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# The Coleman Lantern

Shedding God's Light

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14:6

Hola!

I think my favorite time of year might be spring. I love the green, the flowers, the hope it brings. I love seeing the newborn cows and horses that come by the school, I love that the days are longer and there is still daylight after dinner. Although Christmas is a special time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the springtime celebration of Easter brings the hope of life eternal in the resurrection of Jesus. Our prayer for you is that you are in a saving relationship with Jesus this Easter.

The first week of March we went to San Vicente, about 1½ hours south of Ensenada, for a wet weekend of outreaches. We worked at a women's shelter in the morning. The weather held off long enough for a drama the students did, and then enjoyed play time with the kids. It poured rain during our afternoon at the park but the students still played their instruments in the gazebo and a few brave souls came out. The Saturday night bonfire planned for the teens rained out so the students braved a soccer scrimmage indoors, followed by s'mores over the gas stove. (Not quite the same but it didn't seem to matter to the students or the teens.)



We have had a lot of rain since the first of the year. It was amazing to see how many huge rocks were moved and a new little river was formed with all the rain. For one whole week the rivers were too deep and fast to cross but eventually they receded. Now we drive slow and praise the Lord for the Ford which has 4 wheel drive and gets us back and forth across both river and creek. Here I am driving across ~ smiling at the end & saying a little thank you prayer for another safe crossing. Although many have gotten stuck we have managed to stay out of the mud. Praise the



Lord!

Once a month we have an evening of games and desert. The evening is also themed and the students win a prize for the best dressed. March's was "G" which means dressing as something beginning as a "G". There are lots of choices as it can be in either language. Shawn and I always try to dress, this time we were "gasloneros". In Mexico gas is still pumped at the gas station and the guys and gals are called "gasiloneros". The students are so creative, we look forward to this evening every month. Here we are pictured with the "Geek", Brittany. As you can see I will wash your window and Shawn will help with "additivos".



Work continues on the new dorm which will be completed for the next semester start. God continues to provide in amazing ways for the materials needed for construction. Our current dorms are full and we in need of an additional classroom. Part of the

downstairs in the new dorm will be used as a classroom. Here is a recent photo with two of our interns finishing up the side. Jacob will be working with a team next week which will be painting the outside and working on the inside. God is so faithful in His provision. Not only all the coordinating with teams that Jacob does but also through contacts and other missionaries. For example, through the purchase of an apartment building in San Diego the old owners donated left over paint not included in the purchase, which is enough for the new dorm. There is a cruise ship in Long Beach that is changing out all of their mattresses and has donated enough mattresses to outfit not only the new dorm but enough for the next dorm as well. As needs come up God just provides in amazing ways. Our prayer is that you look to see His provision in your life as well.



We thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. Especially at this time, with the all economic issues, we so appreciate all you are able to do. We wouldn't be here without all of you encouraging us, praying for us and supporting the ministries with donations of all kinds. As you pause this weekend to remember what our Lord did for us, our prayer is that you will take time to share about that great sacrifice with others.

In His grip,  
Shawn and Karen