

### **ACAYUCAN MONTHLY OUTREACH:**

We wish to thank all you who have been praying for the men on the streets. We encourage everyone to continue to do so, as these men express to us monthly how they wish to change their way of life but are too weak. One young man has tried several time only to be overcome by alcohol again and again. Another man, would physically die if he stopped drinking today, without God's divine intervention.

Since January, about five men have desired to change their lifestyle of drinking and living in the streets. These five are currently doing well in the rehabilitation programs thanks to your prayerful support. They still have a long way to go before they can return to their neighborhoods. So we wish to encourage you to continue to lift them up in prayer.

### **LA BARRA'S CHURCH UPDATE:**

The church in La Barra has been so busy constructing it's new and improved building, that the men are growing tired. Once the flooring was complete this past week, they have decided to take a few weeks break to give glory to the Lord for all that he has done. They will continue to raise the block walls, add the doors and windows once they have recuperated from all the long hours of fishing and constructing the church. Completion is expected by early fall.

### **Experiencing God's mercy and protection:**

On Sunday, June 24, our family rode out to La Barra as is our routine every 15 days.

This Sunday went as normal *until* we were about to leave. It was only after we arrived home safely that we realized God's mighty hand was upon us delaying our every move to keep us from any harm.

During service, a family from a town called Nueva Esperanza, or New Hope, arrived in La Barra seeking a way to Catemaco, the nearest town with medical care, to see a Doctor. The sick woman walked 2 hours accompanied by two male family members, only to find that there were no boats leaving La Barra at that late hour. It's too risky for the boats to travel in the dark. Their friends told them we would be pulling out soon and would be happy to give them a lift to town. They waited a couple hours for us to get our things together then we headed out.

But while Pat was packing up the equipment a mother asked Karen to pray for her 14 year old daughter. Her daughter was fetching water from a well nine months ago when she strained her neck. She has been living with a huge knot on the side of her neck and excruciating pain ever since. This was the first time we've ever met this young lady. Believe with us that God will touch this youngsters' life with HIS miraculous healing power.

We had one more stop to make before we could head home. This one was in El Real, a few minutes drive from La Barra. Pastor Goyo's youngest son, Santiago, or James in English, had an epileptic attack shortly before service began in La Barra. He was at the park watching his friends shoot a few hoops when his attack occurred. About this time a patrol of watchmen, (it's very common to see policemen with semi-automatic weapons patrolling the communities) passed by and carried Santiago to his house. They were willing to do whatever they could for this family even if it meant bringing the son to a doctor either in Catemaco or San Andres Tuxtla, both being 1 hour - 1 1/2 hours away. Pastor Goyo was able to call the doctor to ask for advice but it still didn't seem to give him much relief or assurance. Then he asked the patrolmen to take him to see us in La Barra. We agreed to stop by and check on them before we headed home. When the patrolmen were on their way back to Goyos' house, they encountered a few big rocks in the road making the thoroughfare impassable. The patrolmen were aware of this technique of assault and were alerted to the probable

danger at hand. They commented to Pastor Goyo that there was a problem earlier that evening in a town not far from them, a town in our route home. They were doing all they could to find the culprits. This practice of robbery is often done late at night and when the victims stop the vehicle to move the rocks in order to pass, the assailants attack them often robbing their belonging and vehicle. Praise God **HE** detained us and sent the patrolmen to seek us out. We may never know if this tactic was meant for us or not; we can only assume so because we are the only ones driving the roads at this time of night, but we *praise* God that no harm was done to our family and those we were transporting to the doctor. What was meant for evil, God turned it for good. God takes care of His own and HE continues to prove it to every day.

Please continue to pray for Goyo's son's healing. Each time their son has an attack, almost always on a Sunday, they remember their other son's death which creates much fear for the life of their young son. Pray that the father of lies and fear will not be permitted to torment this family any longer.

