

The Mendoza's in Mexico

Serving in Tijuana with International Baptist Missions May/June 2015

Carrie and Jesse enjoyed spending a week in Michigan in May for a family reunion, celebrating her Grandma's 95th birthday. So thankful for this Godly lady and her heritage! They were able to share special music at Carrie's home church on Sunday as well as testimony of what the Lord is doing in Mexico.



Another semester at the Bible seminary was successfully completed, with the students enjoying three block classes in May by Pastors Dave Stertzbach, Dan Olsen, and Gary Small. The last week was busy with exams, grades, a music recital and banquet.



Our churches were blessed to have a missionary Luis Miranda come and share his burden for starting churches in the remote mountain areas of Sonora. He was one of Arnulfo's students in Hermosillo, and is doing a great work there. It was the first time we have had a missionary come seeking support and sharing his ministry.



During the whole month of June we took a wonderful and fruitful trip in southern Mexico. We praise the Lord for safety as we traveled many miles, and often through storms. Last summer when we took Arnulfo's parents to visit their relatives in Zacatecas, we were able to witness to many of them and were burdened because we didn't know of any church in the area. Since then we learned of a missionary couple who were planting churches and training nationals in Nochistlan and several of the nearby villages. On this trip we were able to meet the Harrisons and be a part of their ministry for a couple of

weeks. Arnulfo preached twice and we all shared special music several times. A 12 year old distant-cousin went with Jesse to two youth activities.

We were able to share the gospel with dozens of people and many trusted Christ. One of them was a 103 year old man, and some of his family members! One of the most notable conversions was 73 year old Juan and his wife Mercedes. They gladly listened to the gospel, and when asked if they would like to receive Christ as Savior, Juan said "Not only do I want to, I've been desiring this!" He was so happy. Both of them, along with their 9 year old grandson, went with us to the mid-week service in their town, and also to the Sunday service which was 35 minutes away. They joined in the singing, memorized the SS verse, and soaked in the message. We trust they will continue to attend and grow in the Lord.



On the day we planned to leave Guadalajara to head home, Arnulfo's mom didn't feel like travelling and we stayed one more day. In the evening we visited some relatives there, and the lady asked if we would pray for her family. She gathered some of them together, and after hearing the gospel all five prayed for salvation!



Another blessing was being able to visit with some former students now in ministry, and a family who used to attend our church in Tijuana and moved south sometime ago.

Pray for us as we prepare for our upcoming music camp July 20-24 and VBS's in early August.

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Rejoicing in His goodness,
Arnulfo & Carrie