

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR RYCCA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS MEXICO

[Updated]

Introduction: David Caldwell is a missionary with Camps International (Garland, Texas USA) and the founder/director of RYCCA (Morelia, Michoacán MEXICO). David is on the board of directors for a separate camp organization, Christian Camping International (CCI) –Mexico.

RYCCA is a Christian youth camp organization in Central Mexico. RYCCA is the extension of, or partner to, Camps International (CI) in Mexico. The CI/RYCCA vision is to start camps in Mexico. RYCCA trains counselors recruited from local churches to use camp facilities to evangelize and disciple young people from their own church and neighborhood.

Pray with boldness concerning the following points:

1. Bringing the camp to a place of greater functionality so that churches may begin to make use of the facilities [Had an excellent day retreat at Los Domos for unsaved parents and children of a government monitored pre-school run by Christians.] [Doors have been made and hung on storage area for activities. Very helpful for retreat set up and take down.]

1.1. 2- bathroom and shower buildings: \$3000 each [A brochure draft has been sent to Dan for him to use for promotional purposes.]

a) Pray concerning drafting of plans and construction team coming ~Feb 2009:
campfiredan05@yahoo.com [1st set of plans have been received. Modifications have been sent back for revision.]

1.2. camp kitchen: \$700 for tarp version

1.3. hang and test zip line [Zip is working well. A better launching platform needs to be made.]

1.4. volleyball court and net improvements [Newly planted grass is growing well.]

1.5. place pipes in open ditches and cover

a) gravel \$110-220, backhoe \$80, labor \$150 [Gravel has been bought and mostly placed.]

1.6. tow camp pickup truck (\$80) to be repaired \$200+ [Mechanics did not show on appointed day.]

a) use truck to haul in sawdust for activity and tent areas (\$15/load: sawdust, gas, labor)
[Another truck is bringing sawdust. Theater activity has been carpeted with sawdust.]

1.7. Internet connection: \$2000 hardware setup + monthly fee (not easy, not cheap but needed)

[Kelton has made suggestions for phone that will work with future Internet system.]

2. Development of promotional materials and strategies for presenting RYCCA facilities and unique philosophy of church based camp/retreat discipleship.

2.1. produce a RYCCA business card: graphics work [Graphics work has been donated.] and printing cost: \$100 [Need \$50]

a) generic card for RYCCA board members and others so the work can be promoted

b) front side color, back side b/w with map to campsite: (card is in final stages) [Card is much improved with clearer text and better graphics.]

2.2. produce a booklet and threefold incorporating pictures of the facilities and people using the various camp activity stations **[More photos have been taken.]**

- a) a promotional piece specific to pastors
 - how camp can help the pastor and his local church i.e. increase training and participation in kingdom business of evangelism and discipleship
- b) a promotional piece specific to recruit potential counselors
 - action and fun: go-kart, canoe...
 - how RYCCA provides ministry opportunities
 - you choose your kids, practice small group dynamics, do the follow up
 - what RYCCA does to help train the counselor
 - online material and testing, on-site practice
 - how RYCCA can help the counselor recruit kids
 - online registration, customized promotion

2.3. identify local evangelical congregations to whom the RYCCA vision can be shared

- a) identify, relate, dialog... contacts exist but a bonding needed
- b) train a national to be a primary promoter of the camp by meeting with local church leaders
 - visit churches, invite counselors to training, hand out RYCCA material, post RYCCA poster size material
- c) mobilize RYCCA board and other God appointed leaders to work with point person in the task of promoting Christian camp

3. Pray for funds to purchase **property for a boys/girls camp** development (\$50,000 each)

3.1. Square Meters for Little Feet Clubs, \$1.50+/square meter of land

3.2. Pray for the right property for the development of the next camp: Camp Genesis **[Mentioned to neighbors again yesterday.]**

4. **Financial support** for Caldwell Family: new/returning regular monthly donors are needed **[Last month's support was very low.]**

5. **Mexico national camp convention** CCI-Mexico (Tabasco 2008/11) **[Fanny of Tabasco has gone to Canada to help with camps.]** **[DGC has CCI-Mexico board meeting in Tabasco in September.]**

5.1. Pray for 5 people to go with David

- a) RYCCA board members or their representatives
- b) \$100 for each of the 5 persons for the registration fee

6. A **church plant** in Acuitzio, Loma Caliente/Nieves (there are a growing number of cults) **[Nico has visited a couple of Caldwell contacts in Acuitzio and spoken to them about starting a church.]**

7. Pray for Caldwell family **health issues and living space** **[Concrete work in studio room has been completed except for raised bathroom floor.]**

8. Pray for Mexicans who could organize short term **children's programs** to increase the camps visibility. **[Ale found a job in Morelia so she will not go to Monterrey to find work. This means she will be able to continue to help RYCCA.]**

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