

MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PATRICIO!! JULY 24TH !

FAVOR OF GOD WHILE STATESIDE:

God's mercy, grace and provision never cease to amaze us! He is such a caring God and takes the time to see that the smallest details in our lives are cared for. In all our years on the field, never have we seen the favor of God so profound upon our lives as we have this past year and more recently this May and June. This was the first time since 1997, that we actually rested and enjoyed ourselves on a *real* - no work, furlough. *Thank you, Lord!*

Our trip up was long yet uneventful, Praise God. We started to feel refreshed from everything on our second day of a much needed time of furlough, when we were invited on a little excursion with the immediate family. The men folk in the family were treated to a tour of the beautiful Plantations in Saint Francisville while the women had a riveting opportunity to see the famously acclaimed Irish dance troupe, River Dance live in New Orleans! Both were refreshing and a joy to attend! *Thank you, Lord!*

Later we traveled to a family reunion in West Point, GA where we saw and met family for the first time in almost 16 years. More quality time with the family was spent at a couple of weddings, visiting friends at a Lake Front home where the kids enjoyed two days of water sports, the movies with friends, and a day at Six Flags in New Orleans, all donated by God through generous supporters of His ministry, Casa de Gloria, for our brief enjoyment. *Thank you, Lord!*

Pat and Karen were delighted to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. God continued to pour out his blessings upon us by giving us special permission to enter the 'closed to the public' Zemurray Park in Loranger for a private and intimate picnic. Pat surprised Karen by arranging this romantic escapade where they kissed for the first time. Their celebration continued as the Lord used several people to help arrange and bless them with a 4-day stay at a luxurious resort in San Destin, Florida as a 25th Anniversary surprise. *Thank you, Lord!*

Pat was honored to be asked to perform his first Mexican wedding ceremony on May 1st in a small community in San Andres and on May 28th of his niece and her fiancé in Bedico, LA. The Brides were gorgeous and the couples were all smiles all night long. We were so blessed to have been allowed the opportunity to come up and partake in the blessed event. *Thank you Lord!*

FAVOR OF GOD WITH HEALTH CARE:

We traveled to Norman, OK where Beaux's surgical extraction of his impacted Wisdom teeth took place. The God thing was, Dr. Brooks, so graciously offered to do the surgery free of charge! Beaux was a trooper and he healed quickly. Esther, the owner of a local hairstyling salon in Amite generously offered to cut Karen's hair for free. Karen's local Physician charged her a bare minimum at her annual doctor's visit. And Dr. Gastenel, a God appointed dentist in Baton Rouge blessed us with his professionalism as he provided us with some unexpected and last minute dental work. As he worked us into his already busy schedule, with little or no cost to us, he repaired, filled and crowned our teeth! *Thank you Lord!*

God continues to show us His awesome power and provision, and it's forever different. Sometimes he provides us with the finances other times with the physical things and yet other times both. It keeps us forever focused on Him and not on what we have or don't have. He is Jehovah Jirah, our provider. *Thank you Lord!*

FAVOR AT THE BORDER!

Our trip north was jammed packed with God's goodness, favor and reward that the trip back would not have been complete without his special touch too.

The actual border crossing was incredibly miraculous! We have literally never seen the hand of God on us like we did this entrance into Mexico! Caley Allison, 19 years old of Folsom and our local church, felt led of the Lord to join us on the mission field for a season. The border station appeared deserted as Karen and Caley entered the barren office to secure a visitors' visa for Caley. All the offices were closed no one was at their posts. A guard ran in from outside and told Karen to knock on the closed door to which a man dressed in a uniform answered and told them the office was absolutely closed. Karen reported she was told it was open until midnight. The guard rolled his eyes, disappeared and reluctantly returned with the forms for Caley to fill out...definite favor of the Lord. *Thank you Lord!*

Meanwhile Pat and Beaux were handed a guide of items allowed into Mexico to read. Somewhat puzzled with this new tool, they approached the Mexican agents and told them everything seems to be in order according to the new brochure. Looking at the trailer jammed packed with items, and only the 4 of us, bewilderment came upon their faces. Not knowing exactly how to handle our case, they dismissed us, and we were free to travel onward...definite favor of the Lord. *Thank you Lord!*

