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In A Nutshell

- We now have 105 children enrolled at the Center.
- We have twelve full and part-time employees working at the Center.
- Thanks to everyone from Journey who donated items for the ministry.
- Summer intern positions are available for June and July.

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Jail Ministry Going Strong

Things have changed so much in the jail over the past few months. Many of the people that we ministered to have been moved to different jails. Also, the rules for getting in and out of the jail change every week. We have seen people turned away because their name is not on the visitation list, even though the guards know them. The person in charge of writing the list seems to change every month, so when you call up to be put on the list you never know if your name will be there when you arrive.



Marta (L), poses with some fellow guards in the Tijuana jail.

The guards are still the same, they are really friendly and open to things of the Lord. We have made a few special friends, and I have spent time with some of the female guards on their days off.

I have not been able to go in as much as I would like to as we have been very busy with the daycare and preparing for groups to arrive in March, April and May.

I was contacted by someone from Prison Fellowship Ministries. He is working with the Billy Graham Crusade. They are planning two outreaches in San Diego in May and are interested in putting on an outreach inside the jail. Please keep this in prayer. It would be awesome!

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The Power of Prayer

It is wonderful how much the people here rely on prayer and the answers they receive. Here are a few stories.

Robertito is eight years old. He was very sick, and had turned yellow. His body hurt, he couldn't eat or drink, and he felt terrible. He was finally diagnosed with

Hepatitis and told he would have to go into hospital. He was very scared. That night he prayed and cried and prayed again for God to heal him. God heard his little prayers and answered immediately.

On Sunday Robertito stood up in front of

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Spring Groups Arriving En Masse

We are trying to get ready for our first group. It is really difficult with all the rain. First, we lost all the electricity at the daycare. We were very blessed to have Jim Hassad come and help Jim work on that, but in the meantime we have had to close the daycare for a week. We lost a refrigerator and freezer when the electricity surged. This happened last year too and we lost the stoves, microwave, crockpot and blender.

The group that is coming is Calvary Crossroads from Grants Pass. They are wonderful. Several years ago they were soaked every day with the rain, but they still went out with cheerful hearts and continued working in the rain and the mud. They may have to do the same thing this year. We are getting soaked here. It is hard on the Mexican people. A lot of them have leaky roofs, no electricity, no heat, no running water. Many of them make bricks or clay pots and they cannot work because of the weather. A lot of the factory buses don't come out in the rain, so people have to hitchhike to work. School is closed. Cerro Azul just shuts down, it is quite depressing. Please pray for all these amazing people.

Well, two weeks have passed and the group has come and gone. Despite some spiritual warfare they were wonderful as usual. They managed to get a good start on the two storey addition at the Center, they built a cafeteria at the secondary school, and put new fence around the daycare and the clinic. They also added a much needed awning to the clinic, began digging three new outhouse holes, tore down a



Hard at work on the new classrooms at the day care.

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The Power of Prayer, continued...

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his church of 200 members and gave his testimony. There wasn't a dry eye anywhere. He is completely healed and back to being a rascal. Praise God for His healing hand.

Next is a young woman named Norma, who is 20 years old. She was in a motorcycle accident and



Robertito at the local Awana Club meeting at Pastor Mede's church.

wasn't wearing a helmet. Her skull was caved in and she was bleeding from her mouth, nose and ears. The ambulance driver didn't think she would make it to the hospital. They put her in the 'coma ward', and the doctors told her mother that there was very little hope of

recovery.

Her mother didn't believe them and asked Pastor Mede's church to pray for Norma. Three days later, Norma opened her eyes and two days after that she asked Pastor Mede to go and visit her.

A week later she was sent home and a few days later she was able to slowly feed herself. Though she was very shaky. Two weeks later she was able to walk into the church to Praise God, and thank the congregation for praying for her.

Since the accident her whole family have renewed their commitment to the Lord.

Since January 1, 2001 Mede's church has been praying non-stop, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Since then we have seen many wonderful things like this happen in the church and community. There really is power in prayer!

Jail Ministry Going Strong, continued...

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I have been praying for a German person to go into the jail with me and minister to one of the German prisoners, whose name is Joe. God has answered this prayer and a young woman from Germany, who just started going to our church, approached me and asked how she could help in our ministry! Her name is Margit.

