

## MARCH 2005 NEWSLETTER:

HAPPY 19<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ASHLEY~ MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> !!!    We love you!

### MOBILE BAZAAR A SUCCESS:

We are so excited with the fellowship among those who are devoting their time and energy to travel with Karen to the various locations of our Mobile Bazaar. We leave the office of Casa de Gloria between 7-8 am on our scheduled days of the bazaar, and are set up by 9:30 in most cases. We close up shop at 3:00 pm and are back home by 4:30-5:00pm. It makes for a long day but the testimonies of bringing God's presence to the community are worth the small effort. Many cannot wait until we return again, commenting that we have enriched their community; while others remain content with their purchases because they purchased items rarely found here and at affordable prices. God is blessing the bazaar! Each week we seem to sell the same amount in pesos whether we have large items or not. We travel with our commercial popcorn maker too, selling hot popcorn (*with hot chili sauce*), during both at the bazaars and the film outreaches in the streets each month. And God is blessing the popcorn sells too! The extra work and outreaches are creating a greater understanding of the vision to grow, and expand our territory while giving opportunity to learn how to evangelize.

### CONFERENCE IN RODRIGUEZ CLARA:

Casa de Gloria was invited to join in the activities of a conference in Rodriguez Clara this month. The pastor of this church, is the mother of our Sunday School teacher, Violet. Violet came to Casa de Gloria back in the Fall and has been a tremendous blessing to the church. She visits her Sunday School students in their homes during the week to see how they are doing and to witness to the parents of their children's progress in the Lord. She has a wonderful rapport with the students and is challenging the kids to be students of the Word. She is the single mother of whom we requested a baby stroller last Fall when we were stateside. God supplied one and Rebecca, her daughter of 1 ½ years loves it! Violet is a beautician and works out of her home giving facials, manicures, and pedicures to the community. The stroller enables Violet to make her scheduled house calls with Rebecca.

Pat and 9 others from Casa de Gloria arrived in Rodriguez Clara not knowing what to expect. Pat felt impressed of the Lord several days earlier that he would be asked to preach, but because of his busyness he dismissed this as a passing thought and didn't prepare a message. It was a good thing Karen packed his tie, because men at the pulpit in this church are required to wear one. Yep, you guessed it, Pat was asked to preach the minute he arrived. The missionary guest speaker, who is now in his 80's and has been traveling in and out of Mexico since 1969; was due to arrive that night but hadn't and the service was about to begin. Praise God the Holy Spirit filled Pat's mouth as he held tight to HIS promise in *Psalms 81:10*; "...Open your mouth wide and I will fill it." as stepped out in faith to share the message to the crowd. As he spoke to between 200-300 people that were inside, outside, and all over the place, he felt he was bringing a fresh drink of

water to the dry and thirsty land. He shared that it was time for the “sheep” to begin to reproduce and prepare themselves for the harvest. He had an altar call and asked for the “sheep” to come pray for the people. It blessed him to see that the first ones to answer the call were those from Casa de Gloria. They were an example to the rest that they were ready to step out in boldness, pray and believe to be used by God. Soon, a few others followed.

Most congregations put their eyes on the Pastor, a mere man, and expect him to do everything. Church, this is a wrong misconception. Jesus commanded us (you and me) in Mat. 28:19; Mark 16:15-18 and to; “Go and preach the gospel...” It’s time church to begin to tell your neighbors, friends, family, coworkers, etc...about Jesus. To win the lost to Christ, we need everyone participating, doing their part to expand the Kingdom of God. Pastors are saying, “We need you”; the sheep reply, “You need us?” and Jesus is telling us, “I need you!”.

#### PUBLIC FILM OUTREACH:

Each month we are holding film outreaches in the streets on our Mega screen in the communities in which we have active cell groups in hopes to teach our members to become Disciples of Christ. After Christ would teach his disciples, he would send them out to put into practice what he had taught. Using this as our model, the cells are asked to visit their neighbors and pray for the ones who receive the Lord the night of the movie. We are seeing more children receive the Lord more readily than the adults. So it appears we are reaching the next generation, the church of the future! “ *[That the children] might not be as their fathers, ...a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.*” Psalm 78:8 Amen!

OLE DON RAFAEL: Don Rafael has been coming around for years, “looking for life” as he likes to say. To the average person on the street, he would appear to be just another poor, old, man begging for a living. But we have grown to know and love him as an honest, child of the King. We met Don Rafael our first year here in San Andres. He had an ugly open gash of a wound on his foot that wasn’t healing. Karen prayed for it and tended to it every time he came by and within no time, it was healed. He still carries an ugly scar of it today, but it’s healed! Now, Don Rafael lives alone, his two children died years ago of alcoholism and about 2 years ago his wife was killed by a hit and run driver. Shortly after his wife died, he came to the house starving, not having eaten in days. Karen fed him and he was soon on his way. He speaks a combination of the dialect, Nauwak and Spanish. We have learned just recently that he leaves his home early in the morning, locking up his humble home, to journey into town. He walks from house to house, store to store looking for substance... “for life”. We never quite understood exactly what he meant by this until one day he told us. He has no one to look after him. No one to cook for him. No one to talk to. No one to visit. No friends nor family who can care for him. Don Rafael must be in his late 80’s. He has a sound mind. He is also very fit, as he walks

miles every day to and from his home. Pat led him to Jesus several years ago and he has since carried a smile upon his face. When asked if he has eaten, he will let you know the truth one way or another because as we found out, he's not begging for material things... but pleading for substance in which to live another day with Jesus. Pray for Don Rafael's safety in his travels, and good health in his old age.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

March 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Film outreach in Caravaca 7 pm –till.

