

Swanson Scoop August, 2008

Greetings from the Swanson family! Thank you for praying for us and the church planting ministry in Colima, Mexico.

Real Centenario

In this neighborhood, we recently hosted a volunteer mission team from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The team went out with Jeff daily to hand out the gospel of John and to share the message of salvation in Christ alone. Each night of the campaign a different activity was planned including kids Bible stories, guitar singing, preaching, and an evangelistic movie.

Three professions of faith in Christ were made as a result of these outreach efforts. One of these persons who prayed to receive Christ was a young boy and his mother. He was given a metal coin with the question, "Where will you spend eternity?" on one side. On the other were the words of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son; that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." When the boy received the coin the pastor said, "The message on the coin is powerful." The boy misunderstood and thought the coin was powerful and said to others, "no, it isn't powerful, I can break the coin." Deliegha heard him say that and told him that it was the message on the coin, God's Word that was powerful then explained to him what Christ had done. The boy stayed to hear the children's message. Then, he and his mother prayed to receive Christ.

Comala

Three adults and three children attend the Comala home group. Jeff continues to train Bernardino to lead the Bible Study time. The Oklahoma group also handed out portions of the Bible one day in Comala in a new neighborhood where we sense more openness to the gospel. We have several families interested in a follow-up visit. One man is terrified of an evil spirit that he believes is in his house.

Villa San Sebastian

The home group that met in Villa de San Sebastian is no longer meeting there. But, the home group members now come to our house on Tuesday nights. We recently finished teaching a doctrinal class to strengthen the home group members. The current theme is how to have a healthy Christian marriage.

Colima and Mexico City have the highest percentage of divorced and single parent families in Mexico. We have seen the unhappy results of this statistic in our time in Colima. Almost every family in our home groups, local churches, and neighborhoods are affected by dysfunctional family situations. This marriage class is an attempt to teach God's view on healthy and happy marriages. Many people are interested in this theme, and we have had more than 10 people attend the first classes.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for salvation for the wife and daughter of a Christian man attending the marriage seminar in our house.
2. Pray for wisdom as we seek God's will on whether or not to start up the university student Bible Study group this fall. We are seeking to train Christian student leaders for the group.
3. Praise: 3 persons made a profession of faith in Christ during the evangelistic campaign last week.
4. Pray for follow-up visits from last weeks visitation. Pray for deliverance and

salvation for the man in Comala is terrified by the presence of an evil spirit in his home.
5. Praise: Titus's clubfoot is doing better with the continual wearing of his foot-brace.
Thank you so much for praying for us in Colima, Mexico. May God bless you.

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