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Our Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico



By Pastor Mike Smith

Casas por Cristo (CPC) is an organization that builds houses for those in need in Mexico. On April 5th a team of ten people from Christ Community Church headed to El Paso for a six day life-changing adventure. On our team were Pastor John Patton, Jack Patton, Tom White, Mazie White, Jack McCann, Caleb McCann, Adam Seger, Andrew Brown, Sherman Bucher, and myself. Brandon Broach, a son of Christ Community Church, led our team into Juarez Mexico to build a home for a family that was selected from over 500 families on the waiting list. Our family was Louis and Ofilian with their two daughters Elizabeth and Leslie. They had a small two room house when we arrived. We built another two room house next to their existing one in three days.

CPC works with a group of 120 local pastors in Mexico that recommend families for homes. The pastors determine the need and make sure the families own their property. They follow up with the families after the homes are built. The pastors participate in the dedication of the new home. We stayed in a church sleeping on the floor the three nights we were in Juarez.

Jack McCann served the team by working up the meals for the time we were in Juarez. His Scout training came in quite handy.

The first day we framed up a form for the foundation pad, poured the foundation with the aid



of a concrete truck and framed up the outside walls. The home was about 12 feet by 24 feet in size. The second day we raised the walls, put on the roof and shingles, ran electrical wire, put on the outside Celotex fiberboard, installed the two outside windows and put on chicken wire on the outside for the stucco base. The final day we insulated the house, mixed mortar and applied the stucco on the outside of the home, put up the sheetrock inside and installed the electrical sockets, switches, ceiling fan and lights. Thursday morning

we had the dedication at 9:00 a.m. Louis works as a brick mason. He stayed home that morning for the dedication where we prayed over the family and the home, presented them with the keys to the home, gave them a bible with other gifts

and nailed up a CPC plate on the outside of the home. John Patton said, "It is hard to have your feet washed." It was difficult for Louis to receive the graciousness of the team and CPC. He was grateful, but quite humbled that he could not provide this for his family himself. He makes about \$80 - \$100 a week in his profession. He came across to the United States illegally and made \$500 a week sending that money back to his family. He was caught and deported back to Mexico. It is difficult to live on \$100 a week in Juarez and get ahead to provide

more than the basic needs for your family. Ofilian was grateful and received the generosity more easily. The two girls about nine and seven were so excited about the new home. They were dancing with joy. It was touching to see their enthusiasm and gratitude. Mazie White spent a lot of time playing with and communicating with the two girls, Elizabeth and Leslie. That was enjoyable to watch.

While we were planning for this trip we discovered that this would be Brandon Broach's last team that he would lead with CPC. He will be transitioning from there to something else the end of the month. Pray for Brandon and his wife Emily. The same day he found out he was leaving CPC Emily told him she was pregnant! Brandon has a passion for people and for leading worship. Pray that God leads him and them in what he has for them.

CPC built over 300 homes last year. This year they have 89 scheduled. The unrest in Juarez has caused a number of teams to cancel. We did not see any trouble when we were in Juarez. The poor are not in the middle of the conflict going on there.



Reaching kids and adults with kingdom truth



by Renuka Christoph

Jean Costner Thomason, aka, Miss PattyCake has been sharing her enthusiasm for the gospel since 1992. Her character as Miss PattyCake targets an overlooked

market, preschoolers. Her mission is not only to share the gospel in a fun and appealing way to children, but also to their parents so they can later repeat the songs with their children.

Miss PattyCake evolved out of a song called Patty Cake Praise. The woman who wrote the song approached Jean to develop a character.

The two concluded the character needs to be a "happy clappy teacher/friend who is a cross between Pippy Longstocking and Captain Kangaroo."

Jean went to her church in Mobile, AL and MOPS group and

shared the program idea. "I wanted to reach not only the kids but also adults so they could go home and sing with children," explains Jean.

Miss PattyCake's popularity began to spread by word of mouth. Soon, Jean was getting invites from all over the state of Alabama.

"Miss PattyCake praise songs marry nursery rhymes to scripture. What we do with are hands is to praise the Lord. I incorporate my background as a worship leader... out of the mouth of babes children make perfect praise."

Jean's passion as Miss PattyCake remains just as strong if not stronger.

"It transformed from a hobby to a real need that needs to be addressed. I am motivated now more than ever to promote scripture to our youth."

The entertainer stays busy going to churches and various events. In the last two years, she did 50 shows.

Miss PattyCake also has a new DVD.

"All of this is in an effort to take the goodness of God into homes."

Come watch Miss PattyCake perform live at CCC on May 3 at 4:00. Visit www.misspattycake.com. Tickets are \$5.00.

Upcoming Events



Sunday, May 3 4:00 p.m.
Christ Community Church
1215 Hillsboro Road Franklin, TN
www.christcommunity.org

Admission \$5. Tickets available on-line & at the door

MISSPATTYCAKE.COM

Award-Winning Musician/Storyteller Jack Pearson will perform May 6: Jack will bring his special blend of songs and stories for families on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Adding to the fun will be our own Buddy Greene with Scott Malchow on bass. Jack is well-known around the Upper Midwest for his vocal and instrumental skills on guitar, banjo and jawharp. He will share his faith through his trademark songs and stories and may even play his famous...amplified toy box lid?! The kids in your life won't want to miss it.

