



# Mision De Candelilla

## ANGING LIVES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER

### La Palabra De Dios En El Desierto

#### Heritage School 2010

For the third year in a row Heritage School students went with us on a summer service project. This is their second year to go to Big Bend Tabernacle. Here are some photos of the group beginning the process of converting an old pole barn into a dormitory. Big Bend Tabernacle, a ministry run by Bonnie Cain, provides spiritual and physical healing to many individuals. The dorm will give these folks a place to stay.



#### Kingdom Living

Many believers falsely believe that our faith will keep us from experiencing difficult days. It is true that we have a hope that goes beyond anything that we can imagine. This does not mean that life will always go as we expect it.

When life does not go as we expect it is easy to become discouraged, disillusioned, depressed and even anxious. These feelings are a part of what was our fallen condition.

Most of us believe: "If I simply conjure up more faith, I can get over these feelings and move on." I have to admit, I have done this many times. I have pulled myself up by my  
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*Mission completed! The entire group gives credit to the Lord for what has been through their hands. Notice Dick and Bonnie Cain in the center of the photo.*

#### Quenching Our Thirst

The desert is a challenging place to visit. It is, however, an excellent place to visit and have one's spiritual thirst quenched. For three consecutive years, students from Heritage School of Fredericksburg, Texas have gone to the desert to work on a service project.

While the students give of themselves, the reward they receive from the Lord far outweighs any of the sacrifice they give.

The group worked hard and did a magnificent job! They took a dilapidated old pole barn and put a new roof on it. This is the first stage  
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*Fiesta 2010 was a wonderful success in spite of the fact we did not reach our goal of \$25,000. In the photo above folks had a great time shopping at our first ever El Mercado. All the items sold were arts and crafts from the folks in the villages. All the proceeds from this sale go back to the individuals who made them.*

#### Fiesta 2010

was a huge success! We fell roughly \$9000 short of our goal of \$25,000, but folks who attended all agreed that this was the best *Fiesta* to date. The items for sale in the silent auction were the best ever and contributed over \$3,000 to our total fundraising efforts. El Mercado was a huge success as most of the items created by the folks in the villages were  
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*Bobbie Vitek served as master of ceremonies at our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual fundraiser!*

#### We need you!

We are very short-handed for the fall medical trips. Every trip is inadequately staffed. If we do not get more folks to sign up we may have to cancel one or both of the trips in October. If you have a current passport please consider going with us. If you know anyone who can go, recruit them. If finances are an issue

#### 2010 Fall Medical Trips

**Boquillas Sept. 22-26**

**San Vicente Oct. 12-17**

**Alamos De Marquez Oct. 27-31**

#### Twenty-Five years of Mision De Candelilla

Remember when we used to cross all of our supplies in Victor's rowboat? Remember when we used to pile up in the back of Santo's truck to get to the villages, not caring that the desert dust was whirling and settling down on our heads and clothes?

Saturday, November 5, 2011 is the date that has been set to celebrate twenty five years of service in Northern Mexico and the U.S. It is the day that those of us who have gone on the trips with Jack and Carol Smith, Dr. Layne, and now Mision de Candelilla can get together

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## La Palabra De Dios En El Desierto

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bootstraps and done the things necessary to go through the latest trial and get on with life. This is not necessarily bad. I have had success using this method.

In recent years I have often wondered why I have to repeatedly live through feelings of discouragement, disillusionment, etc. Why do I have to keep “stirring myself up”? What lesson needs to be learned here? What am I missing?

Many Christians I have encountered admit to these same feelings. In the past I have counseled many people on how to live through trials. I have shared my personal experiences and encouraged them to “stir themselves up in the spirit.” This is not necessarily bad advice. There are biblical examples of “David stirring himself up in the spirit” to get through a crisis. But is there a better way?

While Jesus experienced grief and sorrow, (as evidenced in the garden of Gethsemane), there is no evidence indicating any feelings of depression, despair or any of the emotions that often challenge our faith. This leads me to believe that it is not necessary for us to continue to experience moving from hope to despair and back to hope.

Perhaps we can look at the identity of Jesus in order to find answers for ourselves. We of course know that Jesus is the Son of God. This in itself is not why Jesus could deal with life with calm, confidence, and authority. Rather, I think that Jesus understood exactly who he was. His confidence was in his understanding that He was His Father’s Son. This knowledge allowed Him to endure whatever came His way.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we too should place our confidence in the fact that we are sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. As sons and daughters we are co-heirs with Christ in the Kingdom of our Father.

How then, are we to deal with difficult issues we encounter in our lifetimes? Can I learn something new that will enable me to experience difficulties with calm and determination? I already have the knowledge of my son ship.

Perhaps it is not so much what we learn in our minds, but what we incorporate into our hearts. When I was a child I understood without question whom my earthly father was. I did not have to think about it or remind myself of this fact. This fact was an intrinsic part of me. No event, no threat, nothing could change this. My father passed away years ago but I am still my father’s son. Nothing can ever change that!

Scripture teaches us that we are to walk with this kind of confidence in our Father in heaven. Jesus said we were to become as little children and he taught us to pray...”Our Father”. He wanted us to have perfect confidence in our “Abba Father” (daddy) so that we would not be tossed to and fro.

