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Merry Christmas 2017!

We pray this newsletter finds you in good health and blessed beyond measure. I want to update you on some of the events that took place in 2017 in Casa de Gloria.

January - Pat accompanied by teams from Indiana and Louisiana visited San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz for a week. They presented an evangelistic outreach program along with Samaritan Purse gift boxes for the children on King's day, January 6th. They were also privileged to baptize people in the Bay of Campeche in La Barra.

February -

Casa de Gloria was able to apply a nice cement finish to the Sunday school classroom walls in Benito Juarez.

April - Pat & Jeff Fredericks teamed up again to spread the good news in San Andres, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I [Jesus] have commanded you...Mat 28:19-20. They also had a special foot washing ceremony.

May - Our youngest son, Beaux got married to Heather Appleton in a quiet, private ceremony on the homestead in Amite. They recently announced they are expecting a baby in May 2018. (This will be our 4th grandchild!)

October - Casa de Gloria hosted our annual Revive Conference in San Andres Tuxtla with Pastor Troy & Shirley Thomas of Vidalia, LA. Missionary Eligeo traveled from Honduras to translate and be apart of this conference. Despite the physical rain that kept most from attending, the spirit was strong and the Lord moved in San Andres, Mexico this year. One night after ministry, they did an altar call. About 30 people came to the front to be born again. After Pastor Troy led them in the sinner's prayer, he prayed for all of them to be filled with the Holy Ghost. He believes that all were filled with the Spirit because children were filled and weeping as they spoke in tongues. One boy's eyes were matted and red, hardly able to open them. They prayed for him and the very next week, his eyes were clear and

healed. Many others were saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit of God. Pastor Troy hosted a dinner for everyone afterwards to honor those in attendance. We thank God for moving through Pastor Troy and Eligeo.

The rains came down and flash floods took houses, roads, and bridges in Santiago, Tecolapan and Samaria to name a few. The International Hwy from the US border to the Yucatan runs through Tecolapan and what normally takes 45 minutes to drive from San Andres to Tecolapan, now takes 4 hours due to the roads washed out.

November - Every November, we had our annual *Garage Sale* fund raiser and all proceeds go to *Casa de Gloria*. This years' proceeds went directly to the flood victims in Tecolapan, Veracruz. This is the first village we lived in right out of language school. God instructed us to raise up a youth group, and teach them dramas so they can evangelize their communities. Julie, who six years ago married a young man from our neck of the woods in Amite, was in this youth group in 1999. We first learned of the flood through her. She was able to acquire some funds from some of her friends to help feed the flood victims for about a month.

Then through Facebook, Karen met up with Oscar, who also was one of the 33 youth in our youth group. He commented that one Saturday morning, his dad called him from Tecolapan to tell him the flood victims needed help. Oscar's dream, when we first met him in 1998, was to learn English, become a translator, and live and work in the US. He accomplished his dream and currently lives in North Carolina. He immediately hopped a plane that same day and started a *GoFundMe* page. With the first funds he received, he was able to buy cleaning supplies, toiletries, underwear, and gas cooktop burners w/ small gas tanks so the people would be able to cook the beans and rice the Government had supplied.

Oscar walked the village making notes and gathered names of the victims and their needs. Karen called *Casa de Gloria's* pastor, Maya, and helped to orchestrate her to meet up with Oscar in Tecolapan to discuss the next step which is acquiring beds for the families in need who lost everything.

We are happy to announce that with the proceeds from the garage sale this year, *Casa de Gloria* commissioned a local carpenter to build 34 full size wooden bed frames and paid a driver to haul them on Saturday, December 9, 2017. With the remaining money they hope to purchase sheets and blankets. (Mattresses were already donated last month by other good samaritans.) *Casa de Gloria* has also collected among the congregation and neighbors winter clothes and pajamas for the cool tropic nights.

Thank you to everyone who donated items, their time, and energy to make our annual November participation in the 15 Mile garage sale a huge success! Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to help make this possible!

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to support our efforts in Mexico. CDG's next need is to purchase a 15 passenger van for transporting groups.

If you are interested in going on a short term mission trip to Veracruz, Mexico in 2018, contact Pat at the number on the top of the page. Next trip is scheduled for January 2018.

Thank you for your continued support of *Casa de Gloria*!

From our house to yours, have a super blessed Christmas and a wonderfully fruitful New Year!

Forever trusting in Him,

Pat & Karen Warren

Your missionaries to Mexico