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Also, need to have a permanent section for those wishing to make contributions, although I liked the photo montage.

On May 9th, 2003, Pat and Karen celebrate their 23rd Wedding Anniversary!

Franklin Graham Children's Festival:

It was an awesome experience to work with the Franklin Graham Ministry in Veracruz last month. Franklin Graham is the son of Evangelist Billy Graham. They have a plan and vision for reaching the lost. They organized and trained us for months for the 4 day campaign. . It is an excellent plan to grow a church!

Casa de Gloria was allotted 2 buses to transport her guests to Veracruz for the Graham Fest. (70% who went were not saved; 50% children between the ages of 6-14) Although living in Mexico for over 5 years, you would think we would be accustomed to the manana mentality or adapt to it, but we have not. Some things are hard to break. We planned and organized for this day for months. We knew we needed to leave San Andres Tuxtla for 5:30 am in order to make the Children's Program at the Stadium for 8:30am. So we told everyone to be at the bus stop for 4:00 AM, this much we *have* learned, getting the people to meet one hour before the event scheduled. What we failed to take into account was the bus line. Thinking the bus lines pretty much stay on schedule, we told them we wanted to leave for 5:30 AM. Well, 6:45 AM rolled around and we were still waiting for the bus driver. Both buses finally got off and running but we arrived at the Children's Fest 2 hours late.

We were then a bit disappointed to be seated in the overflow area, which was in the parking lot of the Soccer stadium, to watch the program on a big screen much like what Pat uses three days a week with his film evangelism. A musical skit was being projected with some whimsical characters, played by children. Karen was beside herself wondering what in the world was she doing here watching this silly skit on big screen when she noticed it had actually captured the attention of *all* the kids **and** *their parents*. They were actually enjoying this silly production. When it came time for the altar call, the most amazing thing happened. Almost all the children that we brought with us, went forward to receive Jesus into their hearts, including a few adults! Karen later asked some of the kids what they thought about the skit, with smiles and giggles, they shared of their favorite characters and scenes. Weeks have since past and we are still hearing Beaux's friends singing the songs they learned from this skit.

We had several hours of recess between the kids-fest and the message to be brought by Franklin Graham in the evening, so we divided into groups and went in several different directions. Some stayed on the buses eating their lunches and resting up for the night, while others caught taxis or walked to various spots of interest in the port city of Veracruz. Our bus driver offered to take his bus to the beach. So we caught a ride with him and then left the beach comers by taxi for a short visit to the local Wal-mart. Yes, Wal-mart! When your only chance to go to one that is three hours away, you grab at the chance! Besides we had like 5 hours to kill! ha!

We reconvened at 5:00 P.M. and took our seats inside the stadium only to find that the

stage was in the far end of the field and a wide screen was set up next to it making it equally hard to see whoever was on stage! So now, the overflow parking lot with mega screen was looking even better. But we rested in the seats we chose and waited 2 hours for the Hope Festival to begin.

Franklin Graham preached a simple salvation message using Luke 15:14 as his scripture reference. It was hard to believe that this time, only 2 men who came with us, responded to the altar call. One teen said he had heard that same message 5 times. One day soon, we pray he will respond by making Jesus Lord of his life. We will continue to lead the people to the “Living water” (Jesus) in hopes they will drink.

We spent five weeks preparing to be counselors for this event and it paid off when we were able to help lead the children and adults in the prayer of salvation during the altar calls in the morning and evening services. The biggest thing that impressed us the most was the months of preparation it took to pull such an enormous event off. It was bathed in much prayers. In fact, we fasted and prayed for 40 days with many believers throughout our state of Veracruz, Mexico and beyond. We participated in the *San Andres or St. Andrew Fishers of Men* prayer strategy where we listed those we wished to disciple and cover them in prayer. Without any advance notice, we were given one day to get signatures from the parents of all the children under the age of 14 that we wanted to invite. Thinking it to be a difficult task since none of the children or parents knew we were even planning on inviting them, proved us to be wrong. When we approached each and every one, we were met with smiles and much enthusiasm and excitement. Some of parents of Karen’s English students had never physically met Karen before. When she approached them to invite their children to Veracruz and they were eager to sign the permission forms because of the good reports they had heard about her. Praise God all went well and everyone enjoyed their trip.

March for Glory:

We had a great time this year at the march. We met at the designated hour and march down the International Highway proclaiming Jesus as Lord. We stopped traffic for a bit but everyone seemed to be very respectful of it all. Songs and banners were lifted up exalting HIS GLORIOUS NAME through the streets of San Andres Tuxtla. About 150 people participated in this year’s march passing out tracts along the route. We were met with many curious on lookers, perched from their roof tops, gazing at the procession. We convened at the park where different area churches led Praise and Worship before a brief evangelistic word was brought forth.

