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### *In A Nutshell*

- We are in need of a late model mini-van for use at the Center to be used for transportation of kids.
- The Children's Center is running over-capacity! It's great to see so many smiling faces every day.
- Thanks to our supporters, sponsors, and prayer partners. We couldn't be here without you on the team!



Linda and Adriana after the baptism.

**W**e recently went to a very special baptism. It was for a young woman named Adriana whom we have known since she was five years old, almost 21 years. She has had a pretty hard life. Her father was extremely abusive to her mom and her older sisters, and then to her when she was a little older.

We were honored to be able to throw her a 'quinceanera' (15<sup>th</sup> birthday) party. She was 'married' soon after. Her husband, Manuel, was also very abusive. He used to take her into the hills of Cerro Azul and beat her. He took her there so no one could hear her scream.

She had a baby who became ill with bronchitis when he was 10 months old. He was admitted to the hospital and was getting well enough to be discharged when the nurse gave him the wrong injection and he died.

Adriana started going back to church, sporadically at first, as Manuel didn't want her to go. They still had some difficult times, but things were slowly getting better.

The first church Adriana went to told her that she couldn't attend there any more because she wasn't legally married. She was only common law married, which is what the vast majority of people here are. Very few are legally married. It is culturally acceptable.

Adriana started going to another church pastored by an American pastor and his wife, Art and Sandy. Gently, they ministered to her over the last couple of years. Manuel has changed so much in this last couple of years. He attends church with her on occasion. He has become a really good, caring husband and father. But he needs the Lord and he knows it. Please pray for him.



Adriana and her family.

In May of this year Adriana asked us if we would go to her Baptism. We were thrilled. The Baptism was in June. One of the leaders in the church thought it would be a good idea to go to the beach to be baptized as most of the people in this area have never been to a beach.

It was a cold, overcast day. We drove for over two hours in a caravan (that was very interesting!). When we arrived it was windy and quite cold. Most people had jackets on, but there was such an air of excitement. There were eleven other people getting baptized. It was really neat, as we knew all of them. The church congregation is about 45 people. Everyone went. There were some American friends of the

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pastor there too. Quite a crowd.

We all got unpacked, everyone had brought food to share. Then the Pastor took the ones who were to be baptized to one side and prayed and spoke to them. There were a few teenage boys. It is always such a blessing to see young men come to the Lord, and see how God changes their lives.

Then it was time for the baptism. The waves were crashing into the shore, but none were deterred. They all went in with their clothes and jackets on and waited their turn. A lot of the spectators also went into the sea so that they could get a better view.

It was amazing. We had towels waiting for everyone coming out, but they didn't seem to feel the cold. I grabbed Adriana; she was sobbing and sobbing. She couldn't stop crying. Manuel came out with a dry towel and he was teary eyed too.

It was a wonderful day. One of the

best we have had here in Mexico. God is good. Please remember Adriana and Manuel and their family in your prayers. Their oldest son, Manuelito, (11 years old) will be baptized at the next baptism. We can't wait.

#### **A Message From Molly**

Well a lot has happened since the last newsletter, the biggest of which is I got married! I officially became Molly Pasquariello (pas-kuh-re-lo) on Feb 21, 2009. Jon and I got married at the church we have been going to for the last couple of years and had the reception on top of Mt. Soledad overlooking San Diego. The day, I am happy to report, went by with no serious mishaps. We couldn't have done it without the help of our friends and family, and to them we are very grateful. We were married by Daron Williams, a longtime friend of the family, who made the drive from Grants Pass, Oregon with family in tow. It was very special for both Jon and I and we are so thankful that he was a part of our wedding. It

was truly beautiful.

We are adjusting well to married life and loving every minute. We are both working, I am still at Starbucks and Jon at Deering Banjos, and currently we are figuring out what classes we will be taking in the fall.

We are praying about where God will lead us over the next couple of years. There is a lot we want to do and it is very exciting. We are hoping to be able to do some foreign missions and would love your prayers about where and when.

Ok, well I think that is all I have to report right now. I look forward to being able to share with you all my new adventures with the hubby! :)  
Love, Molly



Molly and Jon