

# Missions Update

Central Mexico

(Queretaro)

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Our evangelistic work is overseen by: The Crieve Hall Church of Christ of Nashville, TN.

Our School of Preaching is overseen by the Eisenhower Church of Christ of Odessa, TX.

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## A BRIEF HISTORICAL NOTE

The Lord's church here in Queretaro begun in our living-room back in July 1985 with my wife Olivia and our two oldest children present in our first worship service. From zero members and congregations, the church has grown to 15 congregations in the surrounding area. (a list of congregation in given below). The Central School of Preaching (a three-year-program) started back in November 1997, operating under the oversight of the Eisenhower Church of Christ of Odessa, TX. Later on, in 2006, the Crieve Hall Church of Christ of Nashville, TN., stepped in to provide support for the Arroyos and today is one of our main supporters at the school and also in the evangelistic work being done in the area. Just this year, the Crieve Hall brethren started supporting six more evangelists in the area. We praise God for our brethren in Odessa and Nashville and their dedication to mission work!

## CONGREGATIONS ESTABLISHED TODAY IN THIS AREA

Out of our initial back in 85, the Lord has done a fantastic work and the following congregation are now in existence: Bernardo Quintana, Villa Nueva (State of Zacatecas), Santa Barbara, Peñuelas, Loma

Bonita, Tonatiuh, Escobedo, Pachuca (State of Hidalgo), San Pedro, La Gotera, Cadereyta, Apaseo el Alto, San Luis de la Paz, (State of Guanajuato), La Piedad & Zacapu (State of Michoacan). Just three weeks ago, one more congregation was planted by brethren out of the Peñuelas congregation; they go by Menchaca Church of Christ, and we are providing all the help we can for this new effort. As mentioned above, the Crieve Hall Church of Christ of Nashville, TN. is providing support for many of these mission points.

## VBS/CAMP

This past July 13-16, 80+ members of our congregations and some non-Christian friends attended our Annual VBS/CAMP in Tequisquiapan (East of our city). We had a great time together studying God's Word and having fellowship with each other. This year's topic was "**Great Women of the Bible**" and we studied the life and work of Deborah, Abigail, the Sunamite woman, Lidia, Mary the mother of Jesus and Dorcas.

Everyone worked real hard to make this a successful event, but we particularly appreciate the work done by our ladies. They are such hard workers!



Bible Class



Handcrafts



Lunch time



It's for every age



Learning & singing new songs



Parents and children working together



Night Time Devotional

*"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding Proverbs 4:1*

## 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday July the 24<sup>th</sup>, brother & sister **Martin & Petra Ibarra** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and our congregation had a dinner and

cake in their honor. Brother Martin has been instrumental in the construction of our new building, and we deeply appreciate this good Christian couple that is setting an excellent example to all of us.



Martin & Petra Ibarra



## PREPARATIONS FOR LADIES' DAY

On September the 17<sup>th</sup>, our ladies will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of their Annual Ladies' Day. Last year we had to have this meeting in our parking lot and 700+ women came from several different States around us. This year we believe the attendance will increase. We are working day and night towards this wonderful celebration.

This year we will have **Bro. Chris Groda**, pulpit preacher of the **N. Jefferson Church of Christ** (one of congregations that help support the **Central School of Preaching**) as our guest speaker. This will be Chris' first experience in Mexico, and we are really looking forward to having him among us.



Our hard working women

## ENTRANCE RAMP RECONSTRUCTION

Due to the bridge and road construction work that the City is doing right in front of our property, the elevation of our driveway had to be modified. City workers and our men are participating in this work for the benefit of our church. This is the first time the government has ever done anything to help us, and for this unusual circumstance, we praise God.





Driveway Work

## NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday July the 24<sup>th</sup>, Bro. **Alberto Escalante** placed membership in our congregation. He came from the ultra liberal congregation that I mentioned in a past report. After much effort and not being able to help those brethren change their evil ways, he decided to come to work with us. **Lupita**, his daughter in attending along with him, and soon we will begin have a home Bible study with **Magdalena**, his wife. Please pray for them. I will send a picture of him in our next report.

## QUERETARO, A SAFE PLACE TO VISIT

Let me take the opportunity to say that our State and city continues to be a very safe place for you to visit. Most of the violence problems in our Country are located in the Border towns and cities. May I ask my fellow Christians not to hesitate about coming to see this good mission point that you are supporting. Don't believe everything you hear in the news.

Just this past June we had a group of Christians from Nashville come to visit with us, and they had no problem at all. May I encourage everyone to come and see how the Lord's money is being put to work here in Central Mexico. We are sure you will go back home spiritually uplifted.



Please pray for us as we share the gospel of Christ in this part of the world. Thank you for your support.

**Miguel & Olivia Arroyo**