

# LATHAMS' LOG

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## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES



I have added some equipment to our grounds: a covered lawn bowling alley, six swings, and a merry-go-round. Even though we have already started, I still need some help to finish these projects. If you would consider helping, please contact us or Baptist World Mission.



Every country south of the Rio Grande River has had baseball, except Brazil. Now we do. **Shane** plays on the minor league team in our city. I was asked to umpire a game. I have never done this but, "In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king." I umpired for seven innings and right behind me was my favorite fan, cheering me on.

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1. Walking with the Lord - our #1 priority
  2. Our forms of evangelism will be blessed by visitors in church
  3. Someone will come to help us with music, possibly Joy Baxter
  4. Our wrestling will be blessed and bring Brazilians to Christ
  5. Funds to finish the playground
  6. Our ladies will be blessed for their passion and kindness
  7. Health sufficient to do what God wants
  8. Funds to purchase a 25-passenger minibus
  9. Increased support to makeup for the declining dollar
- Praise For
1. Several visitors saved
  2. New visitors in church
  3. A church body who loves us and works well with us
  4. People ready for baptism
  5. Improved health conditions for Tom
  6. Praying stateside friends who make our work possible

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**Boiling Water in a Paper Cup**

The teens have an annual retreat during carnival time. They had to complete eight weeks of Sunday school lessons to qualify. I taught three lessons on the life of David. The kids always climb the camel-back mountain close to our home.



Every year **Penny** has two ladies' retreats. Over two-thirds of the ladies come from other Baptist churches. The theme for the February retreat was "Be still and know I am God." The teenagers and ladies totaled 28. Since we don't have that many beds, the girls slept on sections of the wrestling mat.

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My clan name is **Taylor**. I was raised on Grandpa Taylor's Oregon farm along with his youngest son, **Milton**. Milton's grandson **Sean Baker** is a junior at Mt. Hood High School and just won the first state title for our clan. Next year he will be a senior and ranked #1 all year. Milton has other wrestling grandsons. I have invited Milton to bring them here to meet us and teach us some new wrestling moves. Sean just won six matches in a tournament that qualifies him for a trip to BRAZIL!!!



**Ryana** attends all of our services. She is a direct result of our wrestling in the public schools. She recently said to me: "Thanks for letting me wrestle. It is through wrestling I know

the church and it is because of the church I know Christ." This is precious to hear!

## Allow Others to Save Face

After he finished laying the ceramic tile, I told Euziel to use water and acid to clean the floor five times. He was a stubborn man and only washed it once. Every coat of wax caused the beautiful tile to get blacker. The one room I washed five times was brilliantly clean. I did not mention this to him because he would have angrily left the church. I spent 250 hours, working from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. grinding the dried cement off the tile. I am the pastor of the second chance, so I asked him to build cement benches. He made the support for the benches ten inches higher than necessary. After setting the bench on the supports, it would be so high even Larry Bird would dangle his feet. Explaining the problem only caused irritation. I didn't want to haul 250 wheelbarrows of dirt to bring up the ground level. I bought coffee and cookies for break, setting them on the bench support, placing a chair beside it. They used the bench like a table. After the break, he said, "I think the supports might be too high." He took off ten inches, and it was fine. I rarely have this divine wisdom, although I would love to have it more often!

