

# **JUNE NEWSLETTER**

## **HAPPY FATHERS DAY JUNE 16, 2002**

### **CASA DE GLORIA:**

Let us tell you what the Lord is doing in the clothing ministry. We are seeing approximately 70 people each week pass through our doors. They are first seated in the classroom where they watch an evangelistic film while they wait to go upstairs to receive their free clothes/shoes. God told Karen that she was offering clothes to everyone who wanted them.....free...and that she must also offer them the opportunity of their lifetime.....the FREE gift of salvation. Karen shares with them God's love for them, often showing them what the bible says. Then she asks them point blank if they wish to accept her offer of a personal relationship with Christ. So far, everyone who is not a Christian has taken her up on her offer. What happens after this is between them and God. Karen's job is only to offer them a personal relationship with Jesus, the Holy Spirit will have to do the rest. The list of everyone who passes through our doors is being offered to the Pastors to check weekly so they may visit those in their area, follow up on their decision to make Jesus Lord of their lives and invite them to church and/or help to disciple them. Since we have started a Home Church, those who live close by and choose to, will have a place that they can be fed the Word of God. We have had many Catholics and Mormons, say the prayer of salvation. It appears many are doing it to appease Karen, but she tells them this is something between them and God and she cannot nor has the right to judge their hearts. Everyone is prayed over before they leave, that God may bless them and enrich their lives.

During one of the special prayer times, two elderly Catholic women from the same colony, put Karen's hands on their infirmities wanting her to pray for them, demonstrating that prayer is an international language and knows no denominational boundaries.

It was after an altar call, that Julie, a young lady from Tecolapan who is currently living with us, noticed a bra strap hanging from the front of the lady's dress making her breast seem a little lopsided. She shyly approached the lady to inquire of her contents in her bra. All this was happening unbeknownst to Karen, until the lady, who was next to her, began to discreetly show us that 'only' her money pouch was in her bra but was discreetly trying to conceal a bra, which she meant to steal. Karen caught on real quick to what was happening. As the lady went to show us her money pouch, she loudly proclaimed that it was the only thing in her bra. Karen, seeing the bra strap exposed, reached in her dress and pulled the bra out laying it on the table and without skipping a beat, told her... "And this bra too." The group of ladies quickly exited the building giggling because they got caught trying to steal from Casa de Gloria. Pat who was seated in the room observing the

whole ordeal couldn't believe his eyes as to what had just transpired. He turned to Ashley and amused, "Please tell me that Karen just didn't pull a bra from that lady's dress after she led her in the prayer of salvation?" Laughter filled the room as even Karen couldn't believe the boldness that over took her at that moment. We laughed about that all day long. Praise God we can laugh about such things. If only she had asked, she would have received it. God caught her in her actions and hopefully convicted her of her old man instincts. Pray that God will continue to demonstrate His love for them in a mighty outward way.

Many mismatched dishes were donated to Casa de Gloria this year. They became a real blessing to the mothers' in El Real and La Barra. The children were able to give their Mother's the dishes as a token of their love for them. A bowl here, a plate there, would not bless a Mom in the states like they do here; one man's discards is another man's treasures.

### **TELE-BIBLE SCHOOL:**

Classes began Thursday night, May 23<sup>rd</sup> with 16 students enrolling. This is a 14 month course of study offering diplomas to all graduates. Casa de Gloria has had a little opposition from the very ones who organized and participated in the Unity March last month. Seems they cannot accept the fact that we have allowed Baptists, Catholics, and Pentecostals to enroll in the International Bible School together. We don't know what they were expecting to come from it all but we are seeing the fruit of the "Unity March".. Pray that God will continue to open the eyes of the "blind" and the ears of the "deaf" so that they may hear the true Word of God that sets people free. May He use these classes to prepare His people to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Mat.28:19-20.

### **ENGLISH CLASSES:**

English classes continue to be a blessing. Beaux has joined Karen as her new teaching assistant, helping her with her 4 -10 year old class. The kids respond positively to his leadership skills. Enrollment continues to increase weekly. Karen is training her students' ears to be able to listen, respond and do whatever she tells them in English. The students in her evening classes are already speaking and demonstrating good listening skills.

### **ACAYUCAN OUTREACH:**

'The "talk on the street" is the alcoholics are leaving and returning changed.' This was spoken to us by Pastor's Horacio and Tonia Vivar. They are hearing positive talk from the local townspeople. In April, Pat brought five (5) men to the rehabilitation center in Chiapas. All five are doing very well in the program. They are working, studying, and gaining their health back. This month we were met with several new faces, again; shockingly, some are men of affluence. The neighbors even confirmed their stories to be true. Such honesty comes forth from them as they share of their "old lives". Three men,

have since died in the streets from the effects of their doings. Now many are eager to go with us to Chiapas, where they have a greater opportunity to change their old way of doing things. Please continue to lift these men up as God does an inner work in them.

### **A LETTER FROM THE CALVA FAMILY:**

Mike and Mary Calva worked beside us for a few weeks. Here is a letter we wish to share with everyone in hopes it will encourage others to come visit and/or work beside us in Mexico.

My first impression of the Warren family is that they are very well acclimated to Mexico, they seem equally at home leading an urban teen to the Lord in San Andres Tuxtla (a city of 150,000), or praying for supernatural healing in a small casa set in a village far from the comforts of medical care.

Holy Spirit has envisioned them with an equally diverse set of ministries.

