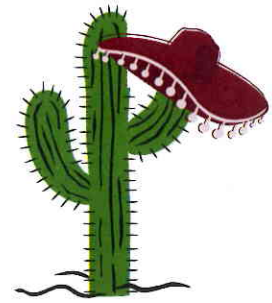


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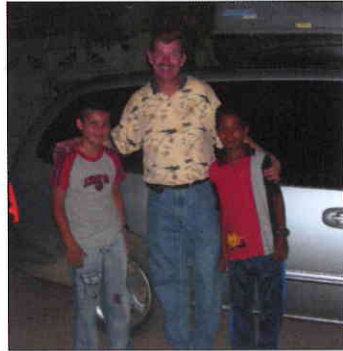
Serving The Lord In
Mexico



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Greetings from Cactus County. Welcome to Mexico, don't drink the water! This year's youth camp was a wonderful success. We drove to Guadalajara, 10 hours away, and spent five days with 100 teenagers. There was solid preaching to the teens, fun activities, and the food wasn't too bad; we didn't have beans for every meal. We had two teens from our church attend this year, and the results were outstanding.

Let me introduce you to the two teens. Gustavo is 13 years old, and Miguel is 12. Both decided at camp that they want to serve God in full-time ministry. I'm filled with excitement. Gustavo works at a grocery store bagging food. His dad works in the sun all day making brick. His mom cleans houses. They live in a tiny little house, but they are content. Ana, his mom, is having Bible studies with some ladies in church because she wants to be baptized. Tomas, his dad, admits that he's not saved but is now attending church almost every Sunday and Wednesday. Miguel's dad is a brake mechanic and makes less than \$85 a week.



His wife has a little store in their house selling milk, bread, candy etc. She earns a fraction of what her husband earns. Miguel has two younger brothers. Their little house has only two rooms, with the bathroom outside. They all sleep in the same room with the kids on the floor. They also are a contented family.

These two teenagers and another man in church want to learn how to study the Bible and preach. So we started a Bible Institute. It's very informal of course. The first class went very well, I'm glad I kept all my notes from Bible College. (I hope they aren't copyright! Ha ha) I hope more decide to join the class.

Out of the Mouths of Parents

I wish crayons had erasers.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

While allowing the kids to teach us about creation, Callie informed us that God said "Let there be dirt."

"Daddy, can I give my pet chicken a bath?"

Is it just our home, or do all homes have an invisible kid named, "I don't know?" "Who broke this?" "I don't know." "Who left my tools in the rain?" "I don't know."

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Facts about Mexico

Mexican crickets bite!

I learned something new. Caesar salad dressing was invented in Mexico by a restaurant owner named Caesar Cordini in 1924.

A Mexican friend cooked breakfast for the family recently. Instead of putting syrup on the pancakes, they put sweetened condensed milk. Try it, it's yummy!

Well, we have been here for over four years now, and have decided that it's time to adjust our budget to make it more realistic. Prices have gone up in four years, so we're in need of raising a little more support. You know I never mention the need for money in any of our prayer letters, except when we bought the church van, so I hope you know that when I mention a need, it is a real need. Please consider what the Lord would have you do to continue bringing the church forward into the future for Christ.

Instead of doing a week-long VBS, we decided to have five Saturdays in a row of two hours of activities, Bible stories, games and crafts. It is going very well. They earn points by coming each Saturday and coming to church on Sundays and Wednesday. Our purpose is to create a habit of coming to church, so that after VBS, they will keep attending.

Things are really starting to look up for us here in Guasave. The church folks are making great decisions for Christ. I couldn't be more thrilled with them.



Here is Sharon wearing her Time Traveler Helmet, for her Sunday School class. I think she likes her job, don't you? She has a great imagination and keeps the kids' attention.

Thank you all for your prayers, encouragement and support.

Your servants to Mexico,

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