

## Lending a Hand to Our Sister Church

Our church is just four years old, but we've already started a new work in the past year. By the grace of God, the funds were donated to build this multi-purpose ministry center. The idea is simple: love on God's people by reaching out to their needs. This impoverished community

of Los Guido fights drug/alcohol addictions, drug trafficking, prostitution, homosexuality, domestic abuse, along with the constant struggle to find work and put food on the table. In November, Edgar did all the welding work you see to build the fence and the door of the community



## Breaking Ground in Colombia

LADO has adopted "The Colombia Project" this year, which is a ministry reaching out to displaced children and families, that were forced to flee from their homes to save their lives and their family's life from the violence, kidnappings, and coercion of the guerrillas.

We are helping to support a food kitchen/children's ministry that is providing a hot meal and the message of Jesus to nearly 200 children.

Over the past seven years, the ministry has met in a small shelter under a palm

branch roof and on a dirt floor. Try to imagine a shelter, x feet, with no floor, no chairs, no tables, no kitchen, no running water, no electricity, no bathroom and no sound system ministering to over 150 children from ages 2-14.

In January, we spent a couple weeks at the project preparing all the details for **our first short-term mission trip!** This year our dream is to build a



center. Part of the dream for this center is to provide childcare for mothers, enabling them to learn a trade such as sewing. We dream as well of offering computer classes, English classes, and other trainings/trades to improve their possibilities of finding work.

ministry center. In May, we will be leading a mission team from Northside Christian Church that will be working on the construction as well as administering a medical clinic and children's VBS. If you are interested in this trip, you can contact the team leaders, Scott and Bev Kiesler ASAP by phone 812-923-8772 or email [bevbiesler@hotmail.com](mailto:bevbiesler@hotmail.com).



## Helping Missionary Friends in Nicaragua

Edgar and I spent a week in Nicaragua helping missionary friends with a construction project on their pineapple farm. They invited the entire community to their first-ever worship concert and asked me to sing. It was incredible to worship the Lord in the mountains underneath the huge starry sky!



## New Addition to the Team

Edgar and I are excited to announce that we are expecting! I have finished my first trimester and doing just great. We're both ecstatic and grateful for this gift from God!

## CD Now Available

In case you missed it, or you just have to have another dozen, our music cd is now on sale! To buy the cd, you can send a check of \$14 to : LADO Ministry, P.O. Box 391, Greenville, IN 47124. (That includes shipping. Please write "CD" on the memo line.) Or you can buy it on-line at [CDBaby.com](http://CDBaby.com).

## A Little Bit of Both Worlds

Being our first Christmas "at home" together, Edgar and I decided to mix our Christmas traditions and come up with something special for us. I knew I needed a tree! It's our family tradition to go pick out and cut down one. Edgar had never had a Christmas tree



in his entire life, but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Nothing is *exactly* like home and in this case the tree was cypress, which basically meant is looked like a bush they had trimmed into the shape of a Christmas tree. But it smelled great! Get this...I asked about a tree stand...no such thing. But here they stick it in a bucket with sand and rock, and feed it ice water! You got to love it!

Edgar needed meat! In his culture and within his family, it's not about making cut-out cookies or a special desert. It's all about the meat. So we got an enormous pig's leg at half price and he spent three days



preparing and cooking it! We had over the pastor, a family from our church, and a family that lives across the street that we're ministering to. Here the 24th is the big day. Everyone stays up until midnight and that's when the kiddies open gifts and the adults have a champagne toast.

## Extreme Cookie Decorating

Our young adult group, Extreme Life in Christ, absolutely ate up this American tradition of decorating cut-out cookies! It was a first for all the Latinos! Let me tell you they were serious about their cookies and proud!

We had a special night of carols, cut-outs and a drama of the birth of Christ.

Christmas and New Year's is a tough time for many in our church, because the majority of us don't have our families here. We talked about what

makes it "feel" like Christmas-having family near, special dishes, traditions, decorations, etc. I realized that *not* having those things

almost makes it easier for us to focus on the real purpose of Christmas. We reflected on all the gifts we've received through Jesus' birth.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Monthly support commitments. While in the states, we sent out our 200@20 support letter. We've had a total of 28 monthly pledges sent in! Pray that the Lord will raise up this team of supporters and provide for our 2008 budget.
- Extreme Life in Christ-that this year we would grow in our love for Christ, in our passion for the lost, and our heart of service.
- A building for our church- we have not been able to rent/buy a place of our own. May God provide a church building for our congregation.
- Our neighbors, Olga, Paola, and Juan Felipe-that they would believe in and know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They are attending our young adult group.
- For our baby's health and development.

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