as she continues to have radiation treatments every fifteen days. She must travel to Xalapa, the state capitol to receive her treatments. Her oldest sister accompanies her on these trips because her mother must stay to look after her 6 younger brothers and sisters. Victoria is one of ten children. Pray that she will overcome this thing like her name implies, Victoriously!!!
2. Little Ruth, the year old daughter of Juan and Martha in La Barra, may have another opportunity to have an operation to repair her cleft pallet. She is still very undernourished which is the reason why the doctors never wanted to tempt the surgery n the past. The doctors are trying to help to strengthen her body so she will be able to have the surgery. Pray that God will be her strength in her time of weakness and give her the opportunity this time to go through the operation with success. "We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored!" I Cor. 4:10
3. Please pray for Karen's health. She has been believing for a healing in her stomach for over 2 years now. Please believe with her for God's divine healing. Yes Lord!!
4. Please pray for our safety, favor at the border and along the trek with all the check points, and for an uneventful trip as we travel up to Louisiana this fall in late October or early November.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Oct. 4-5 Two-day Alvarado film campaign with Pastor Christina
Oct. 12-14 Three-day evangelistic campaign in El Real and La Barra
Oct. 15-18 trip to rehabilitation center in Chiapas
Film evangelism continues nightly through end of October
We have plans to travel to Wisconsin and Indiana for early November
We will be home in Nov. and Dec. on furlough