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Perhaps the most demanding physical labor occurred at Kelly's place. Kelly Green is a young, single missionary in Reynosa and a dear friend to I-55. She ministers in one of the poorest areas of Reynosa where the infamous "Boystown" is located. This walled-off city block is home to legalized prostitution and probably every other vice. Kelly's ministry focus is particularly towards the young women and single mothers who work within the confines of this "community." Our teams helped in the ongoing construction of ministry houses that will lodge work teams and serve as a base for this outreach.

Pictures of our trip should be posted on the church's website soon or check out www.isaiah55.org. CPC's team is scheduled to report on our trip next Sunday evening, July 13. Thanks for all your prayers and support. It was a great trip.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 6

- 9:30 *Infants:* D Gardner, J Foster
Creepers/Toddlers: H & C Armao
Toddlers: B Canada, K Cooper, E Vatt
- SS *Infants:* D Gaines, M Parker
Creepers: C & D Platt
Toddlers: B Fingerle, E Beatty
- 6 PM *No Evening Service*

July 13

- 9:30 *Infants:* L & A Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: M & T Bacon
Toddlers: D & O & J Bowers
- SS *Infants:* K & S Orthner
Creepers: D & E Reynolds
Toddlers: L Orthner, A Millard
- 6 PM *Combined:* Elwood Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Peg May at 423-894-1538.

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THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Associate Pastor...

Seventy-seven volunteers descended upon Casa Verde in Reynosa, Mexico on Saturday, June 21, for partnering work, and I mean **work**, with Isaiah 55 Deaf Ministries (I-55). Casa Verde serves as the headquarters for I-55. Ministry offices, storage depots, team dorms, staff lodging, a dining room, kitchen and corporate meeting areas are all there at the "green house." And it is from Casa Verde that volunteer work teams were dispatched daily to various places to do various work in conjunction with I-55's mission.

NoNo and Kate Beale, CPC-supported missionaries, serve as the field directors for I-55.

Of the 77 volunteers, 33 came from our church here in Chattanooga. The rest of the week-long work/ministry force came from PCA churches in Austin, Texas; Nashville, Tennessee; and Lecanto, Florida. Our team was awesome . . . and so were the others! I'm reluctant to use that term "awesome." It tends to be overused and depleted of its real meaning. But, I can't think of a better way to describe the tireless, selfless, joyful labor under some pretty difficult conditions of **all** 77.

Although I-55's principle work is the education, evangelization and discipleship of deaf children and their families, many opportunities for ministry and service to the greater Reynosa community exist. Our teams visited two orphanages in Reynosa — one Catholic and the other administered by the local state government. At the state orphanage, our team conducted a VBS and sports camp program one day. We were also able to do similar ministry (VBS and sports camp) for four mornings at another "alternative" school in Reynosa.

Construction-type work occupied a majority of our team's days at several sites. I-55's recently acquired parcel of property, which will replace the leased space at Casa Verde, was cleared, cleaned and prepared for new construction. A **grande** cookout took place here one night with all the volunteers, I-55 staff, deaf students and their families, as well as residents from the neighborhood. Teams worked at an also completed "Ronald McDonald" type residential facility for families whose children were being treated at a local hospital in Reynosa. Teams also worked on some construction projects at Casa Verde.

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

No youth meetings this Sunday evening.

Middle School White Water Trip

The date is Friday, July 11. We must have your \$25 by Sunday, July 6, for you to receive the discounted price. See Tracy Horton for tickets and for information.

Volunteers Needed Each of the Sunday evenings that our youth meet we try to provide a simple meal for them. You can help. Buy and prepare a simple meal such as tacos, pizza, nachos, sandwiches, etc. You will be reimbursed for your purchases. A sign-up sheet listing available dates is located on the bulletin board near the stairs just off the lobby. If you have questions, contact Susan Helton.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

This Sunday, July 6, there is no evening worship service for the holiday weekend.

Next Sunday evening, July 13, we will hear a report from the missions team on their recent trip to Reynosa, Mexico.

On Sunday evening, July 20, Teresa Snow a missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ will give a brief report on her work.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you have not signed up for a sitting appointment for the new pictorial directory, please do so this Sunday. Sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at CPC Wednesday, July 23, from 4-8 PM. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the lobby.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, July 6, we will focus through worship on our MAJESTIC God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "God of Our Fathers" and "All Creatures of Our God and King."

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. It has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

COMMUNION / DIACONATE OFFERING

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday, July 6. Please prepare your hearts.

This is also a time when a special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons, primarily assisting CPC family members who are in need.



IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

In Psalm 145, David glorifies God for His mighty acts and wonderful works. On Saturday morning, July 12, it will be your opportunity to do the same. Come prepared to offer a 2-3 minute testimony about a specific demonstration of God's grace and mercy to you or to your family. I'll be leading, but you will be speaking. Join us at 8:30 AM.

Pastor Caines

For Your Information...

REMINDER: STAMPS & CELL PHONES NEEDED

Please remember to place foreign and domestic stamps that are in good condition in the collection container beside the door of Pastor Mullinax's office. The money from the sale of these stamps funds Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. One of our Mission: Chattanooga teams this summer will prepare these to be sent off to the processing location.

Also if you have an old cell phone no longer in use, donate it here at the church to support A+ Women's Care. Place cell phones in the collection container beside Pastor Mullinax's office door.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga is happening each Wednesday at 6:30 PM throughout the summer. Everyone is welcome. Each Wednesday projects include: home repair, grounds keeping, visitation, childcare, kids Bible clubs, prayer group and clerical support for a missions organization. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Mullinax, Bob Cary or Todd Smith.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Call the church office no later than Tuesday at 10 AM.
Or you may email Ann at awalker@covenantchattanooga.org.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Ken Vandergriff and his family in the death of his father, Frank Vandergriff on June 25.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

If you have not signed up for a sitting appointment for the new directory, you will receive a call soon from Patsy Pressley who is with Olan Mills. She will schedule an appointment for you. If you need to contact her, you may do so at 476-6265 or patsypressley@yahoo.com. The dates are listed below in the "Looking Ahead at CPC" box.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, July 20. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

July 5	Donaldson/McCrary Wedding
July 6	Lord's Supper No PM Service
July 10-12	Sitting Dates for Pictorial Directory
July 12	Ironman's Breakfast
July 13	Reynosa Mission Team Report PM
July 23	Bloodmobile
July 20	Teresa Snow Update PM
July 27	Shepherding
Aug. 7-9	Sitting Dates for Pictorial Directory
Aug. 27	Wed. Suppers resume
Sept. 19-20	WM Fall Retreat
Oct. 19	Shepherding
Oct. 26	Joint TVP Service at CPC
Oct 29	Haiti Mission Trip