

## **OCTOBER 2002 NEWSLETTER:**

### **ISABEL'S' GIRLS GO TO SCHOOL: (PICTURE OF KAREN WITH KIDS AND ISABEL)**

Some of you may remember Isabel and Moses from months back. They are often featured in our newsletters. Two years ago, Pat was able to put a tin roof on their house through your giving. We brought Moses to the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center in Chiapas last year but upon our arrival, he got out and returned home refusing to change his way of life. Isabel is a battered wife and mother of five. We have seen her grow spiritually through the years we have known her. Now she doesn't allow fear to enter her home. Although her situation at home hasn't changed, she stands up to the enemy, keeping her eyes on God, and rejoicing in His deliverance. She has desired for her children to go to school for many years but fear of her husband kept her from pursuing sending them. This year, God has made a way where there wasn't a way in the past, and three of her four girls are attending school for the first time in their lives. Isabel is seeking God for every provision for her girls and seeing HIS awesome provision come to pass. Her oldest daughter, Flor, age 12, is working to help buy her younger sisters book sacks and other school supplies. At night, the girls are teaching Flor what they're learning in school. Flor even has her own notebook in which to write her lessons taught by her younger sisters. Moses, the father, is still against his daughters learning and refuses to buy them their school supplies. Friends, family, strangers, neighbors, and Casa de Gloria, have all been used by God as part of the blessing process. For the first time in their lives, the girls have shoes, uniforms, pencils, a book sack, and many other things because of God's mercy and grace being bestowed upon them. Please pray that God will continue to work on Moses' heart and supply their every need.

### **EL GRITO!! VIVA MEXICO!! (PHOTO OF BALLOON WITH 320 POINTS AS RECORDED IN GUINNESS)**

This is the first year in four, that we, as a family, were able to help our Mexican brothers celebrate their day of Independence from Spain. El GRITO is a shout that most towns practice at 11:00PM on September 15th. Here it was followed by several bands who performed live music in the park, dancing, and a nice fireworks display much like what we'd see on July 4th. Each little town has their own traditions which culminate into quite unique festivals. Most towns have parades in which the local school children dressed in their school uniforms march around town to the beat of their drums. A few towns will fill papier-mâché or wooden bulls with firecrackers and parade them through the crowds; some hold grease pole and pig contests, while others just set off a few firecrackers after El Grito. But here in San Andres Tuxtla, they did all but the grease pole and pig contests because this is done at another time of the year. S.A.T. is noted for their rich heritage of making huge tissue paper hot-air balloons. For several years they have been published in the Guinness Book of World Records and this year was no exception. Their record balloon this year had over 320 points exceeding their own previous record.

Rich in their heritage, San Andres Tuxtla sure did make their Independence worth celebrating!!

**NEW MISSION CHURCH: (GROUP SHOT)** A new mission church has been planted in a little village about 20 minutes just north of our home called Techalpan de Arriba. This was birthed out of Pastor Reyes' heart as he has been visiting family members in this village with us off and on for several years now. We are finally seeing the fruit of all the seeds planted over the last three years. We first began to go up there with a TV & VCR powered by a car battery. We had to carry the equipment up a hill about a 1/4 mile to an area where electricity hadn't existed. Now it does and so does the Word of God! Men from La Barra are making a commitment to come out every other week to hold services with Pat. Pat also fills in the gaps when the Lord leads. May God continue to open the door to reach them and teach his sheep how to reproduce after their own kind and to reach the lost in these last days.

### **ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH BEGUN IN SAN ANDRES TUXTLA: (SHOT OF GUY IN YELLOW SHIRT, PAT, ASHLEY, ETC.)**

We extended our alcoholic outreach to include our "hometown" as God keeps instilling in us to focus on San Andres Tuxtla, SAT. As seven of us went out, we were met with very favorable responses from everyone. In fact, many of the street vendors were drawn to Jesus and they too received the word of God that day. The alcoholics were tickled pink and received us well. As we continued our search for more on the streets after our first successful encounter, we discovered one of the guys we had just met was sharing a

tract with a fellow comrade a few streets over. Clients of Alberto, one of the men who joined us on this outreach, were approaching him the rest of the day expressing their excitement and joy that someone was reaching out to these men of the street. Pray that the seeds planted will bring forth good fruit; that God will give them all a desire to change, come to church, and turn their lives around. God has a plan a purpose for each and everyone of them. Pray that their eyes will be opened to the schemes of the enemy and His truth will be revealed in their hearts. We are scheduled to minister again the 26th of this month and the 12th in Acayucan. Pray that God will draw them to HIM and radically change their lives.

**CHURCH SERVICE IN CASA DE GLORIA:** We are getting some sporadic attendance as the Lord draws who He wants. We have had a few people use the platform of the pulpit to minister to the needs of those in attendance. It is our desire to use this time to train up and send out disciples for Christ. Pray that God will bring in the harvest.

**CASA DE GLORIA CLOTHING MINISTRY:** (PICTURE OF GIRL IN BLACK DRESS READING THE WORD WHICH IS JULIE, AND ME WITH A THE SAME FAMILY.)

