

## **FEBRUARY 2005 NEWSLETTER:**

### **ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH:**

### **FESTININOS EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH:**

It was good to see the body of Christ work together for the community. A local doctor, loaned us his summer home near La Laguna to hold the event. Julie and her youth group made popcorn while the women of Casa de Gloria cooked homemade Horchata, a rice-based sweet drink, native to this area. Over 400 children from ages 2-14 were invited to attend the Festival. Moses the clown was the party's Master of Ceremony. Pastor Juan Lira and his church performed a couple skits and the youth of Casa de Gloria sang a few Praise and worship songs to entertain the crowd. A salvation message was given and then the gifts were distributed to the kids. The weather was anything but cooperative. It drizzled the whole time making everyone damp enough to not fully enjoy the program prepared for them. It was again a privilege to know and to experience first hand the blessing to give. We witnessed children receiving items in their boxes that were meant specifically for them. One young boy of 10 had his watch stolen during this school year and didn't have the finances to buy another; yet in his box was a watch. His response was, "Look Hermana Karen, God has replaced my watch that was stolen." One 4 year old received a box filled with clothes that fit her perfectly, something that blessed the whole family. Another's response to receiving his gift box, "Wow! There are so many really nice people in this world who really have a heart for others." When we go into their homes on our house visits, the kids are excited to show us their new toys or clothes they received in their boxes.

### **EL REAL AND LA BARRA UNITE:**

Pastor Goyo's son, Prisciliano, decided to leave his family in El Real to seek a better life in the States. He paid a big sum of money to go seek his riches. He was dropped off in the desert of Arizona with 30 others with just a canteen on water, a few cans of tuna and some saltine crackers. The smuggler also gave them some "pills" to help give them strength for the trip. Within the first few hours across the border, Prisciliano twisted his knee, making walking almost impossible. With the pain increasing in his knee, he began to become extremely nervous as they each had to hide behind cacti from border guards that he took his pills more steadily than the others. Anxiety overtaking him, he began to feel parched having drank all his water that he stole water from the others while they slept. He was driven with passion to quench his thirst that he succumbed to drinking his own urine. Lying in the desert's hot sun, almost near death, he called to God to save him. To the surprise of all the others, he lived. His trek landed him at a share croppers home where he laid bedridden for the next few days. He made it to the states but his desire to be there was no longer as realized that God had spared his life. He realized that nothing was more important than his family, wife and children back home. God in His mercy brought him back home safely. He has committed to preach his testimony and lesson learned on this short 2 week trip to the people of El Real and La Barra. He has teamed up with youth

pastor Abraham in La Barra to doing two services a week in the church that closed its doors almost 2 years ago. It has brought unity between the two churches and a new passion to live for Christ in Priciliano.

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Pray for God to continue to supply musical instruments for Casa de Gloria's Celebration Service, i.e....electric guitars, microphones with adjustable stands, sound track tapes or CD's, music scores for keyboard or guitar, etc..
2. Need to purchase a brain for our electric drum set costing approx. \$500.00.
3. Pray for additional International Bible Curriculum materials @\$35.00 per course of 5 –7 lessons each course.(\$5.00 per lesson on CVD) We have Bible School graduates who are hungry for the Fresh Word of God and wish to continue their studies.
4. Pray for the funds to replace the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Trimester International Bible School CVD's that were ruined last year. There are 32 lessons in each of the Trimesters. Cost for each CVD is \$5.00 or \$35.00 per course or \$160.00 for the complete replacement.
5. We would like to have a Radio, CD player, or cassette player for *Caballo Pinto* Van and our Suzuki Sidekick.
6. Interested in a hardtop for our Suzuki Sidekick. The current vinyl top's zipper
7. Please pray about donating Spanish books, videos and/or DVD's, music tracts, CD's or cassettes to our public lending library.
8. Would like to purchase a 3-band cell phone with interchangeable chips for use while stateside or in Mexico, approx. \$150.00.
9. Pray about "sowing seed" into our new building fund.
10. Would like to buy 50 additional stackable plastic chairs for Casa de Gloria @ about \$5.00 each.