I took her into the jail on March 7. Joe was so pleased to see her, he never stopped talking and couldn't believe that God had sent someone in just for him. He is a lot more open to hearing about the Lord now and can't wait for Margit's next visit.

She took him a German Bible and some German tracts, please pray that he reads them.

Please keep us in prayer. We will be going into the jail as often as we can.

Also, in January, I took Pastor Mede (from the Baptist church in Cerro Azul) and two of the men from his church into the jail. It was totally the Lord. Neither of the two men were on the list, and one of them didn't have any ID with him, but the guards let us in. It was wonderful to see them ministering in there.

They have been going into the Tijuana jail every week since then, and have also started ministering in the El Hongo jail which is just outside of Tecate. Their jail ministry days are Wednesday and Friday, please pray for them on these days.

Spring Groups Arrive En Masse, continued...

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very dilapidated building at our home in Tecate and even installed some cabinets and our first ever clothes dryer in the house.

Unfortunately, this year we had a couple of casualties. Justin Leddy fell off the back of a truck and had to be rushed to Grossmont Hospital. We later found out that apart from a nasty concussion he has broken his foot in two places, and ruptured the vein and the nerve. It will be about 6 months before they will know whether he will have complete sensation in the sole of his foot.

Then as Laura Cramp, one of the leaders, was bending over to pack her bag, she felt a pop in the back of her neck, then fireworks in her head, then she collapsed. She was also rushed to Grossmont Hospital, where they did a Cat scan and found out that she had an aneurysm which left quite a bit of blood on her brain.

As of today (April 5th), they are both still in the hospital. Please pray for them. Pastor Mede's church is fasting and praying for them as well.

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests

There is so much to be thankful for again this time. We continue to be blessed by each of you who support the ministry through your giving and prayer. Many have been able to visit and see first hand what the Lord is doing here. We encourage you to come see for yourself if you have the time.

As usual, our newsletter is full of prayer requests, but to summarize, please pray for Pastor Mede as he ministers in the jail, Laura Cramp and Justin Leddy for a complete and speedy recovery, and for Molly as she experiences life as a budding adult, living in Grants Pass for the summer with friends.

Also lift up this very busy time for us to the Lord. We have several more groups scheduled this Spring. This is always a hectic time, crossing building materials, pouring slabs, preparing food, etc. Also pray for safety on the worksites.

We thank God for every one of you!



Some kids from our last group spelling out a word with their shadows. Can you make it out?



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OUR VISION

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Mexico, to intercede for them in prayer, and to minister to the poor by helping meet their physical needs.

A Message From Molly

Hey everybody! Well this is going to be a little bit different because I am in Oregon. I got the chance to come up here for a few months to work and to spend time with all my friends.

First let me tell you about work. I am working at Dairy Queen! You would be amazed at all the stuff you have to learn just to sell ice cream! But I have the hang of it now and it is actually pretty fun. I work with about ten of my friends from the church youth group so we are always having a blast. I have even managed to get the little curl on the top of the ice cream down! And just in case anyone wants to know, my favorite thing to make is a banana split. If an order for one comes in they let me stop whatever I am doing (pretty



Me and Molly, Molly and me.
A friend from Grants Pass.

much) and let me make it!

I am having a blast just being able to be here and hang out with my friends. Most of them are seniors and it is fun being able to be here for that and in a few months watch them graduate.

Something else that is funny is that I was able to go down to Mexico on their missions trip with them. I was actually a part of the team! I even had to sleep in a tent. At my own house! I made a lot of new friends which was great, and got to develop existing friendships even deeper, which was wonderful. It was cool to see all the training that they had to do to come down and to be a part of the mission trip.

Two more fun things to

mention: First one is I bought a car! With help from my Aunt Sherry and Uncle Chet and my parents I bought my first car a few weeks ago. What is it? Sweet! It's a 1991 Mercury Capri XR2. It is a really fun little car. Not to mention a convertible! That was just an added bonus to a really great car though. I named her Fiona!

The second fun thing is I turn 18 in less than 3 weeks! I cannot believe it. I even received my voter registration card in the mail. I am planning on have a party with all my friends and I am really looking forward to that. I'll write and tell you how it all went.

So next time I talk to you I will be an adult! So until then, your still a minor for now, but not too much longer, friend,

Molly oxoxo