

Thurston Report

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Part of the career group

New Career Group

Friday nights are busy nights around our house as around 25 young career people show up for our new meeting. The group is designed to reach out to the single 25-35 year olds. We have songs, prayer, sharing and a message. This is a new outreach for us so we would ask your prayers for this new group. Last night we had a testimony of an ex Satanic priest and how he came to know Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was the first to start a Satanic church in the southern part of Santiago and had ordained a number of priests.

Home Bible study brings fruit

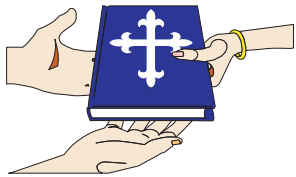
Our Wednesday night home Bible study group has started up again after being in summer recess. We continue to study Revelation. The members have shown an understanding of the book and have used the teaching to share Christ with their friends.

One of our study group members, Silvia, had an interesting story to tell us the other night. (In two previous Thurston Reports, I have talked about Silvia. To refresh your memory, the first time was when she met Christ through one of Lina's meetings in 1996, and she called looking for a tape of that meeting. I talked to her and invited her to church. She came and since that time has been a very active. The second time I showed her picture after she was baptized. (It wasn't this past Christmas letter.)

Silvia, a drug store manager, works a half a block from where we live. Next to her store is a doctor's office. The physician in that office committed a horrible crime not long ago. One night in a drunken drug stupor, he went up the apartment on the next floor above his home, shot and killed a family of three and then tried to take his own life. The city was shaken up due to this crime.

In Silvia's store works another Christian and the Lord put into their hearts to go and talk about the Lord to this Doctor and give him a Bible to read. They tried to contact him, but it was almost impossible as he was under heavy guard and was going through psychiatric testing. After trying to find him for three days they were just about ready to give up when they received some information that he had been transferred from the hospital to a prison. They went over to the prison and asked the guard if they could talk to him and the guard said, "No." However, they insisted and told him the Lord had sent them. He said, "Why don't you talk to my superior and

see what he says." They went to his office and they told him the same story. He also said "No way!" Just as they were leaving, somehow the conversation turned to firefighters and he became interested. He said he was a volunteer firefighter. (Chile has the largest volunteer fire department in the world with over 30,000 volunteers.) Silvia mentioned her uncle's name who was also a firefighter. The administrator's face lit up and he said, "I know him, and in fact, I have his picture on my desk." That changed the whole tone of the conversation. The administrator continued, "Although I can't let you go and see Dr. Pinochet (No relation to the Ex. President of Chile) at this moment, leave



me the Bible and I will see that he gets it. Why don't you come back in a few days and I will see what I can do so you can talk to him."

Silvia and her friend returned in a few days, unfortunately, the time the administrator told them to come for the visitation hours was wrong as they were two hours too early. While they waited on the street for the visitation doors to open up, Silvia's friend said excitedly, "That's her. That's her." "That's who?", Silvia asked. "That's Doctor Pinochet's wife and family arriving", she replied. The Lord had worked out the perfect plan.

To make a long story short, Silvia and her friend were able to minister to the family and the doctor. They found out the Bible indeed had been given to him and it was his only reading literature for over a week. Silvia invited the Doctor's wife to church this last Sunday. At the invitation to go forward and receive Christ, she went forward, prayed and invited Christ into her life. It is exciting to see people who receive the Lord with you, start to witness and follow the Lord's leading.

New Video Bible Class

Our video Bible classes continue to be produced and the latest one is on the use of music and banners in the church.



Mary Jane practicing violin

At last we have found a violin teacher for Mary Jane. In fact, as I write this, she is up stairs practicing with him now. After the first class, she could play *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star* which was a joy for us. She can now play four songs.



Mary Jane with her teacher

Intervizion expands

Our Internet project, www.intervizion.net which links together the Spanish speaking Christians around the world, has really taken off. As you remember, we only officially started in November and at the end of December we had 135,000 hits. By January it jumped to over 300,000 and at the end of February it was up to 600,000. In March we broke all records as it leaped to just short of the million mark, 978,221 hits. We are now transmitting video Bible classes and will soon put them on demand which means you can see them when ever you want.

Heart warming report

Here is part of a letter we received at Intervizion from Betsy in Mexico. "I am 22 years old. Living in our small house is my mother, my brother and my cousin who was abandoned by her mother and who we now consider a sister. My father abandoned us for another women four months ago. The Web Pages (Intervizion) have helped me in my spiritual life as I have found answers to things I didn't understand. I know God is working in my life and also working in people like you in that He has spoken in your hearts to have opened this type of spiritual help and take the message of love and peace to all those who speak Spanish. Thank you and I pray that the Lord will bless you more." If you can read Spanish go directly to the page and you can read some of the letters..

Keep witnessing, you never know what will happen

Lina, as a child, lived in a duplex with her family. The family who lived in the other side of the duplex were not Christians. Lina and her family witnessed constantly to them but to no avail. In fact, this family only laughed and mocked when the Gospel was presented to them. Lina played with their daughter, Teresa, who was about the same age as Lina. When Lina was 16, this family moved out and Lina never knew where they went or heard of them again until last week.

Lina had been invited to be on a local Christian TV program. This old playmate, Teresa, saw her on TV and gave Lina a call. She said she had married a Christian fellow and she had received the Lord as well as her children. She further stated they faithfully attended a Baptist church. What a joy it was for Lina to hear the good news. I am reminded of the passage in Isaiah 55:11 that says, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not **return** unto me **void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." If you are witnessing to people and they haven't responded don't give up, just claim the promise.



*Steve and his family
Leyna, Jordan, & Joshua*

My son Steve. He works for the Law School Admission Council which is the organization that runs the LSAT (law school admission test) through out the US and Canada. He is their website administrator. Here he is with his wife, Leyna, and two sons Jordan age 5, and Joshua age 1.

Paul continues to help out in the Christian TV program Puertas Albierta. He is now designing a website for the show. It should be finished late May and can be found at www.in.mybox.com/pa

Equipment fund needs your help

We are still trying to reach the goal started last year for our video equipment fund. Presently, we are only \$15,000 short of the final goal. Within that amount is a vital piece of equipment (\$5,000) called an editing controller. With out this piece it makes our editing long and laborious. With an editing controller we could do in a minute what now takes 3-4 hours. Please help us finish out our video editing system and help us speed our output. This would allow more time to concentrate on our daily activities. Please pray that our equipment campaign can be finished soon.



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Controller***

Psalm 117:2 tells us, *For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

**Thank you for your love and prayers.
Jim and Lina**