

The Benedict Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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REFLECTIONS

What a great year it's been. We thought we'd take just a few minutes to reflect on the many victories God has given us this year:

- ◆ An average of 6 people per month saved.
- ◆ Since starting the Mission/Church in April, the attendance has grown to an average of 85 people.
- ◆ Three people have been baptized (and we expect more with warmer weather).
- ◆ The start of discipleship classes which have resulted in the visible spiritual growth of these new Christians.
- ◆ The opportunity to give away approximately 15,000 John/Romans, 5,000 tracts, 1,200 New Testaments, and 250 whole Bibles (Isaiah 55:11).
- ◆ The ability to meet the medical needs to include CT scans, x-rays, the birth of a new baby, as well as other more common ailments.
- ◆ The ability to reach quite a few people with the Gospel by giving out food and clothing.
- ◆ God has used our web site as another outreach ministry.
- ◆ The privilege to work with other pastors in the area, providing them with "spiritual ammunition" as well as meeting some of their material needs to include food, pots and pans, and most recently, a pulpit and electrical work.
- ◆ God has kept us healthy and safe while traveling many thousands of miles throughout Mexico and the United States this year.

These are just some of the highlights of the year for us, and hopefully as well as for you, our faithful partners.

Deuteronomy 11:12 ...A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God



Jacki, age 7, a very faithful church attendee.

NAVIDAD



What a wonderful Christmas season we had. When we came back this last time, we had boxes upon boxes full of clothing. A lady came by the house one day and asked if we had any clothes that she could have. We hadn't had the opportunity to go through them yet, so we asked if she could come back the next day.

Meanwhile, we went into our garage and started folding and separating clothes and God planted the idea, "Hey, let's have a free garage sale." So we set up tables and boxes, arranged the clothing and shoes (probably 70-80 pairs), and waited for the next day. The lady came back and was a bit overwhelmed, I believe.

She became the town crier and we had lots of people come over the next days. Our kids went through some of their toys to make sure that all of the kids that came through received a Christmas present.

Everyone also got a tract and a John/Romans, and we handed out whole Bibles for those who wanted them. The lady in the picture said she had wanted a Bible all her life. She held it up to her face and said quietly, "This is the best gift I've ever received."

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So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void. But it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55 11

... Interesting...

Our biggest news of our most recent trip to the United States; There's a lady who lives down the street from us in Mexico named Anna. She has family that lives in the Kansas City area. Our daughter, Alison had the opportunity to meet her twin brothers while they visited Jerez last summer. Anna had asked her to contact them while she was in the states, so Alison called one of the twin brothers named Rafael. He wanted to talk about the Bible, and he had some very serious questions. Two and a half hours later, Rafael accepted Jesus into his heart. Praise the Lord!!! Anna's not saved... yet. Pray that Anna makes this same life-changing (and death-changing) decision soon.

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9