



Good evening. It is time for my July Mission report. I am doing well and I am in good health. We are in the winter season here but we have had quite a few hot days already. People here say this is not a normal winter. In any case I am not yet ready to face the hot days. We also received some much needed rain this month.

We had our 2 week winter break but then it got extended another week. Supposedly because of Covid and cold weather but there are no covid cases around here, so who knows. Most everyone enjoyed the extra week. I did yard work the first week, school work and computer stuff the 2<sup>nd</sup> week and I worked on low

The teachers team that played against the High school girls July 1. German school curriculum the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.

We had our MEM meeting at the Casa in San Jose July 16. We had a new couple join our team for the next 3 years. Ben & Bertha Kauenhofen from Ontario. Their youngest son came with them. They live in Villa Nueva and attend the local church. They are here to do colony out reach. A sinj stund or bible study is what they want to start with and I hope I will be able to join in that out reach. Each new team member is prayed for before they start their work whatever that is.



The soccer field at the local park at sunset.

July 26 we had a baby shower at church for a couple who are new to church and had left the colony some time ago. It was a good turn out and she received many blessings and gifts.



In Santa Cruz you can get shoes polished anywhere.

Sunday July 24 we had baptism at church. Four candidates received immersion baptism. one guy was from the area who grew up in the church. A guy and a girl from 2 different colonies who left some time ago and now live in the area. The last a guy from a colony who wants a different life. It was a beautiful service and each gave a testimony though I thought the testimonies were too short.

I watch YouTube videos if I have time. I find many good messages which encourage me and help me to grow spiritually. There are a lot of good messages and testimonies on YouTube but of course there is the false and bad stuff too. I do my best in discerning what I watch.

July 29 the MEM missionaries in Villa Nueva area had a brain storming meeting at Nancy's house with Bill about how and where to start an outreach. It will be interesting to see what will come of this. The picture on the left is of a Toucan which are quite common here. I have seen them fly from tree to tree behind my yard and I have seen them sitting in the trees at church. Beautiful Birds.

I hear you are having some hot summer days, enjoy your summer.

Thank you for your prayers and support. God Bless and take care.

From Mary Bartsch

