

One Whirlwind Month!

June passed in a whirlwind of activity as we finished up several refurbishing projects here at the camp and traveled to preach and serve in many areas of Colombia. As July begins, we are looking to continue the primary activities of our work here with is to preach the Gospel and offer salvation in Christ Jesus to those who have not heard the Good News. Let me share some highlights from this last month.

At Camp: Here at the camp we put in raised sidewalks in the upper part of the camp. During the rainy season we can get torrential downpours that will leave the entire camp property under a few inches of water. We would wear rubber sandals and roll up our pants legs to wade from one building to the other. The raised sidewalks will enable us to move from one building to another without getting our shoes soaked. While we have finished the upper part of the camp, to do the lower part and finish the project will cost about \$4,000. If the Good Lord moves your to partner with us in this project please designate the funds for the sidewalk project and send your love offering to **Colombian Christian Mission, PO Box 95, Rittman, OH 44270.**

Hasten Partners: The second big activity has been the Hasten International Medical Mission projects to take medical and dental services to the less fortunate and to also share the Gospel with them. Many times their poverty is due to life choices and the Gospel can help lift them out of their suffering. Hasten sponsors the dentist and the physician and we provide the organizational and logistical support for this missionary effort. We held one health brigade in a very poor section of Villavicencio and then the second trip was to an Indian reservation in the jungle area of the country where we first lived and worked. For the latter trip, which involved a ten-hour drive, we hired a local public transport vehicle as the need to carry a generator and our other equipment meant our the two small SUVs we normally use did not have sufficient capacity. We are praying that one day the Lord provide us with our own 15 passenger van for both the medical work and for work crews as well as camp transportation for events here at the camp. You will be hearing more about this project on our Facebook page and Internet site.



Preach the Word! As always, I have continued to travel and preach at churches here in Colombia. I attended church here in Villavicencio as well as traveled to and preached at other churches. I normally ride a motorbike for these trips as the bike is much more economical than a car, so unless I am carrying people with me, I go on the bike. That paid off last night as I was returning from Puerto Lopez in the evening. About ten miles from the camp, the cars in front of me braked to a complete standstill. I eased out into the opposite lane and there were brake lights as far as I could see. Along with the other bike riders I edged onto the berm and traveled alongside of the stopped traffic, being careful to watch for anyone who might be opening a car door to get out and stretch their legs as they sat there. Apparently some accident had totally blocked the road and so all traffic was totally stopped. For a full ten miles I rode alongside of stopped traffic until I arrived at my turnoff for the camp.

A Final Note

Finally, on a somewhat sad note, legal proceedings have begun against those who embezzled funds from the mission and then tried to cover up their criminal activity by publically defaming me and attempting to destroy the work here in Colombia. I had hoped to resolve the issue without anyone being charged but the stubborn refusal of those involved to repent means the judicial system is now taking over. Still, it is with great sadness I see people I dearly love, including preachers, being charged with theft of the Lord's money and funds many of you sacrificially donated for the work here in Colombia, but good stewardship means we must insist on accountability. In spite of this very evident satanic attack, we trust in the Lord's faithfulness, and yours as well, as we move forward to do His work! Our work continues to flourish!

Dale rides a motorbike for much of his preaching.



Raised sidewalks are a big blessing and a project only half finished.

