

A Newsletter from the Andersons

Bottom Of The Rung or First Class Diamonds?

We have had a lot of wonderful visitors this summer and have enjoyed each one of them. Once, during a Monday evening discipleship class, I began telling two particular visitors bits and pieces of the lives of a few of the 22 men seated around the table. I went around the circle telling those visitors about the men I consider to be my "David's mighty warriors" and those who followed rank. Let me present the Front Line: I'll begin with Pastor Marcus: an ex-business partner to professional thieves who now leads our three congregations and serves as my Associate Vice-Director of the ministry here. Then there is George: an ex-witchdoctor trainee who now shares wise counsel with all around him, including Marcus and me. Now consider Marvin: an ex-party kid with no vision, looking for the

thrill, who is now a Youth Pastor and Evangelist. During Marvin's seven years of being a believer, he has led more than 200 people to the Lord, mostly through one-on-one evangelism; three-fourths of which had once been gang members and/or delin-



quents. Of course there is Victor: Mr. Nice Boy who was shy and lost but who is now an accountant and Pastor Marcus' assistant. I also think of Carlos: a very angry and confused young man who aided neighborhood gang members in whatever they needed. Now he is serving God through

servicing His people. He is a deacon in his church and a mentor to boys between ages 8-12, both at church and in his neighborhood. Finally, there is Melvin: an ex-drug addict and dealer who is now the best example of persistence and dedication that we have among us. The Latin culture is very family oriented, with strong family ties and dependence. There are no social programs or government assistance of any kind. Melvin lives alone. He is the only one of our leaders that goes home to an empty house. Yet, he is responsible for leading three of the men who serve in our leadership to the Lord.

The next morning, I was at home meditating and thought of the guys at the table from the night before and realized that I have a bunch of "undesirables," or dia-

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Visitors and Friends

Tim, from Oklahoma, spent six days building me up while joining me around the city for every area of ministry. We have also had five youths from Tupelo spend two weeks painting Day Care Center Number 1, while ministering to and among the folks at both centers, church, and the youth correctional centers. We were

permitted to enter and minister at the Tiny Houses, the government-run children's home, even though the workers are on strike. The entrance doors to ALL of the govern-

ment centers, including the juvenile centers, are closed, and only union members allowed in. Yet, several of our teams were privileged to brighten the lives of the kids there. The children at Family and Child Services of Honduras are in desperate need of prayer. They are the ones who suffer the most during such a time as this. The union



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Prayer Requests

We have been blessed with a large sum of funds for the purchase of a Toyota Land Cruiser that we need for the ministry. However, we have not been able to find a used one because they are so highly sought after. The one we told you about in our last letter sold to someone else. Please pray with us that the Lord will bring us one or that he will provide an additional \$26,000 for the purchase a new one that cost \$41,000 dollars. Also, I ask that you be in prayer with Nelly and me concerning my mother in-law's health. Within four weeks she has been hospitalized twice. Her conditions of diabetes and high blood pres-

