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Community Kids' Corner—Lifetime Memories

This summer we have already had several wonderful Community Kids (CK) activities and terrific memory making moments. During the last week of school, we took the teens swimming then to the Lotti's for supper and games. We then had superhero day for the younger kids. They loved dressing up in costumes, running around practicing super skills and rescuing the adults!

This past week we took nine Community Kids on a "Let's Go Fishing" excursion! What an amazing event to witness. Four of the kids had never fished or been on a boat before and by noon had each caught at least one fish and

had driven the pontoon! Priceless! The next day at the Community Center, Adele, Julie, Mary, and Rita gave manicures and pedicures to eight little girls—washing their feet with loving care. Precious!

This coming week free music lessons start for the kids at the park. Guitar, piano and bass guitar are being offered, which is a great opportunity for these kids to enjoy the gift of music and begin a lifetime skill. Thanks to Barb Ask from Glenwood for her donation of time and talent.

Back in the fall of 2007 we began this adventure called Community Kids with a

handful of kids from the park. We are so encouraged to celebrate with our first high school graduates! Three girls who joined us back in 2007 just graduated high school and are on good paths toward their own adult lifetime memories. God is so faithful to put each of us in places within His world where we can touch and affect other lives. We are so grateful for this place called "The 6th Avenue Community Center" and the ministry of Community Kids. Thank you all for your support.

-Rita Lotti-

Talking Bibles—Mexico

To Make a Trastero

The believers in the mountain town of Morelos, Oaxaca in southern Mexico are very poor. When it was their turn to host the monthly celebration, fellow believers from the other towns brought the food. Hector told me that the only thing the believers from Morelos could contribute was mushrooms they gathered from the forest. Yet 300 people, including many curious villagers, came to-

gether to worship, pray, eat, listen to teaching from the Bible, and have fun together.

Morelos is located in a high mountainous region with a lot of pine trees. Lumber is the local business. Working for the more wealthy landowners, the believers in Morelos cut down trees and saw them into boards with chain saws. Wages are poor. The boards are thick and rough, approximately 8 ft. long 1 ¾

inches thick with crooked edges and chain saw marks all over them. How would you use a board made by a chain saw? If the believers in Morelos had some way to plane the boards and make one edge perfectly straight, they could be sold in the market for a lot more money. Hector saw the potential and asked repeatedly if it would be possible to get a planer down to Oaxaca.

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Bread to the Nations

Alexandria Covenant Youth Trip

Pastor Brian Farka, Pastor of Student Ministry at Alexandria Covenant Church (ACC) along with his wife Joyce, will be leading a youth team to Haiti through Bread to the Nations to serve in Pastor Firmin's church community. The team of 14, including four adults and 10 teenagers, will travel June 21 – June 29.

The team will begin their experience in Haiti by participating in a Sunday worship service at Pastor Firmin's church, Blessings Christian Church (BCC). Brian will give the message and some of the youth will be involved in leading music alongside BCC's worship

team. Sunday afternoon, the team will join the youth team from BCC for an afternoon field trip to tour caves in Haiti.

One of the team's main projects for the week will be to assist in the rebuilding of homes of two families who are part of the BCC community. The rebuilding projects will be coordinated and supervised by local masons. Both homes were significantly damaged from the earthquake in January 2010 and have been unlivable since that time.

Team members will also have the opportunity to observe the Medika Mamba clinic managed by Mickey McRoberts and Liz Peterson under the newly formed organization, Children's Health Ministries (CHM). The

team has gathered and will bring donations to bless the work of CHM.

Team members who sponsor children in Pastor Firmin's home will also have several opportunities to connect with their sponsored child throughout the week. At the end of the team's stay, the team is treating Firmin's household to a day at the beach.

Please pray for the team members, that God will prepare their hearts for what He has in store for them. Also, pray for the beginnings of long lasting relationships among team members and their Haitian brothers and sisters.

