

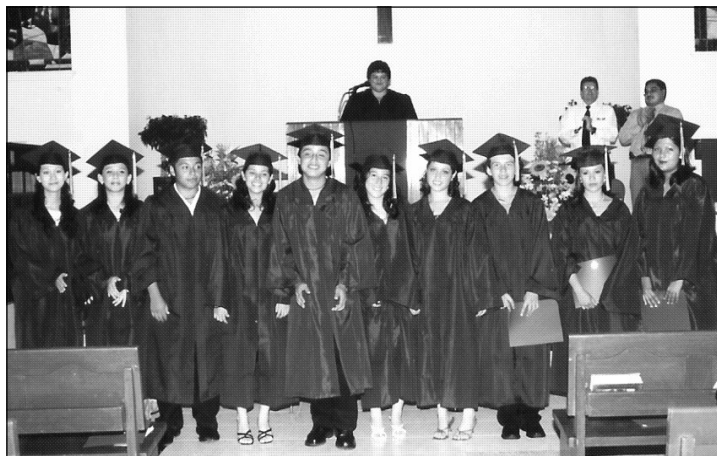
SERFAM NEWS

Bryce & Noreen King - Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship in Mexico

CENTRO EDUCATIVO "BLAS PASCAL"

Education with a Biblical Foundation

On July 4, 2003, we graduated 10 students from 9th grade (our second graduating class). Because 9th grade is the last grade level required in Mexico, graduation is celebrated with all the pomp and circumstance that you associate with a high school graduation in the states.



2002-2003 Graduates

Once graduation was complete, we wasted no time cleaning, moving furniture and books, painting and making the necessary physical changes to our facilities in order to be ready for the 2003-04 school year.

During the last school year we built our last 2 classroom buildings giving us a total of 6 rooms that will accommodate up to 24 students each. We spent the summer making the necessary adaptations to manage all six grade levels and to reorganize our administration building to accommodate a full staff.

Since the classroom complex was constructed on top of what used to be a basketball court, the middle section was removed to make way for a courtyard garden area filled with trees, shrubs and grass. We are thankful for the two summer groups that joined us in this effort from 2nd Presbyterian Church of Memphis, TN and Woodland Presbyterian Church of Hattiesburg, MS. Second Pres. helped raise the floor level of the 2 new buildings by adding a new layer of cement, while Woodland painted, hung white boards, bulletin boards and helped us complete a wide assortment of cleaning and sorting projects.

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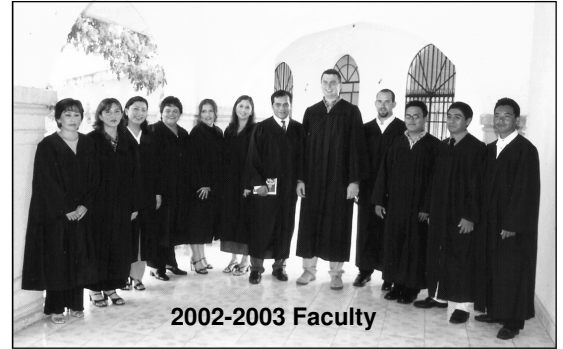
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Classrooms and new Garden Area

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The 2003-04 school year began on August 25 (teachers came back on the 18th) and we have an enrollment of 96 students in grades 7-12. We also added a couple of new faculty and staff members bringing the total to 20 committed Christians involved in the lives of these young people. We continue to hold to the vision of helping our students to develop critical thinking skills that incorporate Biblical criteria for evaluating their world both inside and outside the classroom.



2002-2003 Faculty

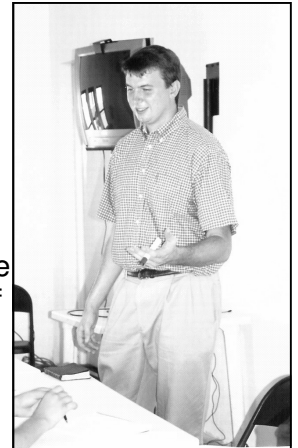
As an added bonus this summer we met with Leslie Fortier who came as part of the Woodland Pres. Group. She did a 2 day workshop with 3 of our teachers. She introduced us to "Thinking Maps", a technique we hope to incorporate into our classrooms this year. These teachers will begin using the maps as a pilot program and Leslie will come back in November to give a workshop to our full staff. If all goes as we hope, we could eventually become a teaching center for this technique. Leslie is also praying about the possibility of returning to Mérida in the future to help us develop our English as a Second Language program. We continue to dream of impacting society through Christian education... each step brings us closer to that goal.

BYRON MORRIS: Short-term commitment with long-term impact

Byron joined us in April 2002 in what was originally a 1-year commitment. Toward the end of this school year Byron informed us that he would like to extend his service through the 2003-04 school year and this summer PEF approved his continued ministry with us. We are excited about him being here and grateful for the additional "hands" to man the ship.