During Praise and worship, the Lord told Pat to drop to his knees to pray. He hesitated because he was wearing shorts and thought about his knees burning on the hot cement. But the Lord reassured him they would be ok. To his amazement, his knees never even got hot on that noon-day sun scorched park pavement. Then when the leader of intercessory prayer spoke, while on his knees, Pat felt the ground shake knowing we were making spiritual progress.

We were grateful for the monumentous occasion to sing and worship Our Lord in Central Park! It may very well be the first time Christians were given the opportunity to proclaim HIS name on high in front of the government building and next to the monstrous Catholic

Cathedral which practices idol worship and witchcraft. We are excited God allowed us to be part of this day.

SEEING WITH VISION:

We'd like to introduce you to a new found friend in Christ, Chano. Chano never had the privilege of going to school as most young people in our country. He had to help support his family and was sent out in the fields to spray crops at a very young age years. While on the job at nine years old, he opened his pressurized spray can without releasing all the pressure. It spewed the chemicals into his eyes leaving him permanently blind.

We met Chano about a year ago while film evangelizing. We are inspired by his smile and great sense of humor which he never leaves home without. Chano and his wife Rosa have been married for 2 years, lost 2 babies due to premature births, and are expecting again in late July/early August. Please join with us in prayer for a full term healthy baby. Rosa has recently spent several lonely days in the local hospital threatening to lose this baby. We have a good report to date, the baby is healthy and normal but she is not out of danger yet. She is home resting at this writing. Please pray that Rosa's uterus will be strengthened by God to carry this baby to full term.

Chano and Rosa attend our Sunday Morning services and have recently begun to attend our Bible classes held mid-week in Casa de Gloria. Between Pat's teaching and the bible course teaching on evangelism, Chano has caught the vision! He may not be able to see physically but there's nothing wrong with his spiritual eyes. Most days Rosa is found leading him from house to house evangelizing in his neighborhood, which is just down the road from our new home. Chano, is a blessing to know and an inspiration to watch. He reminds Pat of a song we used to sing: "...the Holy Ghost and Fire is burning in my soul. Lord, it's my desire, to give you full control." Have you given God full control of your soul? If so, let's allow that fire to set others on aflame! If you are going to finish the race you need to begin to run. Amen!

CLOWN MINISTRY:

The clowns ministered to an excited group of youngsters this month. Through an invitation announced over the microphone, around 88 kids in our neighborhood poured out of their houses to fill the chairs patiently awaiting them. With the exception of a handful who were on vacation, all the children who participated with us in Veracruz, also came to the Mini-crusade held at the Warren home on the following Saturday, April 19th, to pick up their Shoebox gifts promised them by the Franklin Graham Samaritan Purse Organization. Many new kids from our neighborhood who participated in the Mini-crusade are scheduled to pick up their shoebox gifts on Sunday, May 4th in Casa de Gloria during a special Evangelistic Children's service held in their honor.

We were blessed to see many children and some adults came forward for the special invitation to receive Christ into their hearts as their Lord and Savior. Please be in prayer that God will continue to touch the lives of everyone who made this commitment to serve the Lord and change them forever. We plan to continue to reach out to them by means of film evangelism and other youthful events in our neck of the woods.

The clown ministry did another great job as they were instrumental in leading over 50 children and parents in the prayer of salvation. Please be in prayer that God will minister to all those who have never made the commitment to make Jesus Lord and Savior of their lives. The fields are white and ready for the harvest! Please pray that God will also send

the laborers as we hope to begin cell groups to continue to reach these families

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Our son Jacob will be having to make a decision on May 7th to have back surgery for a ruptured disc. Please pray that God's will be done and His healing power to touch Jacob!

2. Ministry tools:

A. Over head projector for use in Casa de Gloria's church service, English classes, and banner making. (We can purchase one in Veracruz between \$200-300. US.)

B. Band instruments: drum set, bass guitar with speaker set, & keyboard, etc...for praise and worship service in Casa de Gloria. We can purchase them in Mexico City for \$25% more than if found stateside.

C. We are in need of the following:

1. Chick tracts in Spanish of various themes or topics (\$3.25 US per package of 25)

2. Spanish New Testaments (case of 100 for \$150.00 US or 50 for \$37.50 US

depending on the version and style)

3. Booklets of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in Spanish (case of 200 for \$30.00-\$45.00 US). 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 information as to where and how to go about ordering them.

D. Spanish Region 1 and/or 4 Christian DVD's or videos (\$20.00-30.00 US each) for our film ministry and lending library.