With only one more crucial check point to encounter, and 16 hours of interstate behind us, we tried to remain calm and alert. The guards were strict and ready to make problems for us. They asked all the right questions to which obviously Pat didn't either hear them correctly or understand them fully because he responded with a surprising response of 'No' to everyone. Ready to catch Pat in a lie, he made him get out of the vehicle and push the light meter. Red light would mean full inspection of the vehicles and possibly confiscation of anything they desire or see fit to take, and green light mean freedom to travel onward free from harassment. With nerves and prayers at an all time high, Pat pushed the button. A GREEN Glow showed forth and we rejoiced for miles! Adrenaline flowed in our veins for the next 6 hours as Pat drove to a safe resting point. When asked why he responded the way he did, Pat hadn't a clue. He was unaware of what the questions even were or of his response until miles down the road. God's mercy and grace were all over us as we carried the "contraband" of toys, electronics, and new and used clothes to the people of San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz. ...definite favor of the Lord! *Thank you Lord!*

We encountered only minor mechanical problems with the van the last six hours of our trek. Seems we must have gotten hold of some bad gas at the last fill up. We lost all towing power enabling us to climb hills at a painstaking speed of 35 mph and descending to a rapid speed of 50 mph. We made it home safe and sound with little or no interruption from military check points and car problems. Casa de Gloria had spent the day cleaning the house and yard for our welcome arrival. The spotless house and crisp clean sheets to crawl into after almost 40 hours of traveling were a blessed sight for sore eyes! *Thank you Lord!*

Thanks to everyone who made our trip up so special! We were overwhelmed with His goodness and grace and how He uses everyone to orchestrate it all. We are unable to

mention everyone who were part of this trips' blessing, but please know how much God used you to pour out a blessing upon us. Again, *Thank you Lord!*

PRAISE REPORT OF MORE OF GOD'S PROVISION!:

Donations of several items on our Prayer Needs list were met this month. Among those items were two cases of Bibles and several Bible covers, Spanish books for our lending library, two nice big Speakers, and a three band cell phone. And the replacement of the destroyed 4th and 5th Trimester Bible School curriculum will soon be in our hands. God is good and His provision is never ending! *Thank you Lord!*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 7th -10th ~ Extreme Passion Youth Conference in Acayucan. We would like to extend an invitation to any youth who are interested, to return with us and attend this dynamic youth conference and return home at a later time.

July 22nd -23rd ~ Pastor's Conference in the State of Oaxaca, Mexico.

July 24th ~ Happy Birthday Patrick!

July 27th- 29th ~ Missionary/Evangelist Ben Holloway from Kentucky, will visit the Warrens, Casa de Gloria and the San Andres Tuxtla community.

August 14th ~ Jacob's 21st Birthday!!

August 19th ~ Karen begins English classes again every Saturday from 11 am – 2 pm.

Dec. 19-22nd ~ Mexico City Youth Conference with guest speaker David Wilkerson, (*Not confirmed at this writing*).

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 ~ 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. (Suspended until end of rainy season)

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. 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. Our vision is for it to be equipped with the state of the art electronic equipment and instruments so the local body of Christ can be blessed with a location to hold conferences, weddings, 15th birthday parties and other festive occasions etc...

2. Looking for like new/nearly garage sale items to put in our Mobile Bazaar to bring them back with us in March 2006. The proceeds of the Bazaar will help us purchase a larger facility.
3. Pray for God to continue to supply new or nearly new musical instruments in great working condition, for Casa de Gloria's Celebration Service, i.e.... electric guitars, bass guitars, microphones: cordless or with adjustable stands, sound track tapes or CD's, music scores for keyboard or guitar, etc...and the musicians needed to play them.
4. Need to purchase a brain for our electronic drum set costing approx. \$500.00.
5. Pray for the funds to replace the 4th and 5th 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 Bibles @\$150.00+ a case of 36 bibles, 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 buy 50 additional stackable plastic chairs for Casa de Gloria @ about \$5.00 each.