This year Byron will continue to work with our Advanced English students and develop a discipleship program at the school. He and Bryce will also work together to develop a community service project for our Senior students. Please pray for Byron's continued development as a teacher and discipleship leader. If you would like to contribute to Byron's financial need to help him with his extended stay on the field please contact him at:

bmmjr@hotmail.com



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We have been excited to see the many ways the Lord has provided for the financial needs of our SERFAM Projects. During the 2002-03 school year approximately 70% of our total budget was met locally through tuitions and special fund-raising projects. This year we hoped to see this increase to 75-80% but we weren't able to foresee some of the additional expenses we would incur upon adding the 12th Grade. From my perspective, this appears to be our "make it or break it" year, financially speaking. Although we will still be close to 70% from local funding, we will need to raise an additional \$50,000.00 to meet our budget.

Time after time I have watched in amazement as the Lord provides... but sometimes these numbers really scare me.

If you would like to support any of these projects in the upcoming 2003-04 school year or if you would be interested in organizing a missions trip or would simply like to visit Mérida to learn more about how you can be involved, please contact us directly at:

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Ready, set, ¡GOOOOAL! Soccer season has begun. We have 2 teams in training this year, sub-10's and sub-12's. League play begins the last weekend of October so our coaches are busy sorting out players and positions and Noreen is busy setting up



Carlos Pérez

accounts, registering players and ordering uniforms. Bryce will be taking the role of Character Builder implementing a 15 minute

"Time Out" once a week where we will talk to the kids and parents about the importance of Building Biblical Character. In October our topic will be "Honesty"... it's importance in sports as well as in everyday life.



We were excited to see that Carlos, the older brother of one of our players, has enrolled this year in our high school. He is the first link from Cachorros to CEBP. Recently, his mom told Noreen that he really likes the school.

We're hoping that as other players get older their parents will consider CEBP as an educational option for their children. This year, CEBP might

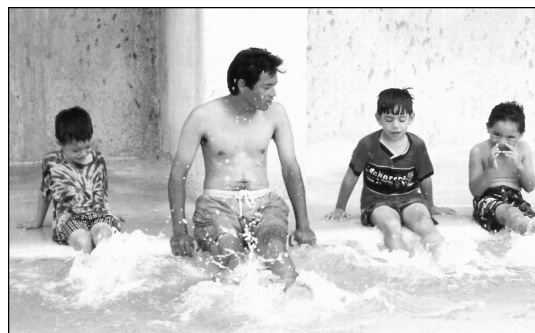
have enough Jr. High boys to have a team. If so, a couple of ex-Cachorros will probably join the students from the school to compete in the Junior Division.

AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES



Josué Fuentes and Pati Rodríguez... our first in-house wedding.

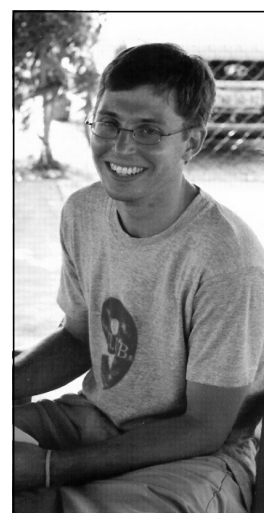
In order to take full advantage of our facilities, this year we are beginning the development of an afternoon enrichment program for all age groups. We asked Josué Fuentes, one of our teachers, to become the Director of this program. Josué has shown strong leadership skills and is especially gifted in the area of promotion and vision.



Gerardo with his swimming classes

Gerardo Méndez, our Phys. Ed. teacher is involved in the development of the recreational part of this program. We are now offering several swimming classes and will soon add classes in aerobics, arts and crafts as well as recreational sports like volleyball and basketball. Josué is working on getting our language program up and running (English as a Second Language and Spanish for Foreigners) as well as classes in music, computing and after school tutoring for some of our CEBP students in different subject areas.

An area of particular concern that we hope to address sometime in the future is that of Special Education. The more involved we have become with our students, the more aware we are of this particular need. We are praying earnestly that the Lord will provide a person with the skills to help identify learning problems and to help develop strategies to aid students who are struggling in the classroom.



John—visiting Mérida and studying Spanish with us

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PRESBYTERIAN EVANGELISTIC FELLOWSHIP

PEF, the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, is a nonprofit faith mission whose purpose is to practice, train and equip God's people to do Biblical Evangelism, anywhere, anytime with anyone. The PEF Center in Decatur, GA houses our administrative team. The US team is spread across many states, and the International team labors in twenty-five nations and two regions beyond our domestic borders. For more information about PEF Ministries or short-term ministry opportunities, please call the PEF office at (800) 225-5733 and speak to either Laurie Miller or Peter Siaway.



SERFAM, A.C.

SERFAM, A.C., is a satellite ministry of **PEF** in Mérida, Yucatán, México and is directed by Bryce King - General Director, Manuel Glory - Treasurer, and Wilbur Madera - Secretary. As a non-profit organization, SERFAM, A.C. offers family services through the development of educational, recreational and community projects. Our primary goals are to evangelize, promote biblical values and minister to family and community needs while at the same time providing leadership training for Mexican men and women.

In addition to the Centro Educativo "Blas Pascal" (CEBP) and our Youth Soccer Club (Cachorros), this school year we are developing an afternoon/evening program for all ages that will include recreation, music, language and family management classes. We recently asked Josué Fuentes, one of our teachers, to become the Director of this project.

PEF TEAM UPDATE

Tim Jewett recently finished a two and a half year commitment with SERFAM in August. He has returned home to Augusta, GA to consider his future options. If you are interested in providing prayer or financial support for Tim, please contact him at:

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