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A Time to Give Thanks

Tee Shirts

Over 200 of the specially designed "prize tee shirts" are living in homes all over the colonia. What factors explain this amazing migration?

Kids (three to ten years old) come to KIDS CLUB to pray, sing songs, learn more about Jesus and the Bible and to...

MEMORIZE Scripture. Nine different verses - one each month. Stickers appear on verse charts as proof of Bible verses now living in the lives of our children. Nine stickers result in an invitation to...

PRIZE DAY - Come, pray, sing participate in games, eat and receive the verse tee shirt of the year.

Please note that this year's shirt features "a frame of drawings" made by children in our own clubs.

The verse says: "Our faith has given us the victory



over the world. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Son of God conquers the world." (1 John 5: 4,5)

Thank you, children for the reminder!

The Team

"Everyone" knows that missionaries never have any fun - or so goes the popular myth. We can't speak for "everyone" world-wide but we assure you that the eighteen pictured here have a good time together. Since we've been together in June, we've been on a camping retreat, wor-

shipped God in the beauty of His creation in His mountains just outside of town, watched videos, played games, taken walks, done puzzles, played jokes, celebrated birthdays (with hot fudge sauce, angel food cake, cheesecake, and carrot cake), spent free days in Zacatecas, gone to the Fair and laughed through many a late night trip to the airport.

Laughter and shared friendships are the oil that keeps us going in hard times. A shared bond in Christ glues us together and the goal of adding sisters and brothers to the family of our Heavenly Father remains our life-long goal.



The 1999-2000 Team

Back Row: Jonathan Lightner, Scott Linhart, Dave Griffin, Jim Dahlin, Doug Jones, Andy Janssen

Middle Row: Trent Korstange, Gretchen Ruble, Concha Griffin, Christine Logan, Christy Hudson, Kym Cook, Jennifer Schroeder, Meredith Omland

Front Row: Kerrie Maas, Christine Yoder, Shelly Stevens, Leanne Biehl

Meet Olga and Gerardo

Every church has members who are considered "the pillars of the community." In our church, Olga and Gerardo are the first two most would name. Their daughters were the first to attend our Club Program. Olga, initially shy and hesitant, soon experienced the transforming life and power of Jesus and became a regular attender of Sunday services.

Problems in their home often drove Gerardo away from his family and he frequently spent weekends playing soccer and hanging out with friends. The life-changing power of the Holy Spirit drew him to Jesus about a year after Olga.

Today Olga helps lead the Women's Bible Study and Gerardo serves as Treasurer for the church, as well as a regular member of Men's Bible Study. Together the couple has opened their home and their hearts to the hurting in their colonia, especially the teens and younger couples. Both



are frequently sought by friends for counsel, advice and prayer.

We count it a privilege to serve with both Olga and Gerardo!

Men on the Move

Our single men are currently living together in what were intended to be classrooms for our programs. Next door to our bodega/men's house a new creation of brick and mortar is rapidly reaching completion. The goal is to move all our men into this new building by the end of November. Their current home has a metal roof and walls which unfortunately keeps the building hot in the summer and cold in the winter.

Their new home should reverse the living conditions and provide them with an adequate number of bedrooms, bathrooms and a living area where they can congregate with each other and friends from the colonia. In addition to all these benefits, the multi-purpose structure will have two meeting rooms (one large and one small) and much needed storage room that can be secured during the week. The locked storage space means that we will no longer have to transport all the musical and

video equipment back and forth over bumpy roads many times each week. The equipment and those who lug the heavy pieces in and out will all rejoice when this much needed but dreaded exercise in "weight lifting" comes to a safe, secure and convenient end.

Prayer Updates and Requests:

The team thanks you for prayer on their behalf. There have been the unusual (and sometimes unique) traumas and upheavals as we learn to work together but God has faithfully worked in each life. We are so grateful for the large number of men on this year's team and the way that the men and boys of our colonias have been blessed by having a man as mentor and friend.

- Please pray that enough men will continue to hear the call of God to "Go and make disciples" (especially in this unreached part of Mexico).
- Doug Jones and Christy Hudson as they prepare for their March 4th wedding in Nashville.
- Spiritual protection and growth for the ever increasing number of adults who are attending Sunday services. Satan never easily relinquishes those in his power.

Encourage your favorite missionary

(or the whole team)

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