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### Caldwell Missionary Review

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Central Mexico as founders of  
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Pray.

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# This Week

## Camp Activities

I am living in two worlds: one of hurried construction and one of office and computers. We are trying to build a camp and run a camp at the same time.

Tuesday evening there was a RYCCA board meeting to elect new officers. I came straight from the land, unshaven for days looking and smelling less like a director and more like a camper after a game of capture the flag or mud sliding.

We bought an LP gas oven yesterday for the camps. Karen will be testing it tomorrow. It is a commercial type four tray pizza oven, almost new. The former owner is in my cell group and gave us a great deal. Karen will be using it mostly for baking bread. The closest place to buy bread was too far away so she is delighted that fresh bread can be made on site.

Today we had a mom visit the office to enroll her son in camp. In talking to her we learned of the family's interest in starting a park ministry in their neighborhood. RYCCA will be supplying a couple of activities to get them rolling.

Another mom who is sending her son to camp has brought her pastor on board. The small church of less than 30 is near Mexico City. The pastor called today and is sending a counselor,



*Caleb at the level, shooting the foundation for the first dome.*

helper, and kids all as a team to a RYCCA camp this summer. We agreed to half price (\$30 dollars) for two of the kids from poor homes.

We are back out to the camp site tomorrow morning. Our family is building a five meter dome that hopefully will keep us dry during the camp sessions which are during the summer rainy season. We have bought a cement mixer to aid the building process.

## Home Front

Our landlord has asked us when we can move out. This means another move. We are very tired of moving. Pray that yet again God would provide for us. We need a place here in Morelia close to the church and the RYCCA office. If possible we

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would like to own a place where we would not be asked to leave or have the rent raised after we make improvements. Houses here in the city cost like those in the USA.

Rosie broke her elbow. It was a whisker from needing surgery. The cast can come off in a few more days. We celebrated Rosie's sixth birthday this week.

Nathan is a big help carrying cement and wheeling concrete for the dome. He is turning 17 soon.

Kari and Caleb have a month old puppy, Max, that they adore. Maybe someday he will be able to protect the camp site.

**Thank You!**

We want you to know that we are able to minister here because of the sharing response of many. Thank you for making it financially possible. Thank you for praying. Thank you for communicating. Thank you!

**Pray**

- We are wanting more counselors to participate in the camps. Pray that pastors will understand and desire to use this "new" tool... Christian camping. Pray that the pastors will recommend counselors and help them get to camp.
- We are stressed but not broken. The idea of moving again is not appealing. Pray that we will go through this trial trusting God for housing as he has promised.
- Karen's mom is facing medical challenges as doctors

continue to test for effects related to meningitis. Pray for her health and recovery.

- Pray for protection for our family, staff and campers. Pray for God's touch and presence in the lives of all this summer. Sickness is too often a factor that impedes the work.
- Pray for the park ministry to grow. This year-round ministry has great potential.
- After camp we are going to have to make some hard decisions about where to direct financial resources. We can do some things but not all things. We want to be wise in the way we use your funds. Pray that we would have the faith to minister as we should.

**Email**

We have the email addresses of many of you but not all. It would be comforting to us to be able to email you. If you have email, would you privilege us with your address? We send occasional short updates. Please drop us a note so we can keep you informed.

**Land**

WOW! Eleazer found it. We bought it. RYCCA can use it. The Caldwells have 4.8 acres of pine covered sandy loam overlooking a small reservoir. The site is 25 miles from the capital city of Morelia tucked in the mountains just beyond the fringe of cell phone reception... no electricity, no running water.

Two weeks after the land deed was signed over to our family, RYCCA held a training secession for potential counselors. Tether ball court, trampoline, and kitchen areas were leveled and ready for action. Three latrines were dug and two dorm sites were cleared. The challenge course was ready to challenge.

Counselors got to practice using the camp activities to explain biblical principles. Five gave impromptu three minute sermons.

There is a abundance of bugs and critters at the land site. Some are friendly, others not so nice. We have visiting dogs that try to break into our food supplies nearly every night. One side of the propriety is lacking a fence. We are in the process of putting up barbed wire to protect us from a herd of cows.

We continue to prepare the land for up coming summer camps.

**Rugged Individuals**

We are in need of help with the construction. Do you know of someone that would like to volunteer?

If you have any questions please contact us.

**Loved**

We are loved. Thank you for your care!

