

Proverbs 31 : 8-9

Our Vision

“Transforming
Communities
with the Heart
and Message
of Christ”

We accomplish this by:

- 1) Helping churches attain a position of practical and spiritual relevance in the heart of their communities
- 2) Pastoral affirmation and leadership development
- 3) Facilitating Strategic Short term missions projects

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Family News

There are no words to describe how thankful we are to all our supporters and family and friends. We wouldn't be serving here in El Salvador without your prayers and support. We are all healthy and happy and challenged daily to learn new cultural things, new language skills and creative ways to touch people's lives with the message of our loving Saviour, Jesus. We have been very busy since Christmas hosting three teams from Canada and the US, a friend from the Czech Republic and our first family member to visit us, Mared Jacobsen (Ron's first cousin). Hosting /facilitating teams is such a pleasure as it fulfills part of our ministry vision. Our family and ministry grows from these experiences & we see firsthand the positive impact on both the visitors and the locals. The girls continue to grow at an amazing rate and have really adapted to Latin culture. Charis is now nearly half way through the school year in K-5 and is completely bilingual. Her teachers tell me she is speaking "just like any Salvadoran." This includes both proper language and "cliché" or slang as many villagers use a lot of slang. She loves school and is now also taking some music/voice classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Kaelyn continues to have more energy than our entire family put together! She has a love for running, exploring and picking up weird bugs to show us! She is also speaking both English & Spanish, though her English is winning—we think. Ron continues to help plan and coordinate the teams that have come and plan for the new years ahead, shares the preaching schedule, teaches in the leadership training classes in San Salvador, and supporting all the works in Corinto and Hacienda. Sherry has taken on a new role of helping with the new "Child Salvation Program" or "CSP" with Compassion International. This helps pregnant women and their babies from before birth to 18 years of age. She is also a new teacher of English and is teaching pre-intermediate English classes. One recent highlight is being able to coordinate pastor's wives from three countries to come to El Salvador for a ladies conference. We had pastor's wives from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras in attendance. Thanks to those who donated money to sponsor these ladies to attend an event they would not have otherwise been able to attend. God ministered to each of us and stronger friendships were developed. Each say "thank-you so much—**muchas gracias**"



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Phil 1:3-6

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We value your prayers in these areas and whatever else God places on your heart



January 2009—Wisconsin arrived to do the most challenging physical work a team has done yet! They broke the ground, terraced, made retaining walls of rock, to begin the first two classrooms & office for the new church in **Corinto Hacienda**. They endured the harsh sun, wind/dirt/dust, not to mention breaking up rocks and just being the first team to start on

this new project. The community of Corinto Hacienda is being transformed due to the faithfulness of this group and their partners.

February 2009—Slave Lake/Swift Current churches partnered together to form a team to construct the second classroom block. They too experienced heavy physical labour but like Wisconsin, were able to take time to make new



friendships and show Jesus' love in practical and personal ways. This community continues to now construct the pillars and roof for a church building. The church in **Corinto Hacienda** has been blessed and the village is watching closely as they wonder “why do these people pour their hearts into our little village?” We know the answer is to love them and show them the way to a lifelong relationship with Jesus, the King of Kings.



March-April 2009 Youth Team from Edmonton NECF. What a joy to host the youth and leaders from our home church in Edmonton, led by Bret Corp (Youth Pastor). They ministered in 4 schools with dramas and sport camps. They had Wii tournaments in the evenings and shared the gospel with youth from Corinto and surrounding villages. They have planted seeds that continue to grow and young people have made decisions to live for Christ.

We wish to send a **BIG** thank-you to all of those who gave both financial donations & items of clothing, toys and medicine/supplies who were not able to come on a ministry team. **YOU** are a part of this ministry and what God is doing to transform individuals and families.

Families in Need of Housing

There are three church families here in desperate need of housing. If you or your church would like to help build any of these houses (approximate cost is \$6,000/USD house) , please contact us. Bless you.

