

Morales Update

Dear Faithful Friends,

April, 2010

Greetings to you from us in Florida in the Name of the Risen Christ!

The first quarter of 2010 saw many things accomplished in His and through His Name. With the passing of time comes more responsibilities for us to do at The Salvation Army Center (TSA). Since we joined the TSA Volunteer Corps of workers more than a year ago, we have been distributing Gospel tracts to the people that came not only that we talked with them about their spiritual life and offered encouragement both to the church and the unchurched. "What about the unsaved people?" you may ask. Well, it's good that Ruth, with her improving command of Spanish, help interview farm workers in order to receive assistance, especially food. There is a room assigned for her to do the interviews, and sometimes she takes from two to five people at a time, and after the interview she presents the Gospel message after which she gives them tracts as they leave. For my part, I do one-on-one evangelism until the individual is led to say the sinners' prayer. So far, 8 persons had been led to Christ since we started this early last year. This process does not stop here. We try, in some cases, to help them find a suitable church for them to grow spiritually. We are very happy with this arrangement because even the Salvation Army leadership in Fort Myers emphasizes and encourages the presentation of the Gospel message to those who come according to Lisa Sands, the LaBelle TSA coordinator, who attends meetings every now and then. And we are happy that we can be part in the fulfillment of this goal.



Group Evangelism

In early March, we joined the TSA to help distribute food boxes in 3 workers' camps in the area in addition to going to a government-subsidized housing complex to give bread to the residents and also giving tracts as usual. We still go to the Flea Market to give out tracts.



Farm workers signing up for Food Box



Tract distribution at a Worker's camp

One significant event happened at the First Baptist Church of LaBelle. It was a Judgement House presentation, a dramatic walk-through presentation about the truth of people's choices and their consequences both in this life and the next. We were among 19 who served as counselors or encouragers in the three-day show. We each have a share of the 'harvest' so to speak. Ruth led three young people to Jesus and prayed with two for specific needs. I had five for salvation and prayed with a middle-aged lady for recommitment. According to her daughter who works with us at the TSA, she continues having Bible Study at her home with fellow Christian believers.

The Fellowship and Friendship Dinners is still going on as well. Because we had made friends within the community, we also had the chance to invite them for a Fellowship meal and sometimes just for Coffee or Tea Time. Not only do we get people of like faith, thus, becoming interdenominational, but also unsaved ones that we met in the beginning. These are times, in our view, for encouraging and strengthening one another in the faith and an eye-opener for the unbeliever.

Another door of opportunity to serve God was opened to us when Grace Baptist Church, where we are regular attenders, had asked us to lead the Vacation Bible School 2010 to be held in July. Several of the church members have already accepted to help and are ready for orientation which will begin on April 11 and every Sunday afternoon after that until July. Members of the Filipino American Christian Church in Pembroke Pines were also recruited to help. Please pray for this event, for us also, as this is going to be a big challenge to us - to lead and to serve the children in the neighborhood.

Permit us to mention a little bit about our family. Jenny and Alex are both working as dialysis nurses. Their daughter Alexis, 15 years old, is doing well in school. She received a certificate for academic excellence garnering a GPA of 4.5. Anthony, 11 years old, is also doing well. He got a Principal's award for straight A students. The family took advantage of the spring break, so they went on a Bahama Cruise.



*Daughter Jenny & Alex
Alexis and Anthony*



*Son Sidney & Leeann
and Joshua Sidney*

We became grandparents for the third time when baby Joshua Sidney was born on January 28 to our son Sidney, a dialysis nurse, and his wife Leeann, a speech pathologist. We had a wonderful Easter week with both our children and grandchildren.

Last but not least, was the most welcome visit of our dear friend and General Director Barrie Flitcroft and his wife, Tillie. It was a short visit but full of pleasant memories of long time friendship and service to the Lord together. What an encouragement and inspiration!

In closing, we want you to know that we are eternally grateful to you and yours for your faithful prayers and support to us. We really appreciate it! May the Lord continue blessing you richly.

In His love,

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