

The Townsley Times

March 2004

Dear friends,

We are excited about what the Lord has been working in the lives of some of our people in and through the church. He has brought us some very special Dominican families who have been a great blessing to us and instrumental in helping expand the ministries of the new church "Iglesia Bautista Manantial de Vida." Some of our new ministries include a bi-monthly evangelistic newsletter distributed to the homes of people in the area and a church nursery for our infants to 2 year olds.

Our first ladies meeting began on February 6 with about 20 ladies. Although Hannah felt nervous and limited with her Spanish after having taught only children for the last couple of years, the Lord took control and the response and hunger for spiritual things was incredible. To God be the glory! There is a great enthusiasm among the ladies for the monthly meetings. We pray that God will continue to use this new ministry for His glory.



Our first teen activity was not the norm. Together with about 10 teenagers, we worked for about 3 hours taping and painting the church auditorium. When finished, we ate hot dogs and cake, and then had a game. Many of the teens seemed to have had no experience whatsoever with using a paint brush,



and we were surprised when they responded with so much enthusiasm and pride at their finished work. We ended up with a very nicely painted auditorium and no truly major catastrophes. We praise the Lord for the teens who participated, and for the much needed work that was done. Last week, the teens returned for yet another "work activity" painting another part of the church and cleaning; afterwards we served them tuna fish sandwiches (which they loved!) and brownies, and then played a drawing game. What a wonderful and unique way for God to provide for this need in caring for the church!

We greatly appreciate your love and faithful support.

We covet your prayers for:

*Souls to be saved

*Our first baptism on April 4th

*The charter service of the church planned for April 25

*Our health and protection

*Hannah's pregnancy (our baby boy is due July 4)

*A van for our growing family and our church route

In His Service,

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