

July Newsletter 2004

Happy Birthday Patrick!! July 24th!!

We had the privilege to serve the Master's Commission ministry team from Collinsville, IL. this month. We provided the transportation and they provided their talents and skills to serve the Mexican people. They ministered in mime, dance, music, in the prophetic as well as in the construction of a church one-day. They ministered in San Andres Tuxtla one night. Eight local churches were represented for the service, which was a landmark event in itself. Then a prophetic message was spoken on unity in the community of believers. Pat leaned over to Karen and asked her if she told them what to preach or strongholds to address, but she assured him no.

We were given an encouraging, prophetic word that we would no longer work by ourselves but God was sending helpmates to assist us.

We enjoyed serving the team and all went well until we decided to transport the group by bus to their departure city. Some were watching a video, while others were reading, sleeping or playing computer games when the bus broke down. We were on our way to take the group to their hotel in Villahermosa where they caught their plane the next morning. We were one hour in route when a big puff of white smoke came from around Pat's feet while we were going down the road. That's when we lost all power to the bus and had to pull over. We spent the next four hours on the side of the road if not 5. Some of the guys stayed behind while the girls piled into the accompanying van and proceeded to their final destination. Those that stayed behind made the best of a hot situation by playing their guitars, napping on the side of the highway using the bus cushions, hiking nearby, playing cards and reading; while Pat took off the burnt parts and hitched a ride to the nearest tow. He brought an electrical mechanic back with him. He then rigged up what was needed having the foreknowledge because Pat had brought the parts with him that had burnt. We were blessed to have a nice supply of bus parts on hand that they could use and within 20 minutes of the mechanics arrival and \$15.00 later, we were back on our way!! We met the team for lunch up the road apiece, and proceeded to unload the luggage onto a truck headed with the team to their final destination and we returned home. Good thing too because we had a tire peel rubber all the way home.

ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH:

This month ministry time was different than it's ever been. We never ministered to so many men and children in one morning before. One young boy is a regular and looks forward to his sandwich each month. He is always very attentive to the message shared with the men. This month, the men were calmer than usual. They listened with everything they had. When Pat finished leading a group of the men in the prayer of faith, he began to hugging each one telling them it wasn't from him but from God. Tears began to roll down their faces exposing their inward pain. Pat saw a light was turned on for most of the men.

One of the men this month was from South America. He was on his way to the United States to make his fortune but ended up on the streets of San Andres instead. So many get caught up in the alcohol or drugs. It's a trap and it will kill you. Please pray for these men and children on our streets that God will begin to send others by to encourage them and share the Living Word of God with them, showing them a better way of life.

We were encouraged when a couple in our church got up super early on Sunday

morning and returned to visit the alcoholics. They walked miles to invite them to come to church with them. Two joined us for our Sunday morning service and one of the two joined us for our cell meeting on Thursday. The smell was overpowering! It was horrific to say the least and soon the whole place reeked of their nasty presence. But as soon as I gasped for air and thought of how awful they smelled, the Lord spoke to me. He said, "Many Christians smell this way to me when they don't do my will or follow me. One shower and these men will smell sweet as roses, but it will take much more for the stink to get out of most Christians lives if they don't repent and turn from their wicked ways." May it be a day of new beginnings for them as well as all of us as we watch our actions, and bridle our tongues as not to hurt others. May we learn to love our enemy and fellow Christians, watching that we don't create a stink in our saviors' nostrils. May the other men on the street soon find their path to righteousness.

BAPTISM:

We were blessed to be asked to bring Martin and the church from the Waterfall to La Barra to help them celebrate a Baptism. Martin, the ex-homosexual featured in our early spring newsletter, wanted to get baptized. Several from the church came to help commemorate the occasion. Martin has had several doctor visits recently and more pricking and probing than he'd like to share. All of it has proven what we already knew; that Jesus healed Martin of Aids. His healing has withstood all the documentation of all the tests. Results that once showed him having AIDS, now show he is free and clear. The doctors want to do some more studying to find out why they can't find anything wrong with Martin, but he isn't interested in letting them probe anymore. He is telling everyone of God's miraculous, saving, and healing power. He wishes to be able to share his new life he has chosen with Jesus to his "old" friends in hopes of allowing them to be freed from the bondage of homosexuality. Pray God will open more doors for Martin to share the gospel with all those he crosses paths with.

GRADUATION TIME:

In November last year we were given a camcorder and a digital camera. This month, more than any other, it has proven to be a blessing to not only us but to so many others as well. We were asked to "shoot" 3 graduations; Elementary; Jr. High School and Kindergarten ceremonies for several kids. Beaux was the escort for Elizabeth of the Waterfall. She and Isabella, the Jr. High School graduate, will not be furthering their education as is very common in these parts. High Schools and Jr. High Schools located in the next villages or across town, make it very difficult and very costly to attend. So these were very special days for these young women. Gloria, on the other hand, is the first in her family to ever graduate from the 6th grade. She has plans to continue her education this fall as she prepares to enroll in Jr. High School. She has a 8 year old adopted brother, Victor, who attends school in the mornings from 7-1 pm then goes to work until 9:30 making anywhere from \$2.50 to \$9.00 for his efforts. This money is helping to put his sister and him through school in addition to some government assistance given every 2 months. They are living apart from their abusive and alcoholic father, in some apartments near our home. Despite the destitution, the family is never seen without their smiles.

They are some of the happiest kids we have seen in a long time. Praise God, they have an opportunity to worship Jesus with us in Casa de Gloria, and the clothing ministry can help them with any clothing need that arises.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Every Wednesday night: Music practice 7:30pm

Every Wednesday morning: At 8:00am, Casa de Gloria hosts a “Kingdom Conquerors; International Convention of Ministries” meeting with area pastors and leaders.

Every Thursday night: Leaders cell group meets at 6pm

Every Friday night: Youth meetings in Casa de Gloria 6pm

Every Sunday morning: 9:00am Celebration service

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

July 8-10 ~ Women's' Conference in Acayucan.

July 11-17 ~ San Luis Potosi, conference with Pastor Brigido and his Waterfall Church.

July 23-25 ~ **“Kingdom Conquerors; International Convention of Ministries” with Ben Holloway of Kansas and several local gifted evangelists as some of the keynote speakers.**

July 24th ~ Pat celebrates his 45th birthday!

July 29-31 -Youth conference *Extreme Passion* in Acayucan, Mx. with Ben Holloway of Kentucky.

August ~ 3 day evangelistic campaign in La Barra

September ~ Transport La Barra to Alvarado for a fellowship activity.