

September 2004 Newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD! Sept. 18th.

ALCOHOLIC OUTREACH:

As we took to the streets this month, it was interesting to see two members of Casa de Gloria meet and minister to former childhood friends and schoolmates. It brought what we do on the streets to a more personal level...putting not just faces and names together but memories of childhood activities and events. We hope God will use this to open the eyes of the unbelievers and create a hunger inside them to want more for themselves than what the world is currently offering them. Please pray God will use such things to bring them to the saving knowledge of Christ.

CASA DE GLORIA CLOTHING MINISTRY:

The clothing ministry has been busy this month giving bags/boxes of clothing to various families. It has been a pleasure to see a physical need in the area of clothes and shoes being met. Some were excited to be able to pick and choose the clothes of their choice and even more excited when they actually fit; especially for those who normally have a hard time finding things to fit them! It was such a joy to see their ecstatic faces after trying on certain items. Thank you for allowing us to be your extended hand in this area of ministry, fulfilling a void or lack in the lives of those who either know Jesus or come to know him through the use of the clothes.

BAZAR:

We opened up a small shop next door to Casa de Gloria for the months of August and September. We are selling items that were donated to Casa de Gloria's clothing ministry. We were surprised when we discovered so many new clothes with price tags still attached, kitchen utensils and kitchenware, brand new hardware items, linens, material by the yards, candles, new shoes, games, stuffed animals and so much more. All were perfect items for a bazaar. The money we are raising will go towards a new facility. We have currently outgrown our current building and are in need of a more functional one. We are looking to buy/build a building to double as a conference center/ Sunday morning Worship center, with many smaller rooms for children's Sunday school class, bible school, English class, clothing ministry, Lending book and video library, all of which are ministries we currently have (English classes are currently suspended due to lack of room/space availability).

Please be in prayer that God will present us with the perfect place in his due season and give us the grace and wisdom to carry on being faithful with the little that is on our plate at the moment.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE SCHOOL CONTINUES :

Casa de Gloria is administering the International Bible Curriculum once again, this time in addition to our church two other area churches are participating, one local and one in Acayucan. This month, some of our church members were soaking up the teachings on the Holy Spirit, and while repeating the prayer on the video after the teacher, over half were super excited to be baptized with the Holy Spirit! They left leaping and rejoicing bubbling with joy.

CELLS ARE GROWING:

We are operating two cell groups in the same community at the moment. At first we thought this wasn't a good idea but soon discovered it was God's idea! Beaux overheard us talking one day concerned about how it would work having 2 cells groups so close to one another. He loves to play strategy games and quickly mentioned that he thought it was a very good plan to have them so close. He said that when playing battle games, he creates armies close to each other for strength in order that they can conquer the enemy's territory easier having help so close at hand.

This has proved to be the case on several occasions. Recently one home was presented with a problem, it was so much easier to run to the other cell family for assistance than try to locate us, their pastors, because of the distance in between our homes, our scheduled and unscheduled activities, and irregular ministry hours, crucial time could be lost. Last week, they teamed up as they came to the aid of each other and not knowing what else to do, prayed...for over 4 hours. They were so excited because of the ever present presence of the Lord was there healing and touching many of their lives.

Just this week, out of the generosity of the groups, they offered to cancel cell to help us move into our 4th home in San Andres...yes, it's moving time again! But because of various factors, word of the change was delayed and the cell carried on as scheduled, except we were not informed of the change. But God used the situation to birth leaders. The Word of God went forth, an altar call was made, and salvations were the result! Amen! Praise the Lord!

Now their neighbors are attending on a regular basis and the groups are growing. God is touching lives and our church members are getting a ravenous appetite for the things of God.

UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY IS EVIDENT:

Since July, once a month, several area churches of various denominations meet to pray over our city of 142,000 habitants, using 20 different prayer points as our guideline. Before hand the area leaders meet to decide on location and assign tasks for the night to maintain order and accountability within the group. This month, we met at the waterfall church from 7:00 pm to midnight praying and praising the Lord in unity and harmony. We are beginning to see signs of spiritual walls collapsing as we learn to put our doctrines and traditions aside and worship the only one who truly matters...Jesus Christ! It is truly wonderful to experience acceptance amongst the body of believers of such diverse denominations. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom! Amen!

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED:

This month we enjoyed a short and sweet visit with Mike and Cathy Even. We were pleased to host them while they traveled to visit friends and family in the surrounding areas. They came on a mission from God with a plan and purpose to equip La Barra and El Real pastors and leaders. They left feeling they have fulfilled their mission successfully and we rejoice with them on their mission successfully accomplished!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH BEGAN:

God has seen the need and has blessed Casa de Gloria with not one but three Sunday school teachers!! The children are just as excited as they march quietly upstairs each

Sunday to learn Bible stories on their appropriate level of learning. The crayons and colored pencils that were “sowed” into the ministry last year, are being put to good use as the kids do their crafts each week. A

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Every Monday night: Mixed Cell group 6 pm.

Every first Wednesday of the month, Casa de Gloria hosts a movie night as an evangelistic outreach.

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Bazar is open from 10:00-5:00

Every Thursday night: Mixed cell group meets at 6pm in Col. De los maestros.

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

Every Saturday morning: International Bible School 9:00am -12:00 pm

Every Saturday night: Music practice 6:00pm

Every last Saturday of the month: Alcoholic outreach on the streets of San Andres Tuxtla.

Every Sunday morning: 9:00 am Celebration service

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

September 22nd ~ Mike Even, former missionary to Mexico and India, will come do a series of teaching on authority from book of Titus and Timothy in La Barra and El Real.

October 1st~ Move into a new home in the city. Please be in prayer as situations occur, we are reminded that we battle not against flesh and blood”...**And** that “Greater is He who lives in us than he who lives in the world.”

October 6th~ Casa de Gloria host “**movie night**”. Last month God used the movie “The Climb” to add 26 salvations to His Kingdom.

October 9th ~ Casa de Gloria’s Hour of Power. We gather together and pray as a family for the unity in the community and beyond.

October 29th~ Travel to Mexico City with a “Happier” bus load of super~charged believers to attend a regular monthly city-wide prayer vigil from 7:00pm to 7:00am. It is our hope to learn from these faithful prayer warriors of various backgrounds, who have been reuniting in a warehouse to pray for over 15 years. We hope to use this trip to help us in San Andres Tuxtla capture the vision of the importance of interceding for our community and seeing the results to bring unity in the community.

October 30th~ Alcoholic outreach in the streets of San Andres Tuxtla.