



PCC MEXICO MISSIONS LIFE GROUP

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Beach Fiesta a Success!

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God knew it would be windy...the tide would be in...the waves would be high...the temperature would be near 100 degrees and Playa Bonita RV park would be crowded...And we planned a beach party for 150 people!

residents this was their first trip to the beach this year... some first trip ever! Most swam in their clothes and simply enjoyed the coolness of the water and playing in the sand.

Dan Porter and Mike Sawicki cooked and served 200 hot dogs. Socorro, one of the

Mexican single moms, helped Carolyn Porter put mayonnaise on (nearly) every bun. Lucy Smith served the ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions. Alan Romero served potatoe chips, showing the

mission trailer awning, while others lay under the trailer (and our neighbors' trailers) to get out of the sun. Larry Lussier and Cheryl Austin set up an awning (the only one strong enough to stand up to the winds) to shade families on the beach. Peggy Tate, Patti Piper and Lisa Schroers assisted with the beverages, visited with families and cleaned up the mess! Dave Piper tactfully explained the reason for so many people at our single camp site to our neighbors and apologized sincerely. Our Life Group members and the Mexican families prayed together, shared many smiles and laughs and enjoyed fellowship on the beach. Pastors Stan and Becky Tedrow, Pastors Jose and Blanca Barrera, music leader Gaby Lugo and missionaries Pat and Gerry all came to visit the Beach Fiesta.

We had a wonderful opportunity to SERVE our brothers and sisters in Christ



Even with all the challenges...the day was a success...families enjoyed themselves, got plenty to eat... and we learned a lot!

Bob Publicover helped transport the families from two churches by driving one of the church buses through town. Children and adults played in the surf with Dave Piper, Dennis Smith, Larry Lussier, Bob Publicover and Alan Romero. For many Peñasco

kids how to keep them from blowing off their plate by folding the plate like a taco. Oreos and oranges rounded out the meal. Many mothers and children crowded under our



NEW CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

Dennis and Lucy Smith have purchased a Cingular Wireless phone with an international plan. The number to dial from the United States is **203-3276**. It will be a local call. You may give this phone number to those who may need to contact you in the event of an emergency while you are in Puerto Peñasco on a work trip.

Announcing: Next Mexico Life Group Meeting

Saturday, September 10, 2005 4:30 pm at Piper's club house. Bring your own meat to bar-b-q and a dish to share. Children welcome. Swimming Pool available. Fellowship, planning for future events, prayer, DOOR PRIZES. RSVP to PCCmexicolifegroup@hotmail.com. Call Dave and Patti Piper 760-1621 for directions.

La Gracia Mission has new Basketball Court

Dan Porter and men from the Men’s Rehab center framed and cemented a 25x25 foot basketball court at Jose Barrera’s church, La Gracia Mission. This is the first part of the project funded by the Sunday School Program of Pantano Christian Church. Our children raised \$1800 for a



“playground at a church in Mexico”. The basketball court is complete and the play set has been purchased. A work team will be going to Peñasco to set up the play set with swings on August 20th. La Gracia has a dynamic program for children every Saturday afternoon and a Vacation Bible School each summer that serves 150

children. They will put the play set to good use! If you would like to join this work team contact Dennis Smith at 546-3523 or dennis@azink.com immediately.



Church services to attend while in Puerto Peñasco

- o Compañerismo Cristiano de Peñasco, Pastor Stan Tedrow Sundays 10AM. Bilingual Service
- o Unidad Grupo Cristiano..... Paster Ernesto Portugal. Sundays 10:45 AM. Service in Spanish with headsets available to listen to the service translated into English

James 1:27 “ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

Prayer Requests:

- o Members will step up into leadership at all Mexican churches involved in G-12 program.
- o Ramon’s surgery will be successful and he will heal and be able to return home to Peñasco soon. Ramon is Socorro’s son.
- o For God to guide the pastor team as they discern the families that will receive Amor homes this fall.
- o That the women and single moms living at the Women’s Rehab Center will grow spiritually as they study the Bible daily with Maria.
- o For Pastor Jose as he looks for a new location for his church in the same neighborhood



Conversational Spanish Class

Prepare for the Mexico mission/work trips. Learn greetings, basic vocabulary, and relational phrases. Handouts included. Class size limited to 20. Open to adults and middle schools students with parent.

Wednesdays, 7-8 pm @ PCC September 7 thru October 26

Cost determined by number of registered students. 8 week class fee: \$50 for 10 or less students, \$33 for 15 and \$25 for 20 students. \$25 non-refundable deposit due with registration by August 28th. To register contact Lucy Smith 546-3523 or Patti Piper 760-1621.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18
 “For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing.”

PCC Mexico Life Group....How to get involved:

- **Pray** for the people living in Puerto Peñasco. Pray for the spiritual growth of those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- **Participate** in a work trip.
- **Learn** to speak Spanish ...see info about Conversational Spanish Class
- **Donate** items to be taken to Mexico; cast iron skillet and pans, blankets and sheets, peanut butter and jam, bass guitar and drum set.
- **Coordinate** a fundraising project to raise funds for work

trips and scholarships.

- **Participate** in the AMOR home building trip to Puerto Peñasco, November 10-13, 2005. Watch for registration info at PCC.

- **Attend** Life Group meetings—become a member! (next one scheduled for 9-10-05)

Did you know.... One of the purposes of our Mexico Life Group is to build relationships with the Evangelical Pastors in Puerto Peñasco. We want to be available to help when they have needs. We presently work with six churches!

Future Trips to Peñasco:

- August 2005: Work trip to build Play set at La Gracia Mission. Leave Tucson, Friday August 19th 3pm. Return Sunday August 21st or Monday, August 22nd. Make own arrangements for camping or motel.
- Early October 2005: Provide and prepare food for Neighborhood Outreach event at Compañerismo Cristiano de Peñasco (Pastor Stan Tedrow). Saturday event. Date TBA
- November 10-13 AMOR house building trip. Register at PCC or online beginning in August.

Watch for Mexico Life Group T-shirts...On sale soon!

Culture Tip:

American couples that come to work in Mexico are observed closely. They are watched to see if their marriage is strong and healthy. Men, show love and honor to your wives. Wives, show respect to your husbands. Ephesians 5:33 “ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” ¡Te quiero mucho! (I love you a lot!)

Pastor Ernesto Portugal Visits Pantano

Pantano welcomed Pastor Ernesto at the weekend services July 16th and 17th. Ernesto pastors the largest Evangelical church in Puerto Penasco. Pantano constructed Ernesto's church plant (Brisas) last November, and Ernesto brought us encouraging news of how things are going there.

This is another wonderful example of how PCC develops partnerships. When our crews were working at the church site last year, we didn't envision we were starting a new relationship with a church in Mexico.

Pastor Tim treated Ernesto to a Mexican lunch after Sunday service! Go figure!!

And for all who have discovered ice cream in Rocky Point, you will need to ask Ernesto how many times he stopped at Dairy Queen during his visit!

