

# Jody Kennedy International

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The ministry of Jody and Trisha Kennedy

April 2006 Update

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## **2006 Shows No Signs of Slowing Down**

After returning from a full January in Nicaragua, we thought February would let us slow down a little while we finalized plans for the rest of 2006. It was not to be. A family tragedy, sudden opportunities for ministry, and hurried preparations for more work in Nicaragua did not leave any time for slowing down.

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## **Kyle Moore Goes Home to the Lord**

Our 18-year old nephew, Kyle, was born with a heart defect. As a newborn, he underwent several surgeries (experimental at the time) and was the longest living survivor of that surgical technique. On February 16, he suddenly collapsed and died while playing with friends in Greenville, Texas. He was a fine, Christian young man and will be greatly missed by both family and friends.

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## **Doors Open in Bogotá, Columbia**

In March, Jody made a quick trip to Bogotá with our friend Jim Selfridge to investigate opportunities there. Three different English Language Evangelism events are scheduled there for this summer.

While in Bogotá, Jody and Jim met with the host pastors to nail down details for the summer. In addition, Jody met with two universities about bringing the Business English course to their campuses in 2007.

The most exciting meeting was with the head of bi-lingual education in the Bogotá school system. Their program calls for the 27,000 public school teachers to have the opportunity to become bi-lingual (in English). Our proposal is to help jump-start their program with our two-week conversational English course. Can you imagine evangelizing the public school teachers and having them take a new relationship with Christ into their classrooms.

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## **Children's Home Project News**

While at the site of the children's home in March, Jody and Trisha marked off the proposed building's "footprint" on the ground. Seeing it staked-out and marked really brought home the reality of this project. Jody has met with a wonderful engineer who is diligently finalized the building plans. With these plans in hand, we should be able to begin construction this summer.

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## **Two New Additions to the Children's Home Population**

Lester and Eleazar (11 and 12 year old brothers) have been brought into the children's home family. They were reportedly begging on the streets of a nearby town. When the Diaz family went to investigate, they found that the boys were spending each night sleeping in a tree. Apparently, the tree gave them some refuge

from animals, and abuse from other street toughs. There are now 39 children receiving care through the children's home.

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### **2006 Celebration Banquet - April 21**

If you haven't made your reservation yet, please let us know that you will attend our first Celebration Banquet. It is not too late for your RSVP.

We invite you to celebrate with us about how God is working around the world. We will share how God has thrown open new doors for taking the gospel to Eastern Europe, Central America, South America and across the United States.

We are introducing new ways for ordinary people like you to be involved in kingdom work through our unique Practically Speaking events and through the ministry to orphaned and abandoned children in Nicaragua.

We hope you will bring guests who will be inspired and motivated to discover how they might become involved with us in reaching people for Christ.

To RSVP, contact us at 817-478-8184, or email [jody@jodykennedy.com](mailto:jody@jodykennedy.com)

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### **Diamond J Youth Ranch Student Mission**

During spring break week, we took a group of students from Hulen Street Baptist Church to work at the Diamond J Youth Ranch in Gustine, Texas. The student pastor, Scott Parrish, saw to it that they all put in a full day's work and then had plenty of rest and fun time in the evening.

Diamond J Youth Ranch is a new project started by our friends, Kenneth and Paula Kavanagh. It will soon be home to troubled children and teens where they will receive the Christian love and upbringing they need, all in the setting of a working ranch.

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### **2006 Calendar Available**

Our 2006 calendar is already filled with English language evangelism events, Business English evangelism events, prison ministry and the Children's Home project. We need lots of volunteers to fill all these projects with laborers. We've just updated our website ([www.jodykennedy.com](http://www.jodykennedy.com)) with the 2006-2007 schedule. We are praying for volunteers and finances to accomplish these vital projects.

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### **WHAT ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES?**

Check the calendar at [www.jodykennedy.com/projects.html](http://www.jodykennedy.com/projects.html)

Read about the Children's Home Project in Nicaragua [here](#).

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### **WHAT IF I CANNOT GO, BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY OR SPONSOR SOMEONE TO GO?**

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