

September 2007

Only a life lived for God will last

Pray with us for:

- **The family of Austin Whetsell: Walter, Kim, Taylor, Trace and Emma**
- **Latin American pastors would pick up the baton and carry on the discipleship of EE in their churches and church plants**
- **Final details of the purchase of the parking lot/ sport court and the outreach of the Austin Whetsell Memorial fund**
- **Sarah Grace and Mandie Beth in their college studies and part time jobs in Birmingham, AL**
- **That we do what God wants us to with his house in SC**
- **Our home missions assignment—that we would get to see many of you and also be able to receive more financial support to cover the expenses of trips throughout Latin America that Guillermo makes as he takes up the baton and runs the race set before him**
- **Complete healing of Sarah Grace's arm**
- **Our ministries in Zihuatanejo to continue through the Vida Nueva church while we are here**

Finishing Well

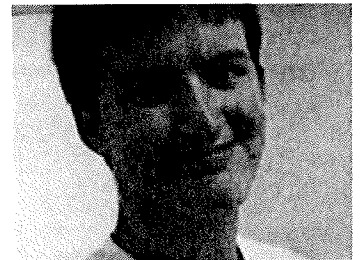
Three firemen/rescue workers hardened to the cruelties of life and not particularly interested in God suddenly commit their lives unreservedly to Christ. Their chief goes further in pleading that he and his household become Christ's disciples. One sixteen year old whose father is an avowed atheist surrenders his life to Christ. Another young man beginning to be drawn away while in college by the world, suddenly is burning with zeal for Christ and praying to see if God is calling him to the Gospel ministry. Land that a church, nestled among bars and crack houses, was renting for parking space because

they could never think of buying it now belongs to them and its volleyball court is becoming a outreach to the needy neighborhood youth. These and many more lives profoundly affected for Christ.

What could cause this to happen in the span of a few days?

Only a life lived to its joyful fullest for Christ. That life was the life of Austin Pierce Whetsell, a fifteen year old young man who was on a mission trip with his church, Lexington Presbyterian from Lexington, SC. On July 1 while engulfed in a tremendous wave, his skull was fractured. His

body was found on July 3rd but Austin was Home. He had days before entered into the joy of His Lord. Christ's consecrated servant's life is still having a tremendous impact on churches in both the United States and Mexico and will for a long time. Praise God for his obedient servant.



Passing on the baton

Austin is not alone in finishing the course set before him. Many of you know that God chose to take Dr. D. James Kennedy, the founder of Evangelism Explosion and also obedient servant to his Lord, home.

Guillermo was invited to be a part of the many that gathered for his funeral but he had a clinic of Evangelism Explosion Youth to

initiate in Argentina and felt sure that that is exactly where Dr. Kennedy would want him to be—continuing on with the mission to go and to disciple all nations.

Through the work of Dr. Kennedy and Evangelism Explosion, Coral Ridge Church—one of the fastest growing in the US—was established and the ministry has spread world wide. The challenge

for Guillermo now is for pastors in Latin America to see this same program with the power of the Gospel be used to witness to many more churches planted and caused to grow.

Dr. Kennedy was an outstandingly gifted man but he knew how to teach others also that they may continue the Kingdom work long after he was Home.



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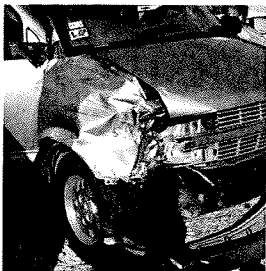
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**Gifts can still be sent to the
Austin Whetsell memorial
fund. Contact
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We are now in the States till the end of April or the first of May for Home missions assignment. We hope to get to see many of you who have been faithful to support us in order to share in more detail how the Lord has used your sacrificial prayers and giving in Zihuatanejo and the Latin American world for his glory. Let us know when you would want us to visit and we will do our best to work it out. We are in AL instead of SC because our home in SC has been broken into 3 times and we are considering relocating to AL where it might serve the Lord more efficiently as a mission home.

A big black monster and God's merciful protection



We had only been in Birmingham a week. Guillermo had already gone to an EE youth clinic in Reynosa, Mexico when a 16 year old drunk driver coming down the wrong lane hit Sarah Grace driving our Astro van, the only car we had here.

The truck that he was driving was a big black monster of a truck jacked about as high as it could be on all four wheels. Guillermo had been considering getting Sarah Grace and Mandie Beth a small car to get around here while they attend college. It would have gone clean under the truck.

We are so thankful because the only one injured was Sarah Grace with cuts and bruises on her left arm. Mandie Beth and Billy were also in the van. Sarah Grace possibly has small pieces of glass still in her arm but her kind doctor here said that it will work its way out.

That same night a mission car was returned to Briarwood Presbyterian Church here in Birmingham and they were very gracious to let us use it till we could settle with the insurance company.

We know that God worked in

answer to your many prayers for our continued protection and we are humbly grateful. Thank you for your unswerving faithfulness to bring us before His Throne of Grace.