As cool weather tries to set in, warm clothes are put on the racks and shelves of Casa de Gloria. Praise God, Casa de Gloria is full once again with a variety of things for everyone. What a blessing it is to be a part of the giving end.

(PICTURE) Julie, the young lady who lives with us, is shown here leading a family to the Lord. We have watched Julie grow spiritually over the few months she has lived with us. Karen and her look forward to each and every Tuesday when they can help folks find clothes that fit them and most importantly, find Jesus who loves them!

**FILM MINISTRY:** Pat continues to project films and see God touch lives through the use of them. Pray for his protection and safe passage as he travels spreading the gospel. Last year alone, we went through 5 VCRs and many videos were ruined due to the tropical conditions and rough roads which make for more wear and tear than under normal conditions. Please pray that the equipment we have will make it through this rainy season undaunted. Pray that God will extend the lifespan on them too!

**ENGLISH CLASS:** Attendance remains strong as well as God's word which is being released into the lives of each of Karen's students. Pray that God will continue to reach their lives through these classes as many are reading the scriptures for the first time.

#### **BIBLE COURSE STUDY:**

We have completed our 1st trimester with 13 of the original 19 students. La Barra started the same course a few months ago with 10 students, some of whom cannot read or write. For this very reason, they are taking the course at a slower pace so they can retain more of what is taught. Everyone is doing very well!

#### **PRAYER NEEDS:**

1. Ministry tools:

A. Over head projector for use in Casa de Gloria's church service, English classes, and for making banners.

B. VCRs ( with 4 heads) for English class and film ministry. Tropical conditions and rough roads make for more wear and tear than under normal conditions. (Last year we went through 5 VCRs.)

C. 15 passenger Van to replace the old jalopy who is on it's last leg.

D. We are on our last box of bibles. Anyone wishing to contribute to this need may either do so by sending their \$\$ to either of our addresses posted in this newsletter or contact Sandy Warren (985) 796-3140 for more specific info. as to where and how to go about ordering them.

E. Victoria is stronger after her first operation. Her pretty black hair is growing again and she is able to walk around unattended. She is in Xalapa, as we write this newsletter, scheduled for her

second operation. She celebrated her 16th birthday last month! Please continue to pray for her.

F. Goyo has yet to sell any of his boats and he has until the 13th of this month to do so. Please pray that God will come to his rescue. Psalms 5: 12 says; “For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.” We pray for Your favor right now on behalf of Goyo and his family.

G. Pastor Reyes has yet to fully recover from his appendicitis surgery several months back. We feel he may have had some nerve damage. His son of 14 years is fishing for the family while his Dad continues to recuperate. Please pray that God will restore his strength and health soon so he can continue to provide for his family.

## **LOOKING FOR TEAMS TO COME DO WORKSHOPS AND TEACHINGS:**

We have two churches who are ready to Praise the Lord through the creative movements of dance, flags, tambourines, streamers and banners etc. If you or a team from your church feel lead to participate in a teaching workshop, in the infamous words of Price is Right's Bob Barker, **“COME ON DOWN!”**

**Construction teams** needed to build roof on single mothers' home and a church.

**Vacation Bible school** during the Christmas holidays or next summer, where the kids could learn about Jesus our Savior.

### **Teaching Teams Needed:**

These would include all types of classes taught by individuals or groups that would edify the body of Christ in the following areas:

**Hair braiding:** French braid, corn rows, etc...This may be a way to generate extra \$ with little expense for those in La Barra during the tourist seasons. It works well in other beach areas.

**Praise and worship**

**Dance**

**How to choreograph a flag and streamer dance team**

**Banner making**

**Dramas/skits/mimes**

**Music lessons** (drums, keyboard, and guitar. They play all of these but with no method or madness. They've never been taught about rhythm etc..)

**General Health care and/or nutrition**

**Crafts to help generate finances**, preferably with shells or sea life because many are fishermen and have access to these things.

All these things are much needed here and your helping hand extended can change their lives.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Every Sunday, we visit La Barra and/or El Real after our home cell group at 9:00 am in Casa de Gloria.

Every Monday, Friday, & Saturday night Pat goes on a film evangelism outreach in various areas of San Andres and beyond.

Every Monday and Friday Karen has English classes in Casa de Gloria where she teaches from the Word of God.

Every Tuesday from 10-2, Karen opens Casa de Gloria to distribute free clothes/shoes and offers prayer and the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone in need.

Every Wednesday and Thursday night, The International School of the Bible classes are held on CVD in Casa de Gloria. These classes are also being made available to La Barra and El Real during the week.

Acayucan outreach to the alcoholics October 12th.

San Andres Tuxtla outreach to the alcoholics October 26th.

The clowns will be ministering October 11th.

In between all of the above, we do house visits and serve those that come to us daily. We also have a free lending video and book library. Just another way the Lord wants to use HIS tools to get into the homes and lives of his people. Many times these dates change and/or others are added. For example, the clowns ministered three times last month.