

## ABCD MCMANUS MINISTRY UPDATE

APRIL 2007

### SCIENCE FAIR...SORT OF

Well, our first annual science fair sort of fizzled into more of a science fair practice. Several students ended up unable to complete their projects for either lack of materials or lack of time at home to work on them. So, we decided to just give it a trial run with the three that had some level of work to show and to build off of the experience for the "real" science fair this September. Below are a few samples of what we did have this time.



Hanna Leah's candy vs medicine



Josh's incredible hover vac



Alicia's beam vs suspension bridge

### HOMESCHOOLING...NOT JUST FOR GRINGOS

A new trend in Mexico is a growing interest in this ancient idea of home education. It is certainly in its infancy as an educational idea here, but it appears to be an option that some believers in Mexico are exploring. In some communities homeschooling is such a strange idea that it is attempted at the risk of public humiliation and possibly worse.

In the case of our good friends here in San Juan del Río, Lalo and Lety, the choice is not a difficult one. As an enthusiastically evangelistic couple and family, they are already targets in their neighborhood as their love for Jesus sometimes draws the ire of unbelievers. Their children are no exception. Their son Gamaliel came home from public school a few weeks ago with a black eye, a split lip and scratches all over his face and body. In between sobs he explained that his teacher had hit him for being a believer (he often spoke to his classmates about Jesus) and that another teacher sent him outside with the class bully with instructions for the bully to beat him up. He's now deathly afraid of going to school each day, but he has no choice...or so they



Pray for Lalo & Lety, Priscila & Gamaliel

thought before attending a recent homeschool seminar for Mexican believers 4 hours drive from here. Now they are looking forward to keeping their two children safely at home this next school year where they can teach them and continue to disciple them in their love for Christ.

Lety is fearful that she won't be a good teacher for her children. Beth spoke with her to reaffirm that she's already teaching her children and that she can do it. We've promised to help them in any way we can, and it appears that we may even swap kids for a little each week...Beth and I teaching their kids English and Lety teaching our kids Spanish! We're so excited to be able to encourage this precious family.

### LOOK WHO'S LOOKING FOR YOU!

After 2 years and 7 months of ministry here in Mexico, it's time for a short break from the routine and return to the U.S. to visit with as many of you as we can in order to give you a personal update and to be mutually encouraged.

We're also in need of replenishing about \$300 to \$500 in monthly support. Join us in praying for the Lord to provide new supporters who are willing to partner with us in a ministry that is "touching eternity one life at a time."

We hope to see you if possible during our 4 months of travel that may reach 12,000 miles in length and cover over 15 states. A Mobile-T prepaid cell phone should be waiting for us in Dallas next week for us to program and use. We'll send you the number when we get it set up and know that it's working.

If you're interested in getting together with us during our brief time in the States and haven't yet been in contact with us directly, please email or call us ASAP so we can try and arrange that. Please note our itinerary first to see if we'll be remotely near you.

**TO OUR REGULAR FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THROUGH OUR HOME ASSIGNMENT WE'RE STILL DEPENDENT ON YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ORDER TO PAY OUR MONTHLY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES WHICH WILL BE MUCH HIGHER THAN NORMAL. THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING TOWARD OUR NEEDS!**

### ITINERARY

### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

\*denotes ministry presentation/report

April 20	Alamo, TX	April 22	Redeemer Community Church, Katy, TX
April 21-22	Katy, TX	April 29*	Westminster P.C.A., Dayton, TN
April 23	Dallas, TX	May 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist of Mt. Dora, Mt. Dora, FL (tentative)
April 24	Paris, TX	May 13	TBA, Pickens, SC area
April 25	Little Rock, AR	May 20*	Bethel Baptist Church, Parkersburg, WV
April 26	Moscow, TN	May 27*	Linn Chapel, Grafton, WV
April 27-May 2	Dayton, TN	June 3*	Tree of Life, Carlisle, PA (tentative)
May 3	Stone Mountain, GA	June 10*	Carlisle Ev. Free, Carlise, PA (tentative)
May 4-8	Eustis, FL	June 17	Bethel Baptist Church, Parkersburg, WV
May 9-10	Charleston, SC	June 24*	Cornerstone Community Church, Millersburg, OH
May 11-12	Pickens, SC	July 1	Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference, Muskegon, MI
May 13	Salisbury, NC	July 8 a.m.*	Rollins Christian Fellowship, Manton, MI
May 14-15	Lynchburg, VA	July 8 p.m.*	Colfax Community, Manton, MI
May 16-18	Lusby, MD	July 15	TBA (open for presentation) MI/IN/IL
May 19-24	Parkersburg, WV	July 22	TBA (open for presentation) MI/IN/IL/OH
May 25-27	Bridgeport, WV	July 29*	Little Flock Fellowship, Mifflin, OH
May 28	Elizabethton, PA	Aug 5*	Vermillion Baptist, Perrysville, OH
May 29-June 1	Glenmoore, PA	Aug 12*	Calvary Grace Brethren, Kettering, OH
June 2-10	Carlisle, PA	Aug 19	Pending, TBA (presentation possible)
June 11-22	Parkersburg, WV (some dates tentative)	Aug 26	TBA (open for presentation) Dallas, TX
June 23-24	Millersburg, OH		
June 25-29	Painesville, OH		
June 30-July 6	Muskegon, MI		
July 7-15	Traverse City, MI		
July 16-20	Chesterton, IN		
July 21-27	TBA (schedule open)		
July 28-Aug 5	Perrysville, OH		
Aug 6-12	Dayton, OH		
Aug 13-19	New Albany, IN		
Aug 20	Warrenton, MO		
Aug 21-26	Dallas, TX		
Aug 27-30	South Padre Island, TX		
Aug 31-Sept 2	Travel to Mexico		



**SEEING YOU WILL BE OUR "TREE-T". WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

**Touching the World One Life at a Time,**

*Alan for Beth, Cameron and Dayton McManus*