

Greetings from Connie

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Celebrating June Birthdays

Each month we celebrate the birthdays from that month. June seems to be a popular month with seven honorees though one is missing in the picture. They love having a cake to share!



July Month of Christian Youth

Since we worked so hard in June with activities for our unchurched youth, I decided that we should celebrate the youth that have made their commitments to follow Christ. Following you will see pictures and read of some of the events we had to help these youth grow in their relationship with Christ and to learn of ways we can serve Christ in different ways.



Public Hospital Visits

Adopting an idea we learned of from a group of women in the capital, we have begun visiting the 'post partum' ward. This is the wing that has the newborn babies. Thanks to donations of good newborn clothes we have received from Covenant, High Point, NC and Grace Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, FL, we are able to give bags of nice clothes to the newborns. We also include some diapers and other baby items. We pray for the babies as well as their families and we have been very well received. The nurses recognize us now and the moment we arrive, we are ushered in to see the babies. After this we visit the children's ward and give out stuffed animals that various groups have given us. The youth are such good evangelists and have enjoyed this new ministry.



Spiritual Retreats

It is so hard any more to do activities at the church with the Christian youth as everyone wants to participate. This is not a bad thing, but sometimes you want to work a bit deeper with those who are believers so we have found it necessary to 'go away' in order to have uninterrupted time to study God's word. I think that is Biblical as even Jesus had to go away to get away from the crowds! We have a nice beach nearby and we spent the day there playing games and having Bible studies. It was a great day!



Retreat in Polo

The next retreat was spent in Polo, a village in the mountains about an hour away. We visited first with friends of mine that are missionaries there and were able to help paint a couple of rooms in their new dormitories that they are constructing for visiting teams. We held a Bible study and then were able to visit a nearby 'watering hole.' It was a beautiful spot and a wonderful way to end the day! Looking behind me in the van five minutes after we left reminded me of the family outings to Disney World. Everyone asleep but the driver!



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