March 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Pat will pick up a few from La Barra in *The Happier Bus*. It will be their host for the weekend as they minister in song and the Word to a nearby community of Huidero.

March 5<sup>th</sup>~ Alcoholic outreach takes to the streets of San Andres Tuxtla 7:00 am. due to the postponing of Feb.26<sup>th</sup>.

March 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Pat will transport several area teens to a Youth Meeting in Calaria.

March 5<sup>th</sup>~ The mobile Bazaar goes to La Laguna Encantada in San Andres Tuxtla.

March 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> ~ Pat will be taking *The Happier Bus* to transport a group of 9<sup>th</sup> graders from a public school, on a series of field trips in this area this week from 2:30-6:00pm.

March 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Karen is holding a Women's Video Seminar in Casa de Gloria, 8:00-5:00.

March 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Pastors Unity Meeting at the Waterfall Church, 8:30am.

March 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Unity in the community prayer vigil 8:00 P.M.- 12:00 PM. Surrounding churches gather together to pray for our city of San Andres Tuxtla and beyond.

March 19<sup>th</sup>~ The mobile Bazaar goes to Kilómetro 3 in San Andres Tuxtla.

March 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Banner workshop in Casa de Gloria.

March 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Youth conference with Pastor Jose Luis Tadeo's church in Buena Vista, San Andres Tuxtla. The youth have captured the vision of the necessity of being united as one in Christ. Now what was once a church function is being opened up to include the surrounding youth groups.

March 26<sup>th</sup>~ Alcoholic outreach takes to the streets of San Andres Tuxtla 7:00 am.

April 1-2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Encounter in Acayúcan.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Casa de Gloria's Baptism and Celebration service in La Barra.

April 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Mobile Bazaar is on the move.

April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Women's Video Seminar in La Barra.

April 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Beaux's 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Conference in Acayucan.

April 21,22,23 ~ 2nd Annual "Kingdom Conquerors" Conference in San Andres Tuxtla.

April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Unity in the Community Prayer Vigil at the Waterfall church, 8:00pm- 12:00pm.

May- July ~ planning a 2 month trip up to Louisiana to renew U.S. Passport; Mexican van visa; Beaux's wisdom teeth surgery in Oklahoma; and to perform a wedding ceremony and much, much more!

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Every Monday ~ 6:00-8:30 pm Cell group in house of Hilario y Sonia.  
Every Tuesday ~ Julie visits the area hospitals with a few of the members of Casa de Gloria.  
Every Wednesday ~ 5:00-6:00 pm Tambourine dance classes in Casa de Gloria.  
Every Wednesday ~ 7:00-10:00 pm Video Bible School.  
Every Thursday ~6:00-8:30 pm Cell group in house of Beto y Inés.  
Every Friday ~ 6:00-8:30 pm Youth Cell group meets in Casa de Gloria headed by Julie.  
Every Sunday ~ 9:00am - till Celebration Services in Casa de Gloria.  
Last Saturday of every month~ Street evangelism/ministry to the alcoholics on the streets of San Andres Tuxtla.  
Every other Saturday~ Mobile Bazaar goes to the communities of San Andres Tuxtla and beyond 9:00am – 4:00pm.

### PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Looking for like new/nearly garage sale items to put in our Mobile Bazaar to bring them back with us in July.
2. Pray for God to continue to supply musical instruments for Casa de Gloria's Celebration Service, i.e....electric guitars, bass guitars, microphones with adjustable stands, sound track tapes or CD's, music scores for keyboard or guitar, etc...and the musicians needed to play them.
3. Need to purchase a brain for our electronic drum set costing approx. \$500.00.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. We would like to have a Radio, CD player, or cassette player for *Caballo Pinto* Van and our Suzuki Sidekick.
7. Interested in obtaining a hardtop for our Suzuki Sidekick. The current vinyl top's zippers are broken and makes it easy for thievery. Our CD player was recently stolen because of it's easy access.
8. Please pray about donating Spanish books, videos and/or DVD's, music tracts, CD's or cassettes to our public lending library.
9. Could use Children's Church prizes such as: stickers, trinkets, bracelets, pencils, erasers, small toys, etc...

10. Would like to purchase a 3-band cell phone with interchangeable chips for use while stateside or in Mexico, approx. \$150.00.
11. Pray about “sowing seed” into our new building fund. We are believing for a bigger facility not just for Casa de Gloria because we are cramped but a large enough building that would benefit the whole community and area churches.
12. Would like to buy 50 additional stackable plastic chairs for Casa de Gloria @ about \$5.00 each.