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REPORT 2007

YWAM Pioneer Team in Nicoya, Guanacaste

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OUR VISION IS:

To establish permanent mercy, evangelism and training ministries in Guanacaste, focusing on the rural communities of the Nicoya Peninsula.

Our purpose is to:

Guide and teach individuals to find salvation and abundant life in Jesus Christ

Support and teach communities toward biblical transformation and development

Help, support and strengthen the local church and mobilize it to world missions

2007 was our second full year of life and ministry in Guanacaste. Relationship building and being part of the community was still the most meaningful ministry, but this year we were also able to do much more outreach and program wise. God answered our prayers by sending many people to help us so that during the whole year there were always people working with us. We were blessed to see some of the local youth and neighbors give their lives to Jesus this year.

During 2006 we did the following ministry activities:

January 8: Young Life outreach

January 17-19 Kids Camp, 15 kids from local community.

February 1st Uniform Distribution for 100 poor students in 6 different public schools. DTS from Heredia helped us with a presentation in the distribution event

February 19-28: Visit from YWAM Finland, project planning and visits with PANI, IMAS, CCSS for Semillas de Vida Maternity Center and ministry.

March: Going the distance outreach

April: Teaching at a Youth Camp Tilaran

June – September, with the help of summer staff started Kid's Club on Saturdays and did regular ministry with handicapped children

Individual counselling and support to a raped illegal immigrant

June: Luminous rock-band outreach, concerts in Nicoya and Caballito, at least 15 converts

Sugarloaf outreach team July 1-10, did ministry in our home community, San Antonio, Santa Rita and organized a youth camp for 36 local youth in Barra Honda

Texas outreach team July 24-30, did ministry in Corralillo High School, Rosario and Puerto Humo

Support coaching, participation and discipleship of Caballito soccer team, forming a sports board for the community, soccer school in August

October and November did flood relief work in Filadelfia cleaning up, distributing food and clothes. YWAM Heredia EARS group helped us with an outreach to a community called Bambu 2 and later we went back to two more communities.

Relief work, church visits and support to a church in Jobo, where the pastor has left his wife, family and the church. outreach in November.

Had regular youth meetings Saturday nights sharing the word with up to 50 youth

English classes at Corral de Piedra elementary school and Corralillo High School

English classes at the ministry house Saturday afternoons (up to 7-15 participants)

Administered 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.

Teaching at a church in Canal, helping the pastor and the community with a water/well/pump problem

Supported and organized community movement to fix roads

In September we started a Discipleship Group for new converts that has met every Wednesday ever since, studying the Gospel of John.

We also:

Participated in Lynn Green's Basic Leadership Seminar in Guatemala in May

Other points of interest:

Our home church is Harvest Vineyard in San Jose, it supports us both by regular prayers and financially. In Guanacaste we regularly attend Oasis de Esperanza in Nicoya and Beach Community Church in Huacas.

We home school our two oldest children(9 and 6) and they are also in the local public school. Our youngest, 1 yr old is at home and in ministry with us.

Right now there is another couple working full time with us. In the summer we had 6 summer staff members, in the fall one couple as mission builders and one half time staff member in the spring.

As a result of this years' ministry more than 800 persons have heard the Gospel and what we know of, at least 45 accepted Jesus as their Saviour. We have a group of 5 new believers that we are closely discipling, one of them is just finishing a DTS in Heredia.

As a family we are building a house, hoping to move out of the ministry house soon. Until now we as a family have paid for the rent and utilities of the ministry house. When we move, the ministry will continue renting the same house for YWAM.

The address of our personal website with regular updates and much ministry information is www.pampa.fi

Finances:

Our family's financial support has been approximately \$1800 / month, our budget is for \$ 2800. We need more support!

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