National Day of Prayer: May 7. Join clergy and leaders of cultural and denominational diversity to pray for our city, state and nation; 11:30-12:30 at the Sommet Center Plaza in Nashville with guest artist Ricky Skaggs.

Appalachia Mission Trip Meeting: Sunday, April 26, following the second service in B-111. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact John or Cissy to let us know of your plans. Worksite assignments are being made and we need to confirm numbers prior to the meeting on April 26.

Career Transition Initiative Class: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in B-104/107. Everyone is welcome.

Michael Card's Gospel of John Study: We will not meet this Wednesday, April 22 but will resume the following week in the Worship Center at 6:30 p.m.

Conversations from Our Hearts: Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall: A lavish evening

of homemade desserts and coffees mixed with heart-warming conversation and Spirit-filled testimony from The Story Group: Diane Wingham, Nancy Puryear, Amy Beasley Shaffer, Susan Shafer and Cindy Blom. They will be sharing about their journey in recording their stories, using Dan Allender's methods. Please contact Marilyn (marilyn.seites@christcommunity.org, 468-2271) if you would like to bring your favorite homemade dessert to share.

Cottage Readers Book Club: Join us Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. for covered dish or at 7:00 for book discussion on Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns. See the Women's Ministry page on our website for location and directions.

Franklin ID Theft Briefing: Mondays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in B-103. This is a meeting designed to educate about identity theft and its various forms as well as give practical steps that families can take to limit their exposure. The most comprehensive products on the market are also presented. For more information, contact Danny O'Lannerghty at 615-300.6533 or olannerghty@comcast.net.

Music Lessons available at CCC through the Community Arts Learning Center: Contact Andrew Spikes at calc.nashville@gmail.com for more information.

IMPACT (Institute for Missionary Preparation and Cross-cultural Training) - A New Sunday School Class: Join us for a three-week module on Sundays April 19, 26 and May 3 to hear Stacey Croft, RUF-Vanderbilt pastor, speak on Evangelism Training - Defeaters: What Defeats Us From Having Relationships with Non-Christians? Location: B-110/B-111 at 10:45 a.m.

Short Term Mission Trip--Arts Academy for Teens/Kids in Lima, Peru (July 25-August 2): Kick-off meeting on Sunday, April 26

in Room C-227 at 12:30 p.m. Venture with us to Lima, Peru to serve alongside CCC career missionaries, Mark and Lori Berry. Requested: Skilled adults to professionally teach creative classes for children and teens. Suggested courses include: music, drama, visual and creative arts. Courses will encourage a love and appreciation for the arts as understood from a Biblical worldview. Lunch provided at kick-off meeting - please RSVP to Kim.Wilk@christcommunity.org so we know how much lunch to provide.

Sponsor a Child through Compassion International: Your sponsorship of \$32/month provides educational, social and health benefits, and Christian training through a local church in the community where the child lives. Visit the sign-up table in the Narthex on April 26.

Barefoot Nation Launch Party: Tuesday, April 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Factory in Franklin. Join us for drinks and desserts, camp testimonies, and special music by Jessica Campbell, Thomas Rose, Katherine Mez and more. Barefoot Nation is an online community that unites people who support Barefoot Republic Camp, a multicultural camp committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. To RSVP and to learn more go to www.barefootnation.org.

Sports Servants Fund-Raising Event: May 3 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the home of Lynn & Allen McDonald, 3513 Woodmont Boulevard, Nashville 37215. Dinner is \$100 per person - child care provided. Come hear the story of Sports Servants - a journey of redemption and hope where the youth and adults of Belize are empowering children and transforming communities through relationship and sports. Director Zac Hood and Belizean Jesus Ek will share about this movement within the schools and villages of Belize. To purchase tickets go to www.sportservants.org.

Cinco de Mayo Outreach: Saturday, May 2 from 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m. at Pinkerton Park in Franklin: Parking volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Also needed are several golf carts to help with parking. If you can help in either way, contact Kim Wilk at kim.wilk@christcommunity.org.

Donate items in good condition to give to families in need during the Cinco de Mayo event. There is a drop-off trailer here at CCC in the south parking lot until May 1. Items needed: furniture, household items, clothing in good condition, jewelry, books and sports equipment.

Against the Grain News:
4th annual Against-the-Grain Golf Scramble: Thursday, May 7 at Vanderbilt Legends Club. Register at www.atghope.org - deadline is April 24. If you have contacts with local businesses for donations (gift cards to restaurants, pro shops- team prizes; and prizes for overnight getaways/etc), please contact rob@atghope.org.

Walk-a-Thon to benefit Against the Grain: Saturday, May 9 at BGA at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Download a packet from their web site at www.atghope.org.

Forever Families Backpack Program: We are collecting new or nearly new backpacks for children brought into custody of the state. If you have extra meeting bags provided from trade shows/association meetings, those are welcomed as well. A bin is provided in the back entrance of the church to the left of the Information Center.

