

June 2003 Newsletter

FILM EVANGELISM AT OUR DOORSTEPS: Beaux showed a film in our neighborhood May 2 y 16th. It's the third evangelistic outreach to our neighborhood since we moved to our new location in February. The first for Beaux, by himself. He set up the projector, seats, and invited everyone via microphone. 85 people came to watch *Road to Redemption*, a new Billy Graham production the first time and not quite as many the second but God still touched 15 hearts! Everyone is expectantly waiting for an another movie!
For the next few days, we had our neighbors come with homemade hot tamales; sharing with us how wonderful the movies were and how they revealed how they should act and behave.

ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH:

We felt a breakthrough upon the completion of May's street ministry. A few on the streets were happy to see us pull up. Some ran to the van hungry for the sandwiches we bring, telling us they hadn't eaten for days. Many were open and attentive this month. Some asked some good biblical questions making it obvious that seeds that had previously been sown and were dormant are beginning to sprout and take growth.

Pat and Karen had a surprise visit from one of these men. Javier, an alcoholic of 17 years began drinking at the age of 28. Javier moped through our doors reeking of such a life of alcohol. He was crying and very depressed. He wanted to commit suicide to end his life of misery. He brought pictures of his family and cried with every glance at them. We had the privilege of leading him to the Lord. On our follow up visits, we found him doing quite well. For over a month now, he has been faithfully coming to Casa de Gloria's Bible class every week and our Celebration service on Sunday mornings. He went back to work and is doing well at this writing. His countenance has changed as well as his appearance. He looks and feels stronger and will tell you he is happier since he has Jesus in his heart. He's a changed man. Please continue to pray with us that the battle that plagued Javier will be continue to be overcome by the Blood of the Lamb that resides in HIM.

MINI-CHILDREN'S CRUSADE IN LA BARRA AND EL REAL :

We filled both our vehicles with groups from the three churches that participated in last months Mini-Children's crusade and headed to La Barra on Saturday, May 17th, for an early morning service and then on to El Real to do an evening service. Both churches were filled with expectant children and everyone enjoyed the puppets, dramas and songs.

The highlight of both of these events was when many of the children received Jesus as Lord and savior of their lives! When we passed out the Samaritan Purse gift boxes the joy and excitement on the kids faces made all the effort and time put into these mini-crusades worth it all!

The neatest thing for us though, was to see three churches working together in an evangelistic mode for 2 other churches. So there were five churches laboring in the field together for the same purpose and goal, to reach the lost! Amen!

Pat and Karen have been believing for unity amongst the brethren in the San Andres Tuxtla area. Please join in our prayers to see the body of Christ united!

PRAISE REPORTS:

1) Pastor Goyo of El Real, and his sons have recently gone back fishing to support their families. Last week they went out and caught over 2 tons of fish in just 2 days. He's using one of his boats the banks wanted to repossess but have yet to decide what they will do with them. His teenage

son Santiago, hasn't had an epileptic attack in over a year and they feel comfortable declaring his healing. (You may remember that one of their sons 3 or 4 years, died of an attack while fishing.) Praise God for HIS grace over them. We are believing for a big blessing for this family as they have been faithful through the storms of life that have hit them hard over the last 4 years. May God continue to bless them. We want the people of El Real to see the Glory of God over them and their land. We believe this is a beginning point for God's anointing to pour forth and HIS timing. 2.)The Co-Pastor in La Barra, Abram, approached Pat one Sunday to show him of God's infinite mercy and love. Abram, a fisherman by trade, had huge warts, the size of red beans, on both of his hands. We prayed over them asking God to heal his hands quite a few months back never thinking of it again. Praise God HE never forgets or forsakes us! He healed Abram's hands and we give HIM all the glory!

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. **Our son Jacob**, on July 31st, will have back surgery for a condition the doctors have labeled Spondylolisthesis. It is our desire to be there for him. We need prayer for his healing and concerning our visas, because they are due at this time. If they don't come in time, we will have to file for permission to leave the country which will cost an additional \$100.00 making the total this year to around \$500.00. We don't know if this permission will effect our re-entry or if there are any time limit factors included. Please pray that God's will be done and His healing power to touch Jacob!

2. We are believing for God to bring "**Joshuas**" to come forward to work along side us.

3. 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. Rent another local for Casa de Gloria ministries. We have out grown our present location.

D. 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.

F. Digital camera for newsletter use and presentation use. They are much cheaper to use than standard 35 mm cameras.

G. 100 good sturdy plastic chairs for church service and evangelistic outreaches. (Can be purchased here for \$5.00 each.)

H. Video duplicating machine to be used for our Bible school, video lending library, and film ministry use. (\$250.00)

I. 25" TV's and VCR's to be used for additional Bible schools we plan to raise up in the surrounding areas.

J. Commercial popcorn machine for film ministry use, who likes watching a movie without free popcorn?

K. 15 passenger Diesel 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:

Diesel (this will cut our gas expenses almost half since gas is right at \$2.50 per gallon and rising and Diesel fuel is still around \$1.70)

burgundy color, with gray or black interior

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 full size tires,

CD/cassette player is another added plus.

Doesn't have to be brand new but must be in good working condition, and preferably no rust.

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:

June 15 - Casa de Gloria's first water baptism

June 21st -Alcoholic outreach on the streets of San Andres Tuxtla

June 23rd-30th - planning a visit to glean lots of neat ministry ideas and pick up a few new effective ministry tools from seasoned missionaries Galen and Vada Scott in Merida, Yucatan and Phil and Marianne Chain of Mexico Missions in Cancun.

July 1-6 VBS (Vacation Bible School) and film evangelism in Valle de Uxpanapan

July 17-19 Youth conference in Acayucan

July 20 -plan to head to Louisiana for furlough.

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 it seems 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.

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