

StreetChild Acapulco *July 2008*

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Hello friends and family,

We know it has been a while since we have sent a newsletter out to update all of you. Now that we are back in the states we want to let you know what has happened since we last wrote and also update you on what we have planned for the future. We want to thank all of you for making it possible for us to go to Acapulco and be a part of the work that the Lord is doing there for the last two years. Jennifer and I **Rejoice Greatly** in your partnership and sharing in our burden for the ministry, just as Paul did in ***Philippians 4:10-19***. *“To our God and Father be the glory for ever and ever. Amen”* *Php 4:20*

We first want to announce that the local Board of directors for Sobre el Puente has hired a New Director, who was officially announced in our last Staff meeting before we left Acapulco. This was one of the many responsibilities we had these past 6 months. The new Director “Jaime” and his wife “Monseratt” officially started work July 4th the day that we left Acapulco for the states. Please pray for them as they take over the ministry, for wisdom and strength as they learn and get to know the ministry and the staff. Pray that the Lord will bless and grow the ministry in many ways through them and the church.

During the past 6 months as we were very busy searching for a new director and looking at possible changes for the ministry, we still had the responsibility of ministering to many children. We seen many changes in several of the children, and were able to help them return home or seek help in other shelters that provide long term help. Carlos, Isai, Javier, Christian and Flor all returned home or to live with family. Emmanuel went to a shelter in Guadalajara. Many of these kids have been in the streets and attended Sobre el Puente for several years. Please pray for these kids for continued growth in the Lord and strength during difficult times as they stay with their family. Jennifer also was involved with several street girls that were pregnant. Jennifer ministered to these girls and helped them get enrolled in government programs for single mothers. Flor who we mentioned above gave birth to a baby girl the last week we were in Acapulco and we took her to the bus station with baby “Josi” on Thursday. She went to Mexico City to stay with her sister.



Jen and Flor w/baby “Josi” at bus station



Jen and I had the privilege to take 15 children and 3 other staff members to a Christian camp in the mountains near Mexico City. The camp was for 2 nights and 3 days. We took part in the team building program that the camp has and many other activities such as wall climbing, archery, hiking and sports. We had daily group and individual devotions as well as praise and worship time. The kids enjoyed the break from the streets, the heat, as well as the city bustle we are accustomed to. Check out some of the pictures from camp on our site at www.streetchild.smugmug.com

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In late April our family was able to visit two teams for possibilities in future ministry. We visited Monterrey, Mexico and talked to the Northern Mexico Team for MTW. We also visited Ciudad Juarez/El Paso, TX. to talk with the BEAMM Team. During our visits we talked to the various churches and the leaders that would be involved with the new children's ministry that we would be helping to start. We also visited and investigated the needs of the communities we would be working in.

*Family Photo at
White Sands New Mexico
during our recent
Vision Trip*

That brings us to where we are now and what our plans are for the future. We need your prayers as we go forward from here and follow Gods will for us.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- His good, pleasing and perfect will" Rom 12:2

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Eph 5:17

These verses are not easy to accomplish but by Gods grace and mercy we will continue to strive forward.



We have been in Missouri for 2 weeks visiting family and we arrived in Seneca, South Carolina this past weekend. We need to find housing, get the kids ready for school and try to find part-time work. As we are doing these things we miss the children from the ministry and our many friends we left behind in Acapulco. Please keep all this in your prayers as well. We will continue to stay on salary or partial salary with MTW depending on what type of work we find, also this allows us to stay on the insurance plan and prepare for the next phase in the ministry. This is only possible through your continued support. Our plans are to attend Readiness Evaluation in January for MTW; this is required to enter the field as career missionaries. After REV we will start to raise support to return to the field in Mexico working with Street Children in Northern Mexico. During this process we need financial support as well as continued prayer support. Our account with MTW is very low for the first time. Please consider continuing your support for us or if your not one of our financial partners and would like to join in our ministry please contact us. We would love to sit down with you and share our experiences and answer any questions you have about our future work. You can contact us by email jburkemper@fastmail.fm or call us on our Vonage phone at 864-973-9110.

God Bless

Your brother and sister in Christ

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