

# Mendoza's in Mexico

*Serving in Tijuana with International Baptist Missions*

Dear Praying Friends,

Spring, 2016

Here are a few highlights from our year. In January we initiated our sixth semester at the seminary, and welcomed a new student from southern Mexico. Pastor Dick Mercado Jr. came to teach a block class on the book of Mark, and was a great blessing to the students. The following week we had our annual event of inviting high-schoolers to come and experience college life for three days. Twenty young people came and participated in the classes and other activities, and heard preaching challenging them to prepare for serving the Lord.



In February we had the privilege of celebrating the "*quince años*" (15th birthday) of Litzy, one of the firstfruits of our work in San Pedro. She and her sister and brother have been coming to church faithfully for three years, and it has been clear from the beginning that she has a heart for serving the Lord. The family struggles economically, but we helped organize a nice ceremony for her. Litzy was excited that many of her relatives came that she hadn't seen in years, and she gave a public testimony of her desire to live a pure life and to serve God. The gospel was preached as well. Litzy has experienced bullying in school lately because she is different, and we pray she will not be deterred from her goal of finishing high school and entering our Bible college.



Litzy also accompanied our family on our February missions trip with the seminary students to San

Quintin, and she was able to share the gospel with a child. Ten of us spent five days at a church there, helping with soul-winning and music classes during the day, and preaching, special music and children's classes in the evenings. On Sunday evening we had opportunity to preach and sing in another church in the area.



Thanks to all of you who prayed during our two-week adventure in the mountains of Hidalgo. We praise the Lord for His provision and protection. The high altitude, heat, humidity and chiggers are not things we are used to dealing with! We spent the first week at a church in Tamazunchale, where Arnulfo preached seven times and Carrie and Jesse provided special music. We also had opportunities to counsel and encourage the assistant pastor and his wife. We had asked specific prayer for Salvador, the man who would be meeting us at the airport and driving us six hours to the church. We were able to witness to him during that time, and he attended most of the services during the week, but did not make a decision to trust Christ. After one service, he came up to us and said, "Soon, pretty soon." Several first-time visitors came to the meetings, and three people indicated a desire for salvation. We know at least one neighbor lady was saved the first night and is now being discipled.



The second week we were in Chapulhuacan to help with a music camp. We all taught music lessons, as well as theory and children's choir, and Arnulfo preached twice. We enjoyed seeing friends and other missionaries we met last year, and we anticipate



going back next spring, Lord willing. For Christ,



*Arnulfo, Carrie, & Jesse*