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We send out a regular ministry update about work and life to those who are interested. Through the updates we hope to give a better picture of everyday life in the mission field. Many of those who receive our updates have committed to praying for us and to supporting us financially. You can receive the updates by e-mail (subscribe here) or by regular mail (send us an [e-mail](#)). [From this link](#) you can read some of our updates from early 2006.

Ministry report 2006

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## REPORT 2006

**The Silva family / YWAM Heredia Operating Location in Guanacaste**

**VISION: To establish permanent YWAM mercy, evangelism and training ministries in Guanacaste, focusing on the Nicoya Peninsula. Our purpose is to:**

- **Help, support and strengthen the local church and mobilize them to world missions**
- **Guide and teach individuals to find salvation and abundant life in Jesus Christ**
- **Support and teach communities toward biblical transformation and development**

2006 was our first full year in Guanacaste and in the community of Corral de Piedra. The most meaningful accomplishment was to adapt to the culture and lifestyle here, to build relationships with the local people like neighbours, schools, churches and secular authorities and to learn more about the spiritual atmosphere and needs of this area. We have learned a lot and still continue learning.

During 2006 we did the following ministry activities:

- Were in charge of the training of the participant churches and volunteers and the distribution of 8000 Samaritan's Purse gift boxes in 96 communities of Guanacaste
- Support coaching, participation and discipleship of Caballito soccer team
- Hosted a team from Minnesota and with them distributed food and shared the Gospel with 100 poor families, fixed up the Corral de Piedra primary school and worked with the students of the school, participated in the Caballito feria
- Organized 'Caballito feria' together with Hijos del Rey church from Heredia. Open community activity with dental and health care, beauty service, massages, teachings for couples, children's program and Gospel presentation
- Hosted a DTS outreach team from Heredia for one week. With them worked with youth, taught English at local schools, cleaned Caballito primary school and invited people to Caballito feria
- Had regular youth meetings Saturday nights sharing the word with up to 50 youth
- English classes at Caballito primary school 6<sup>th</sup> grade once a week
- English classes at the ministry center Saturday afternoons (up to 7-15 participants)
- Computer classes for Corral de Piedra primary school
- Hosted a team from Wisconsin and with them distributed food and shared the Gospel with 150 families, preached and taught at churches in Caimital and Cañal, did children's activity in Cañal, did a women's bible study in our home community, fixed up a police station in Quebrada Honda and after the team left we built a roof for the church in Cañal with materials donated by the team
- Administrated a scholarship fund for poor students. Together with local schools and high schools found 107 poorest children in 10 different communities, donated each a bag with school uniforms, shoes and supplies with a Gospel presentation.
- Helped to coach three students from Caballito for running competition
- Preached at youth meeting in Cañal

- As part of ministry we have invited families and couples for dinners, had our home /ministry center open for the youth to come and hang out and actively participated in all community meetings and activities
- Organized a community movement to ask the government to asphalt 10 km of gravel road
- Training farmers about biogas production with pigs
- Both of us have done a lot of one-to-one counselling

We also:

- Took a 2-month combined vacation and furlough in Finland (June-August)
- Participated in a support raising seminar by Andy Huddleston at YWAM Heredia
- Diego participated in YWAM DNA seminar in Mexico in October
- Took part in maybe 4 or 5 staff meetings at YWAM Heredia

Other points of interest:

- As a result of this years' ministry more than 1000 persons have heard the Gospel and what we know of, at least 50 accepted Jesus as their Saviour
  - We are renting a house we hope to purchase for YWAM, \$80 000 + fixing costs
  - We as a family bought a property here and hope to start building soon. We need \$60 000 to build.
  - Our family's monthly support has been \$1400 average, our budget is for \$2800
- Plans and agenda for 2007 can be found on our web page [www.pampa.fi](http://www.pampa.fi)

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