Greg & Vicki Syverson

Pachuca Update

May/June 2007

Ministry Update

Summer has been full of activity here in Pachuca.

In July we had a team from Cherry Hills Baptist church (Springfield, IL) come down and build a house for one our older ladies in our church (Aquilina) that was in need. We really enjoyed having them here. Cherry Hills is Greg's home church and the church we attended together while living in Springfield. We really appreciated all their hard work!

Also in July we had two week long kids' programs. The first week was "normal" VBS program in Spanish. It was an exciting week. We had about 50 kids (we had to limit the number) and they had a good time singing, doing crafts, playing games and learning about Jesus. We ended the week with a carnival where the kids could play games and win prizes. The kids had a blast!

Face painting at VBS carnival

Kids singing at VBS

The second week we had the help of 3 college students (Matthew, Morgan and Tosha) from Watermarke: Christ's Church at Bellefonte in Pennsylvania who came down help us with a week long English Kids' Club. We also had the help of Adalecia Carrillo (our pastor's daughter) and her friend from college, Melinda Faust (who is here helping out for the summer). It was quite a week! We had 50 kids (again we had to limit the number) and about 20 helpers. The kids learned English through lessons, games and crafts. They also had a Bible lesson time.

At the end of the English Kid's Club we gave the kids some packets with a few school supplies to help them as they start the new school year. This was a fun and exhausting week for everyone!

The newly baptized "charter members" of the church in Achichipic with some leaders from Pachuca.

Greg hauling water in Achichipic.

Personal Update

We had a bit of unwanted excitement during the last few days of our English Kid's Club as Benjamin had a severe allergic reaction to a medicine he had been taking for his stomach. He ended up being in the hospital for 5 days! He's back to his "normal", energetic self now. Thank you to all who prayed for our family during that time.

Matthew is growing up quickly. He is crawling and pulling up on the furniture and getting into everything! We suspect he will be walking soon.

Matthew borrowed hair from one of our puppets during the VBS . >>>

New Ministry in a village

One of the men that Greg has been discipling is from a village in Veracruz called Achichipic. For over a year now this man (Gregorio, "Goyo") has been going back home to his village as often as possible and talking to the people about Jesus in their common language of Nauhtl (the aztec language). God has used him in great ways to reach the people of this village. Many times he has prayed for people and God has healed them. Even the local "witch doctor" asked him to teach him how to heal the people. Goyo told him that it was God who healed the people, not him.

This past week Goyo invited Greg and a few others from the church to go with him to his village so that they could have a baptism service for several who had commited their lives to Christ. While they were there Goyo and a couple other church leaders baptized 15 people including Goyo's 90 yr. old mother! Afterwards they held a church service and shared a meal. What a privilege to witness the birth of a new church body! The church here in Pachuca is commited to supporting this "mission" by helping Goyo and another leader be able to make the trip more often and giving Goyo the training and encouragement he needs to "pastor" these new brothers and sisters in Christ.

Praises:

- For our faithful partners who support us through prayers and/or finances and make it possible for us to be here. Thank you!!!

- For the awesome response to the gospel in the village of Achichipic!

Prayer Requests:

- For God's provision for the resources needed for the ministry of CLAVE. We have some important financial needs right now. We really need to raise(at least) an additional $1000 a month in on-going support just to sustain the current ministries. We also need to raise $5000 ASAP in order to put flooring down and do some finishing work on the downstairs of CLAVE.

- That the Holy Spirit will work through the ministries of CLAVE to draw the hearts of the people into a saving relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Benj" and "Teo" in their matching sweatshirts

Ministry Needs:

- $1000/month for ministry/project funds.

Construction Projects (ideas for work groups)

- Landscaping/cement driveway - approx. $4000 (Good project for a work group from U.S.)

New Address for Personal Correspondence:

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*no packages please---cards, letters, photos and magazines are fine, though. We really like getting mail!!! ☺

Tel. 217-718-4140 - U.S. internet phone that rings to us here in Pachuca. It's just like calling Springfield, IL. Please give us a call sometime!

Ministry and Financial Support:
Christian Missionary Fellowship
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Thank you!!!

We know that we could not be here without your prayers, support and encouragement. May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him faithfully!

In His Service and By His Grace,
Greg & Vicki Syverson