

## *There is HOPE*

Our first two HOPE groups began this month. In Miguel Angel's home 2 new-born baby Christians are coming, and one lady who is not attending a church but was willing to come be a part of the small group.

Mine and Edgar's prayer has been for God to provide opportunities for us to build friendships with the people in our community with the hope of sharing the message of Christ with them.

As Edgar and I were making calls to welcome the new people who have visited the church, we met Johnny. Johnny was eager to get to know us more and talk about what

we believed. We had him over for supper and he shared his concern with us for the salvation of his friends. He asked us if we'd be willing to lead a HOPE group so his friends can hear the gospel. What an answer to prayer! Edgar met with Johnny, his family, and ten of his friends last week in their home.

Please pray for these HOPE groups... that they would grow in their knowledge of the Lord and their love for Him. Also pray for Miguel Angel, Diana, and their three children as well as for Johnny, as they open up their home to share Jesus with the people God has placed in their lives.



## *The Abundant Life*

Each time we travel to Guanacaste, to humble communities of farmers and fishermen, I learn what being rich is all about.

Working with "For a Smile of Love and Hope" Edgar and I have met the pastors of many small communities. We work with them to determine the needs of the community, the churches, and schools.

We are always met by huge, warm hugs and big kisses on the cheek. We're invited into homes that consist of a concrete slab, wood walls, and a

tin roof. We're served fresh, ground coffee and whatever else is growing in the garden or was caught the night before. Then we sit and listen to the pastors excitedly give testimonies of lives that are being changed, new believers in Christ, and the healing and provision that has come from God. It doesn't matter to them that they have to work 60 hours a week or sell

popsicles in the street just to make ends meet for their family and be able to pastor their church congregation as well. It doesn't matter if the church has chairs, a bathroom, hymnals, or even walls. They are rich in the Lord!



Church building in Avangaritos, Guanacaste

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- **MY HEALTH** – I'm having constant rashes all over my body . We're searching for the cause.
- **EDGAR'S ENGLISH CLASSES**—He begins his second bimester this week.
- **2007 SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS**—Pray that God will provide the resources and the people we need
- **HOPE GROUPS**

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### SURVIVING THE RAINY SEASON

No, Bird Big did not make an appearance in Costa Rica. This is my husband preparing to brave the downpours!

