

## **February 2004 Newsletter**

**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, who has his Master's degree in Theology, 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. We filmed it to be used in our lending library as a resource tool. He is scheduled to teach again in our area on the 25th of January in Calaria. We will continue to film his teachings in hopes to offer them as additional course of study in the Bible school.

**January 6th Kings' Day:** Casa de Gloria spent the morning delivering over 50 bags of toys to various homes in the area. The children were very surprised and happy to receive their toys and candy. Thanks to everyone who donated the items so we could bless the children who normally don't have many toys.

**CLOTHING MINISTRY:** Casa de Gloria's clothing ministry continues to bless people who are without. More racks were put up and clothes were hung making them more readily available to those who are in need. To see the joy on children's faces when they are able to pick out the shoes and clothes they want, is worth a trip here!

## **NEW BIBLE SCHOOLS:**

**ENGLISH CLASSES:** Karen had to suspend classes until G-12 system of evangelism is initiated to allow her the time that is needed to begin the work. She was recently been approached by 7 teachers in Sontecomapan, the town where boats are obtained to cross the lake to La Barra and El Real. The Government is paying teachers to learn English so they will have a better understanding of the language before they teach it to their pupils. When she told them that she uses a Bible based curriculum to teach from, they were quiet. Moments passed when she went to go get them a business card. When Karen returned they were smiling and giggling. Karen asked them what was up, they began to tell her that the way she had presented Jesus made them want classes even the more. One even wanted to send her son to her English class so he could learn more about Jesus. Pray that Karen will only do as the Lord directs and in HIS appropriate timing.

## **BAPTISMS:**

### **ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH:**

One night, after Bible class, Samuel, a professional wrestler of over 15 years, wanders into Casa de Gloria. He motioned to Pat that he wanted to talk to him. Pat could see this man was in a desperate state. He asked Pat to follow him to his hotel because he wanted to show him the potions he uses before a big match. He had several matches in town that week. One was scheduled for the following night. He wished he didn't have to do but felt obligated due to his contract. He wanted to leave his life of fighting behind him. He wished to live in peace, something he's never known. That night, he accepted the Lord into his heart, and "fell like a dead man", twice. He was tremendously touched by the Lord. He wept and wept all the while asking, "What did you do to me?" Through his tears he shared that in his 15 years of wrestling, no one has ever been able to knock him down with such ease and not just one time, but twice. He shared with the class, that he was one of the alcoholics we ministered to on the streets in December. He was one of them that received the physical bread and the Bread of Life. (sandwiches and the word of God.) One of the tracks we passed out, having Casa de Gloria's name on the back, guided him there that night. Pat, Frank, and Thaddeus visited him during the week to consolidate his decision to follow Christ. He did not wrestle that following night and plans to follow Jesus now. Praise God He is allowing us to see fruit of our efforts to minister to the alcoholics on the streets of San Andres. We hope to establish a rehabilitation center here for those wishing to change their ways and quit drinking. Please pray that God, in His timing, will give us a place to begin this ministry.

This month, a homosexual was referred to us by a professed-to-be satan worshiper. Other area churches rejected his plea to change his lifestyle but we welcomed him with God's loving kindness and open arms. One of the Bible school students who has begun a little mission church of his own, sat still and smiled. He said that he loves to come to Casa de Gloria because he can always feel God's presence here. He is

witnessing the Lord bringing people to us and it delights him so. We thank you Lord for those You bring our way. May we be faithful to do the work you have called us to do; to “Go and Make disciples...” It is our desire and also that of the founder of the Waybuilder Program, Bill Bond, to begin a drug and alcoholic rehabilitation center in San Andres Tuxtla. This organization has sent us a representative from their program, Thaddeus Barnes, to help us do just that. Thaddeus has been with us for 2 weeks and adapting to the culture and language quite well. He is learning the language as well as his way around the streets of San Andres Tuxtla. Please pray that in God’s timing and grace, we will be able to reach all those who are ready to make Jesus Lord of their lives.

**FILM MINISTRY:** We had a great time in La Barra this month. We traveled in the *Happier Bus* and set up camp for 2 days out in that little fishing village. We shared 2 movies, three bottles of salsa and over 10 pounds of popcorn, popped on one of our commercial popcorn machines! We estimated serving over 200 people the first night! We pray that seeds sown those nights fall on fertile ground and the La Barra church will disciple that were in attendance.

### **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 IN MEXICO?:**

### **GOD’S MIRACLE PROVISION OF PROTECTION AND CARE:**

The doctor has treated Karen and Thaddeus for stomach infections this month. Thaddeus and Frank said they saw their first miracle.. the doctor made a house call at 9:30 at night just to check on Karen. They said doctors don't make house calls period! He brought his black medical bag over to make sure she was doing ok. And she is Praise God!. God has provided such good care for us! Thank you Jesus for giving protection and love through family here in Mexico! Thaddeus is better now too! He ate something on his bus ride down here that the doctor had to treat him upon his arrival!

Today we went to the Doctors beautiful ranch! He had his guard saddle the horse for Karen to ride. She was doing fine until the horse tripped and fell down trapping her leg underneath the saddle. It was sort of funny because the grass was knee high which made seeing what the condition of the ground was like. Pat, Thaddeus and the Doctor were a piece ahead of her because she had ridden around the property before she met up with them. Thaddeus saw Karen had hesitated about crossing a little brook. He told Pat that she wasn't coming. Pat told him that his wife was a good rider and not to worry because she could make that horse do whatever she wanted. Then they looked up and we were gone. We disappeared in the tall grass. We were both lying flat in the tall grass. Karen pushed herself up to raise up enough for them to see her extended hand and yelled for help She was wearing slip-ons at the time because she had no idea she would be riding that day. Pat, Thaddeus and the doctor, ran over to lift the horse up enough for her to drag her foot from underneath! She was able to slip from out of the shoes saving her leg from any injury. Karen and the horse are fine. Karen got back up on the saddle and continued the ride back to base. Praise God all went well for both of them! She was able to enjoy the ride none the less. As Pat ran to his wife's aid, he had envisioned that unforgettable day in 1995, when Karen's horse Jake sat upon her and she lay near death, happening all over again . After he saw

she was ok...he laughed and regretted not capturing the whole ordeal on camera because it would have been a Kodak moment.

**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.
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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**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.

**January 25th** - Horacio Bibar will be in Calaria teaching on tithes and offerings.

**Feb.** - baptism

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

**May** - Medical missions trip scheduled.

**July 17-19th**, Acayucan Youth Conference.