### **NEW LEVEL AND AREAS OF MINISTRY:**

We are really excited to tell you that we have rented a split-level room in a building complex not far from our home, (about 4 doors down). We plan to house the clothing ministry upstairs and Karen will hold English classes downstairs. Haven't got all the details worked out exactly as of yet, they come as the Lord instructs, one day at a time. We are so excited about this new level and area of ministry.

We plan to make up tickets to hand out at the film showings or to those we see or know, who are in need of clothes plus to any Pastors who may know of any. With this ticket, they will be able to come in and receive the clothes they need, free of charge! It will have certain hours of operation, Tues. and Thurs. from 9am-2pm upon which they will be able to receive their blessing.

We have designed a logo for the ministry and will hang it on a shingle, showing the hours of ministry and our ministry name, ***CASA DE GLORIA***. We don't want to give clothes out to just anyone, just to those in need, because many will take and sell them for drug or alcohol money thus defeating the purpose to clothe them physically. Anyway, thus starts something new for us.

Karen's classes will be at different hours as not to conflict or be distracted by the other ministry. Karen is planning to offer 'becas' or 'scholarships' so the people don't feel like they are receiving a handout but are earning it creating more of a commitment to the classes. So she wishes to use some form of a standardized essay of entry, like an essay, to use as a basis of granting them 'free' lessons. Not all the details are worked out yet but God is already giving her keen ideas and people to assist. A young student came by with some of his classmates. This is like the second or third time they have come after school to ask questions about their English homework assignments. One of the students told Karen that he knows how to write the forms she wants. He came to assist her in these details.

A director of a local school, showed Karen a web site where she has been able to get some teaching ideas. You may visit this site to learn a foreign language in the comfort of your home too, <http://www.parlo.com>. She has copied several lesson plans and activities that she feels she could use or get ideas from. God has been so faithful to guide us in this new venture. The main reason she feels led to take on this ministry, is because we see so many folks leaving their hometown to seek employment elsewhere. The average wage earner here makes \$3.00 a day working 12 hour days. They are leaving and going to work in the factories in the border towns making about \$12.00 a day. We find the fact that they are leaving their families behind is really sad. Some never return only to start anew in the "new land". The local schools and colleges are willing to pay \$3.00-6.00 **an hour** to English teachers. Since there is currently a demand for

English teachers in the local school system, Karen wishes to help supply this need. For several years now, people have approached Karen asking her to teach them English. Now this desire of the people is finally taking shape.

. Karen's goal is to take those who are willing to commit to learn English, or at least have a desire to learn and raise them up out of this cycle of poverty and keep the family unit in tack. She also wants to use this means of gathering the folks together to witness God's love for them. Please Pray that God will continue to place folks in our path so we can be a witness to them. If God wants to use this method of teaching English as a second language to reach HIS chosen people, Karen wants to definitely be apart of it.

#### **SHARING IN A HIGH SCHOOL:**

Pat had an opportunity to assist Pastor Alejandro Gloria show a video to a class of high school students in Zapoapan de Cabanas, a little village about 45 minutes south of San Andres Tuxtla. This film is from a scientific perspective that life in the womb begins at conception and explains the various stages of a baby's growth pattern. The students viewed the video with much interest and it created a lot of curiosity among the students. A question and answer period followed the film where they were able to pass out a copied version of a Chick tract which uses scripture to speak against abortion. Pastor Alejandro answered such questions as; "Are the boy and girl responsible for the baby once it's conceived?" and "Is there anywhere a girl can go for help once she becomes pregnant?" He answered "YES" to the first question and we would have to investigate the answer to the second, because we don't know of any organization off hand that ministers to unwed mothers. Pat was excited to see the student's interest in this film. A few more schools have opened their doors welcoming this film into the classroom. Pat feels this film needs to be shown in all the schools.

We thank God for seed sown into the lives of this younger generation. Believe with us for more doors to be open for this films' showing in the next school year.