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RYCCA Mexican youth camps... a place for Christian leaders to instruct adolescents in Mexico to embrace the Good News of Jesus

Objective

RYCCA seeks to provide academic and practical experience for [young] leadership that will enhance their ability to develop discipling relationships and better utilize group settings

Strategy

The Caldwells are specializing in the development of Christian youth camps in central Mexico

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Dreams Coming True

Guides Begin Training

Saturday morning the training session for youth camp guides (counselors) started at 10 a.m. For Alberto that meant getting on a bus an hour and a half earlier. Married and an owner of an Internet café, Alberto arrived first for the first ever training given by RYCCA to further equip him as an agent of change.

Alberto had come at the recommendation of his pastor and a personal invitation from the tenacious Nico. His love of kids had drawn him. Alberto's application revealed that he volunteered 10 years with the Red Cross emergency squad, taught swimming to the disabled, and was an instructor of discipline in the military. Was this guy cut out for camp or what!

Minutes later other guides and assistant guides arrived from various places. Nico and I (David) had prepared a camp manual for each learning leader. Karen and her team of camp cooks served a post-breakfast snack for the travelers and later a nutritious lunch.

Just a couple of days after the training we had a report back from a guide. The announcement of camp in his church brought a very positive response. Mothers there began planning creative ways to raise funds to cover the camp fee for their children. 🐾



First RYCCA Training: May 24, 2002

Ministry Assistants

In January, I hired a ministry assistant, Nico, upon the recommendation of our direct supervisor, Rev. John Spyker. Nico graduated from Bible institute two years ago and had been helping at the church. He has a heart to preach the Word of God with clarity and share with anyone God's gift of eternal life. He has captured the vision of camping ministry. We feel God has given us just the right young man to help get RYCCA off to a great start.

Nico understands some English and uses this skill to help translate camp manuals, brochures, and applications into Spanish for RYCCA. He has been correcting my Spanish, thus enhancing my level of communication.

Nico prays and fasts for God's power to be manifested in his life. Karen has asked Nico to go with her on occasion to some neighbor's homes to help Karen lead our neighbors to salvation

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Nico

and experience God's healing in their lives.

Pray for Nico to flourish, as he is a vital tool in this new ministry. If you would like to let Nico know you are praying for him, send a short note to Nico@RYCCA.org.mx

Matt Warren, who helped drive us from Oneida, NY to Morelia, stayed a few extra months. He used a wide assortment of skills and interests to put us months if not a year ahead of schedule in vital areas such as office computation and our personal housing situation.

If you would like to visit and lend a hand to the development of the youth camps let us know. There's lots to do and you could help.

First RYCCA Camp

We are planning on an all-boys camp for the first RYCCA camp, August 5-9th. We have obtained permission for 2002 to use a piece of property from a lady in the Pátzcuaro church and her good-hearted husband. They

have given RYCCA keys to their 117 acres. Half of the hilly property is pinewoods and the other half is avocado trees. With little more than a four-hole privy for the boys, the camp will be on the rustic side of adventure.

There is area for playing soccer. We plan to set up courses for orienteering, disk golf, and mountain biking. For water activities, primary kayaking, we can use a shallow, small "lake" that is close by. Guides will be teaching outdoor skills, helping kids learn Bible verses, and giving messages on God's plan for Christian living.

Scholarship

If you would like to make a donation for a scholarship for the kids coming to camp, send Elim Fellowship, PO Box 57A, Lima, NY 14485, a check on our behalf. Please made the check out to Elim Fellowship and include a note: "Donation for Caldwell/ Mexico." \$33 dollars will enable us to keep the price of a week of summer camp affordable to many kids. Other children have need for a full scholarship, which is \$89.

The cost of camp is much higher than the price that has been set. Price is sensitive to the needs of the society. Cost has to do with sacrifices and decisions made by many to invest in this cause. We are grateful to those who have contributed to the support of our family and the multiple facets of camp ministry. Much development has already taken place to bring the RYCCA Mexican Christian camps to this point.

Voices Heavenward

After years of preparation and planning, dreams for youth camps in central Mexico are becoming a reality. Please pray with us as we ask God to raise up guides (camp counselors), assistant guides, and explorers (children) for our first camp, August 5-9th.

When guides talk to unchurched parents in the community, pray that parents will be receptive for their children to come to camp.

Pray for God to show Himself uniquely to the 100 boys and cause them to seek God and make Him first in their lives.

RYCCA has been given some used tarp to help deal with the rainy season. I plan to use this tarp to build portable RYCCA "hotels." These will be the cabins the kids will sleep in. Pray for Eleazer, the builder of these "hotels," for time, wisdom, and skill to construct these shelters.

Pray for stamina, strength, wisdom, and ability for our family as we continue in working on this first camp.

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R.Y.C.C.A. "reee ka" is an acronym in Spanish for Retreats And Camps With Adventure. The organization was formed for the implementation of a Christian camping ministry.



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