E. Video camera to film ministry activities for film presentations in states.

F. Digital camera for newsletter use.

G. Good sturdy plastic chairs for church service and evangelistic outreaches. (Can be purchased here.)

H. 15 passenger Van to replace the old white jalopy who's on it's last leg. **(Praise God it still gets us around where God wants us to go.)**

Specifically we would like to have the following in a van:

burgundy color,

1 ton or 3/4 ton,

heavy suspension,

large enough motor for pulling trailer and climbing mountains

a towing package with brakes to pull the trailer.

good or excellent working condition,(so we can give the local mechanics and banks a break)

A/C in good working condition is a plus,

new tires,

CD/cassette player is another added plus.

God wants us to be specific when we pray so we would appreciate it if you would agree

with us on the van we need and desire.

Schedule of Events:

May 2 - Beaux to hold evangelistic film campaign in front of our home in hopes of reaching our neighbors for Christ.

May 3- Alcoholic Outreach on the streets of San Andres Tuxtla 7:00 am-10:00 am

May 4th - Mini-Children's Crusade in Casa De Gloria. Pray for us as we reach the neighborhood children at a special Children's service held in their honor. 88 children are registered to receive Shoebox gifts from the Graham ministry. Pray that God will guide the hands of those giving them out to place them in the rightful owner's hands.

May 9th- Pat and Karen celebrate their 23 Wedding Anniversary.

May 17th- Mini-Children Crusades in La Barra and El Real to hand out Samaritan Purse Shoebox gifts to the children.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Every Sunday, we visit La Barra (beach church) and/or El Real (Bayside Church) after church service in Casa de Gloria at 9:00 am.

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

Every Monday and Friday from 4:00pm-8:30pm Karen has English classes in Casa de Gloria where she teaches from the Word of God.

Every Tuesday from 10:00am-2:00pm, Karen opens Casa de Gloria to distribute free clothes/shoes and offers prayer and the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who passes through the door. **(Suspended until further notice.)**

Every Wednesday and Thursday night from 8:00pm-9:30pm, 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 on the weekends.

Every last Saturday morning of the month we hold an Alcoholic outreach in San Andres Tuxtla. to try to be a more effective witness to the lost and hurting in our city.

Every Saturday from 10:00am -3:00 pm, Karen holds a streamer/flag/banner workshop in San Andres Tuxtla in Casa de Gloria where she teaches how to make them. Once they are equipped with their "arms" she will teach them how to use them via video and live demonstrations

LOOKING FOR TEAMS TO COME BE A PART OF A WHAT GOD IS DOING IN VERACRUZ.

If you or a team from your church feel lead to participate in any of the areas below, then we would like to invite you in the infamous words of "The Price is Right's" host, Bob Barker, to **"COME ON DOWN!"**

Basic Principles Implications:

Construction teams needed for House repair: to replace a roof on the existing house, add a roof on the unfinished portion of the existing house, paint exterior and interior walls, and do any elec. or plumbing repairs needed. We will attend services in various churches in the surrounding area in the evenings allowing the team to experience the

Mexican culture in addition preach or present their personal testimonies and/or programs in the local churches . Would love to see the church take care of the single moms!!

Also, Pastor Goyo would like to have indoor bathroom with plumbing.

Week Tract Drops in which you provide the tracks to be distributed during the stay.

Vacation Bible school during the Christmas, Easter holidays or summer 2003. You and your church team could teach children about Jesus our Savior.

Clown teams will have opportunities to go into a school, city parks, churches, & villages to “minister” before an evangelistic film showing. Each team must be equipped with their own costumes, make-up, routines and bag of tricks.. etc..

Painting Teams in which participants will assist local churches in general building maintenance.

Church Building Teams as participants literally help build a worship facility for a local community of believers.

Roof Project Teams will oversee the repairs of roofs on church facilities and individual homes.

House Repairs Teams will be involved in the repair of some of the area individual homes

Pray Walk Teams to walk through areas of San Andres and Catemaco hosts of the International Occult Headquarters.

Sports Tournament Teams host sports tournaments as an evangelistic outreach. Volleyball, basketball and soccer are popular sports here.

The Arts Ministry Teams to use the performing arts like clowns, dance, mime and drama as an outreach .

Teaching Teams in which classes designed to build up and equip the local Mexican Body of Christ will be conducted.

Areas of interest for the teaching teams are:

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

2. **General Health care and/or nutrition**

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

4. **Music lessons** (drums, keyboard, and guitar. They play all of these but with no method or madness. Some of them have never been taught the use of rhythm etc..)

All the above are much needed and your helping hand extended can help change the lives of your family in Christ here in Veracruz, Mexico.