You have probably heard that Pat frequently shows Christian movies in the more remote areas. What I have seen first hand is a man who

"Has Movie Theatre, will travel". The not-so-obvious ministry of this is that he is teaching churches to do their own outreach. I

guess if I were writing a resume I would begin to talk about leading the local church into a paradigm shift, teaching leadership skills,

envisioning leadership, changing corporate culture. But here in the Body of Christ he simply serves the local body, allowing them

to take part in outreach. I witnessed the Local Church in Cabada convert a local street into a movie theatre, lead worship,

introduce the movie, preach, hold an altar call, and minister to the people within a few hours. Their outreach team consisted of the pastor, a series of

speakers, and a young man who had only been a Christian for 1 year (already preaching); these people were equally at home setting up,

taking down, preaching, ministering, and interceding during the movie. They have had servant leadership modeled to them in Pat,

and long only to see the Kingdom of God expanded.

Casa de Gloria is the spearhead of their ministries in the city of San Andres Tuxtla. This "storefront" is selling the essence of faith

in action. You can easily see the administrative skills of Karen here as this is a well run place that's organized and infused with

the Love of the Lord Jesus. Here clothes are distributed, people are lead to the Lord, prayers for healing are offered up, and English

is taught as a second language. Karen spends two full days a week teaching English to people from 4 to 80 years old. A day of clothing

distribution consisted of 4 families blessed with a suit of clothes for each member, the Love of the Lord shared, The movie of Jesus

shown, and one person lead in the prayer of Salvation. Oh and that was the first 35 minutes...

Our family attended the very first service of the new church that the Warren family is starting in their home. We were met with lively

worship, Spirit lead teaching, and prayer ministry. Holy Spirit is in the business of building something powerful here. It was wonderful to be at the birth of a new ministry.

Their large house near the center of San Andres is often serving as a bed and breakfast for people who are on the way home, to the hospital, to the doctor, or in crisis. They are met with open arms, and the kind of new testament hospitality that provides real physical needs as well as spiritual counsel and leadership.

Their children (they are children only in years, but in every other way I call them my brother and sister in Christ) have their own ministry. They wouldn't describe it as such, but at risk of embarrassing them, I will say a few words...

Ashley is a friendly face that speaks Spanish, and has every shop, vendor, and price in the whole city memorized. Anything we need, she knows where to find it, and will gladly take us there. A hint to any of you thinking of coming down here, she loves cheese cake! She has a beautiful voice, when you catch her singing, and easily slips into worship. The Lord has also gifted her with a powerful spirit of intercession, and she quickly slips into operating in the Spirit. The only thing I don't understand is the Bum Equipment T-shirts!

Beaux, in addition to being a wonderful friend to my son Brian, found himself being a bit stretched. Beaux wound up being my interpreter in El Real, for the first time he found himself in front with a microphone and 80 people waiting to hear him speak. We prayed before hand to remove the butterflies, and I couldn't ask for a better interpreter.

Beaux, you can interpret for me anytime. And don't forget the man you laid hands on in El Real, remember? He began to weep when you started to pray for him. Holy Spirit really does work through you!

In short, if your looking for a short term mission trip, consider Los Tuxtla and the Warren Family. We are hoping to return to this area and help them again, although it feels as though we received more than we gave. We would love to meet you here! If that is not your call, then as you can see they need all the support, and the intercession that's possible. The Kingdom of God Expands here!

Thanks,

Love,

Mike and Mary.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Someone once said, that when partners in Christ contribute, we have a war chest of funds and/or prayers to draw from.

1. Please continue to lift Victoria up in prayer. The doctors seem to think she will need another 3 or 4 years of Chemotherapy. The government supplies the treatments which are said to run about \$40,000. US . She is expected to supply her

own transportation to Xalapa every 15 days which is costing the family about \$100.00 US. a month, which is a tremendous hardship on her family. Her mother, who has accompanied her on some of her most recent trips, only eats what her daughter doesn't eat of the hospital food. Like most young teens, she too doesn't have much to say of their food. ☺ If you feel led to help defer their expenses by giving a donation, please send it directly to Pat and Karen's stateside address making the check out to Pat or Karen Warren, 20042 East Bell Road, Amite, La. 70422. If you would like to send a tax deductible donation, send a check to their home church; Grace Harbor Family Church, P.O. Box 662, Folsom, La. 70437-0662 designating it to the Warren Warriors/Victoria.

2. Ruth, the 2 year old daughter of Juan and Martha of La Barra, is doing well. Thanks to all who prayed for her. Please continue to pray for her health as she will need to gain some weight and remain in good health if she plans to have her cleft pallet repaired in an upcoming surgical campaign sponsored by the local hospitals. No dates are set as of yet which should give her time to better her condition.
3. Please pray about sponsoring an alcoholic. One five month stay in the spirit-filled, medically equipped rehabilitation facility, is now costing us about \$30.00 per person. This one-time sponsorship would bless a chain of people. For instance, Pastors Horacio and Tonia, who have the heart of the Good Samaritan, trying to reach the lost and hurting in their area; the rehabilitation center which is run by missionaries from Texas; the alcoholics themselves, who are there to change their way of living, and the Warren Warriors, who are currently helping all of the above. Please prayerfully consider this need. Also, continue to pray for the men on the streets and the men in the rehabilitation center, that God will continue to do an inner work in their lives. If you wish to sponsor an alcoholic, please follow the same steps in #1 but designate it "Alcoholics".

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Every Sunday, we visit La Barra and/or El Real after our home cell group 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 Karen has English class in Casa de Gloria where she teaches from the Word of God.

Every Tuesday from 10-2, Karen opens Casa de Gloria to distribute free clothes/shoes and offers prayer and the gospel of Jesus Christ to those in need.

Every Wednesday night Pat has a general organizational/prayer meeting for those interested in reaching their city for Christ.

Every Wednesday and Thursday night, The International School of the Bible classes are held on CVD in Casa de Gloria.

June 15 Acayucan alcoholic outreach with Pastors Horacio and Toni Vibar.