

MARKETPLACE MISSIONS SONSHINE HACIENDA

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"HOLY SWEAT"!!!!

On August 4th we had a travel weary group arrive from Cornerstone Pentecostal Fellowship in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. This mission team, led by their Pastor, Gary Heinrichs came to San Felipe in August on purpose!! What a blessed inspiration this team was to all of us. Not only was it incredibly hot, but this group worked outdoors for the entire week that they were with us. The group of twelve was comprised mainly of young people. In spite of grueling heat and high humidity, these servants worked without grumbling or complaining. Every morning the team would travel out to the Sonshine Hacienda building site and work until early afternoon. With the help of our Construction Supervisor, John Gilbert, the team cut wire and manufactured the rebar beams that were needed to support our new cement roofs on the two dorm wings of the building. With those in place, the group worked for two days mixing cement and forming a cement bucket brigade to pass the cement to our men on the roof who pored the cement into the supports for the roof.

In spite of being tired and hot, after a short rest time, the group was ready for their second project of the day....Backyard Vacation Bible School. During the week, we had VBS at two different locations in San Felipe. Our hope was to reach out to areas of San Felipe where we had not worked before. The group was lead by a dedicated Mexican Christian couple, Daniel and Carla Rodan. We met in the front yards of Christian families that lived in the area and walked the streets of the neighborhood, inviting all children to come and join us. The children enjoyed playing games, listening to the Bible lessons that Carla and Daniel told with the use of puppetry. The children were crazy about "Tito" and his friends (Daniel is the puppet man). What a blessing it was for all of us to see the children interact with "Tito" and Carla. We are all praying that one of our Mexican Pastors will be led by the Lord to begin a new work in these two areas of San Felipe.

What a blessing it was for us to work with this tough, dedicated team of short term Missionaries. We look forward to working with them again in the future. Pastor Gary is already inquiring about a group coming down to work in early 2009.

We look forward to the blessings that we will receive when we work with you once again! BESIDES.....it will be cooler then!!



The famous "Bucket Brigade" of 2208.



The use of puppetry to share the good news about Christ is a huge success with the children of San Felipe. Carla (right) is sharing with Tito and Todo and they have some "interesting" questions for her...very delightful!!

ANOTHER KIDDIE LIMO



Sonshine Hacienda now has a "fleet" of buses....if you can call two buses a fleet. In July, a brother from our church, Mission San Felipe, donated a 17 passenger airport style van to our children's center. Our dear Brother in Christ, Pastor Pedro, installed a new battery and replaced two windows and now the bus is ready to roll! What a blessing!! In early 2007, we received our first bus from Rover Oak Grace Community Church in Oakdale, California. So now we will be ready to use our "Kiddie Limo's" to transport our children to and from school, church or outings to the beach. GOD IS GOOD.....ALL THE TIME!!



Pedro is a loving, caring Pastor of a small church in San Felipe. He is a wonderful friend and servant of the Lord....PLUS he is an awesome mechanic!!

SONSHINE HACIENDA UPDATE

Progress continues on Sonshine construction! We are nearing the last phase of getting our roofs completed for the two dorm wings of the building. The steel beams were purchased, cut and put into place on the roof just this past week. The steel beams need to be in position in preparation to pour the cement roofs. While our work crew was waiting for the beams to be delivered and cut, they textured all the walls of the buildings with what we call "yesso" (it is like a plaster). So, all the concrete block walls look beautiful now with their white smooth surface. Next comes the cement pour for the two roofs. At this time we are about \$5,000 short of funds to cover the expense of the cement. We are patiently waiting on the Lord.



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Blessings, Gary and Karen Lewis