

The Mendoza's in Mexico

Serving in Tijuana with International Baptist Missions Mar/Apr 2015



more inviting and cheery room.



Our family and five of the seminary students spent two days in **Ensenada** helping a church plant there. The men built a retaining wall and a "stairway" with tires, while the girls did some painting, cleaning, and transformed the make-shift children's classroom into a more inviting and cheery room. We all enjoyed some great fellowship as we worked, and it was a blessing to help the pastor's family accomplish two week's worth of work in two days. They live very humbly, and had no indoor plumbing, yet their commitment and joy in serving the Lord was evident and a great lesson to all of us. They have invited us to return in the fall for their anniversary service, and we hope to take some teaching materials and other things to them.



We spent the first week of April helping in a **music camp** in the southeast tropical area of Mexico. We flew to Mexico City, where Arnulfo preached three times on Easter Sunday. That afternoon someone drove us to Chapulhuacan, Hidalgo, where the music camp was to take place. The six hour ride was an adventure in itself, with four hours of winding curves up a mountain. The driver often went too fast, passed vehicles, and cut curves



(the cliffs below were steep!) Animals used the road as well, and we came across a dead donkey on the highway. Thankfully we arrived safely and had a great week ministering and fellowshiping with other missionaries. Carrie taught piano, theory, children's choir, and accompanied the services. Jesse and Arnulfo taught violin and theory, and Arnulfo preached three times. There were about 100 people at camp, and Brother Benito Hernandez has invited us back for next year.



Arriving back in Tijuana we jumped right back into **seminary** activities with two weeks of module classes. Pastor Gary Small taught the book of James verse by verse, and the following week Pastor David Stertzbach shared his techniques and experiences for giving premarital counseling. The students greatly enjoyed the class, since it was useful for the ministry and for them personally. Both pastors also spoke at our Wednesday evening Bible study.



Each of our three **church groups** has had visitors in the past few weeks, and some continue to attend regularly, which is very encouraging! We are praying and inviting parents for our Mother's Day service next week. We also had the opportunity to preach and play music at a sister church in Tijuana one Sunday evening and be an encouragement to the folks there, and Arnulfo preached once more on the internet radio station.

Thank you for supporting these ministries with your prayers and gifts!

Arnulfo & Carrie