The apostle Paul writes in Romans Chapter 8 verse 38 “*For I am persuaded that neither death or life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.*” Romans chapter 8 is a great chapter to read to gird ourselves against the wiles of our enemy. I have decided to read it every day until “my son ship in Christ” becomes an intrinsic part of who I am. As His children, let us be about the business of our Father’s Kingdom. For your convenience I have printed Romans 8 on the back of page three as written in The MESSAGE Curtis

**We need hygiene packs for the fall trips. If you or your church would like to help, give us a call. Below I have listed items to put in the packs. It works best to use 2 gallon food storage bags to package these items.**

*1 large shampoo, 1 large hand lotion, 1 bar of soap, 1 toothpaste, 2 toothbrushes, 1 rubbing alcohol, 1 lip balm.*

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sold. The food was great and the entertainment was inspiring!

Inspiring music was provided by the Charles Allen family of Waco, Texas and the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church youth group led by Clint Pluenneke. Also hailing from Holy Ghost Lutheran was Pastor Bobby Vitek who served as Master of Ceremonies. Everyone commented on what a great job he did! In fact we hope to have him back next year.

The food was great! We had much more food than we needed because we planned for 300 people and only 150 or so actually attended.

If you did not get to go you really missed out and we hope you get to next year! At this time we are planning to hold **Fiesta 2011** either Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> or Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>. We will keep you apprised.

We still have a few items left from El Mercado. If you are interested please give us a call or email us. In addition if you did not get to attend and would like to contribute please use the form at the bottom of page 3 to do so. We hope to see you at Fiesta 2011!



*Upper left: Juan Flores and Sally Tatsch enjoying the festivities at Fiesta 2010*

*Lower left: The Allen Family sharing their musical talents inspiring us all*

*Right: Sara Allerkamp interpreting for Cynthia Prado. Cynthia is from Melchor Muzquiz, Coahuila and testified about she has been blessed by the mission.*

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of transforming it into a dormitory for Big Bend Tabernacle, a ministry 20 miles north of Study Butte, Texas.

While they worked on transforming the barn, the Lord was working on their hearts. In the process we watched as the Lord transformed them.

It is such a joy to see people being touched by the love of the Lord. This is especially true when it is a youth group. But as always God is busy transforming all of us. All of the adults who accompanied the group from Heritage School can attest to this as well. All of us praise God for what He has done in our hearts!

Curtis & Sara

Spring 2011 Medical Trips

Boquillas Trip.....March 16<sup>th</sup> --20<sup>th</sup>

San Vicente Trip.....April 5<sup>th</sup>----10<sup>th</sup>

Alamos De Marquez Trip.....April 27<sup>th</sup>---May 1<sup>st</sup>



Our pharmacy crew is having a light moment during the Spring Boquillas Medical Trip as they are finishing the day in Jaboncillos.

Fall 2011 Medical Trips

Boquillas Trip.....Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>—25<sup>th</sup>

San Vicente Trip.....Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>----16<sup>th</sup>

Alamos De Marquez Trip.....Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>----30<sup>th</sup>

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and share stories about the old days.

The idea for a twenty-five year celebration was hatched by Dick Whipple and Liz Solis on their way back from a mission trip. They envision a day of reunions, swapping stories, lots of laughter and of course eating some good food. . “We are inviting musicians to bring their musical instruments for some jamming, “ says Liz Solis.

“We are in the very early stages of planning, says Sara Allerkamp, so we are inviting you the reader to e-mail any ideas that you would like to contribute to make the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration of Mision de Candelilla a success.

E-mail Liz Solis at: [liz\\_solis@msn.com](mailto:liz_solis@msn.com) or Sara at [sallerkamp@beecreek.net](mailto:sallerkamp@beecreek.net).

People who have never been on a trip, but have supported the work are encouraged to come as well. Kids are welcome! More details will follow between now and November 5, 2011.

We need someone to help build our website. If you or anyone you know has the ability and time we would appreciate it!

One of our goals for next year is to get a new (used) truck. We will have to raise funds or maybe somebody you know can help us!

YES! I want to join you!

Our fees to participants only cover the basic costs of each trip. All of our other expenses are covered by private donations. If you would like to join us on a trip, help with scholarships or donate to our general fund, please let us know.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Contact me about joining a trip to Mexico
- Enclosed is my one-time donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Enclosed is my monthly donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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## Romans 8 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup>With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

<sup>3-4</sup>God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that.

The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us.

<sup>5-8</sup>Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

<sup>9-11</sup>But if God himself has taken up residence in your life, you can hardly be thinking more of yourself than of him. Anyone, of course, who has not welcomed this invisible but clearly present God, the Spirit of Christ, won't know what we're talking about. But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells—even though you still experience all the limitations of sin—you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

<sup>12-14</sup>So don't you see that we don't owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent. There's nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life. God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

<sup>15-17</sup>This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

<sup>18-21</sup>That's why I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself

can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

<sup>22-25</sup>All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

<sup>26-28</sup>Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

<sup>29-30</sup>God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

<sup>31-39</sup>So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture:

They kill us in cold blood because they hate you.  
We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one.

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.