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Talking Bibles-Mexico

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In April of this year 6,400 lbs. of used shop tools and equipment, which you donated, arrived in Oaxaca. Jason Koranda (my son-in-law and master woodworker), his son, Avery, and I went down to set up a shop to be used for vocational training and for adding value to those rough sawed boards from Morelos. Getting set up was a challenge. We needed a bigger electrical panel and the electrician was unavailable because it was a holiday, but eventually things got done. We set Monday, June 2, as the time for initial demonstration and training. About 15 Christian brothers from several towns came for training. We demonstrated using the planer, router, disk sander, band saw, table saw, radial arm saw, power miter box, turning lathe, bench grinder and drill press. We dem-

onstrated sharpening drill bits and planer knives.

Young, 18-year old Eliud came from a town four hours away. He has no money for schooling. He hoped to learn some skills that would make him employable. I gave him a 12" x 12" piece of planed pine board. He traced the outline of a pineapple on it. Then I showed him how to use a band saw to cut it out. While the others stood around watching, Eliud cut out a breadboard shaped like a pineapple. Then we went over to another machine with a disk sander and smoothed out his saw cut. In a few minutes he had a finished breadboard that would sell at a market. He was very pleased and happy.

The shavings flew. Rough pine boards became smooth, dimensioned, and perfectly straight

on the edge. The next morning, beginning with rough pine boards, Jason with hands-on help from his students, made a beautiful kitchen cabinet (Trastero) for Hector's wife, Esther. It took him about three hours. In the afternoon, Heth copying Jason's design and with the help of others, made one for his wife.

These people are dear believers in Jesus who are trying to make a living in a very poor area. The temptation is for the young people to migrate to the United States where there is money – legal and illegal, but that is hard on families and churches and not always good for the young people. Pray that the shop will help them learn and enable them to make a living. They repeatedly told me that they pray for all of us.

-Dave Schonberg-

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Kenya Farmers Outreach

Editor's Note: The Regeneration Center is helping to sponsor a short-term mission trip to Kenya. Cherrie Brecht will be coordinating the trip. This is a one-time opportunity to help meet a pressing need through a local church in Kenya. This trip is in keeping with the mission of TRC and so we were happy to join Cherrie when she approached us about helping with this mission trip.

Over the last year, I (Cherrie Brecht) became aware of a church in a poor area of Kenya that has a desire to reach out to poor farmers in their area. I will be taking a “reconnaissance”

trip to evaluate the needs of these farmers. On this first trip I will meet with several members of the Calvary Missions Church to plan the efforts of bringing relief to 20 poor farmers in Kenya. The goal is to distribute livestock, seed and fertilizers to poor farmers that need immediate aid.

After meeting the families and assessing their needs, I will return to the States and begin fundraising and raising awareness of the needs of the farmers and our goals. The goal of this one-time outreach is to raise a total of \$11,000. \$10,000 will be spent on livestock, seed, equip-

ment, etc., for the farmers and the remaining \$1000 will go to the Tunza Orphanage to help with their immediate needs.

This is very exciting for all involved! This first trip is very important. Meeting and evaluating the needs will be paramount in planning a successful second trip and will assure the needs of the people are adequately met. If you live in Minnesota, please consider helping financially and being a part of reaching our brothers and sisters across the world. I appreciate your time and consideration in this! God bless you all!

-Cherrie Brecht-

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Current Events

The Regeneration Center's 14th Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars now for The Regeneration Center's Annual Banquet celebrating 32 years of ministry **on Friday, September 26th**, at The Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN. Plan to join us for an evening of music, testimonies of what God has been doing and fellowship with friends and family.

Watch our future newsletter and website for more information.

Andhe Disability Services Fundraiser

In May The Regeneration Center became a fiscal sponsor for Andhe Disability Services. ADS will be having a fundraiser on **Saturday, July 12th from 3:00-7:00 pm**, at New Life Christian Church, 1910 County Road 82, (old Hwy. 27 E) Alexandria, MN. There will be plenty of food, music, a silent auction, and cookies by the pound!

Come for the fun! Learn about Andhe's!



There is a need for used cars. If you live in Minnesota and would like to donate a vehicle to The Regeneration Center, we will give you a tax deductible receipt so you can claim the gift on your taxes. Please call Dave Schonberg at 320-815-3590 for more details.