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The Family International



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Newsletter

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Hello and God bless you! We hope and pray that you are having a wonderful year. We have certainly seen and felt God's blessing in our work and ministry here in Anaheim. We are still in the beginning stages of setting up and it has taken us a while to put together and send off this newsletter to you and we apologize for the delay. In this (our first) issue we'd like to touch on the main events that we have been involved in over the last few months. A big thanks to all of you who have helped make our work possible in one way or another!—we couldn't make it without you.

The Christmas season was a wonderful time to reach people through personal outreach.

We were able to take in and help two missionary families get to their new mission fields. Zach and Nira and their four children stayed with us for 4 months and have now moved to Turkey as full time missionaries. Jeff & Kim stayed with us for 2 months and then moved on to Mexico. During their stay with us Zach and Nira's children joined our children in putting together a singing team and they were able to perform for different charity events in Mexico and also for our local community. They did a wonderful job of bringing the real meaning of Christmas to all those they performed for.

For the weeks preceding Christmas we went out caroling every night. Our young people and children were able to sing for and witness to many people in local neighborhoods.



*Trina, Cassie & Chloe singing in Mexico at a Christmas event.*

Over the months of December 2004 and January 2005 with God's help we were able to lead 76 souls to the Lord through personal salvation prayers. In total, we distributed 485 Activated Magazines, and personally witnessed to over 1200 people during those months. Our beautiful music CD cards were a popular item and we sold over 1000 of them.

We have recently finally completed our music studio, thanks to all of you who contributed with the various building materials needed! We are looking forward to begin recording soon and spreading God's message of love and truth through the international language of music.

In May some of our musicians were invited to perform at a five day Christian music concert in Houston, Texas. Four of us attended and helped with the staffing of this event. The goal was to reach young people to Jesus through the music, Bible classes and skits given daily. It was a life changing and inspiring event for the teens who attended, and many of them made renewed commitments to dedicate their lives to the Lord.



*Chris (on guitar) and Sam (on drums) at "Wordstock '05"*

On a bi-weekly basis we have been able to assist a missionary center in Tijuana, Mexico with donated items of clothes, shoes, foods & computer equipment that they have distributed to the needy in their area.

Every Sunday and Wednesday afternoon we have been having regular Bible studies with different people who we have met through our outreach. These are always fun and lively events with music, skits, reading and discussion. If you are interested, please call us about coming over!

In the past 5 months since Christmas we have been able to personally witness to 2357 people, 28 of whom accepted Jesus as their savior. We distributed 178 Activate Magazines and 875 tracts.

We have been able to house and assist 21 missionaries during these past few months, helping them as much as we could as

they visited with us before returning to their missionary work abroad.



*Missionary family Zach, Nira & their children (now in Turkey)*

We are learning new and better ways to operate through our Foundation; Riovision to get the needed donations & support that our work desperately needs to further reach not only our area of California, but also to build a work in Brazil and continue helping in Tijuana. We are planning a trip to Brazil in the coming months, (God willing in August) where we will send a team to look for a location to set up our base as well as do outreach projects while there. We need all the support we can get for this trip to Brazil, so please let us know if there is any way you can help!

Included in this newsletter is a copy of our brochure, which gives a synopsis of Riovision's work and goals.

In closing we don't want to pass up the wonderful opportunity to offer you a year's subscription to the enclosed Activated Magazine. For only \$20 you can receive 15 power-packed food-for-soul magazines a year (delivered to your door!). This Magazine has been a source of daily spiritual feeding for many and we believe you will enjoy it as well.

Once again we want to sincerely thank you for your interest and support in our efforts to change the world for the better. We appreciate you very much. There is a lot in store next month and we'll include all the amazing things that the Lord has done for us in our next newsletter to you. May the Lord bless and keep you and continue to make you a blessing.

Sincerely,

For all of us here at Riovision