



The Figueroa Family Missionaries to Oaxaca, Mexico

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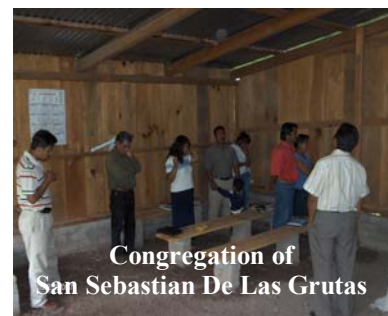
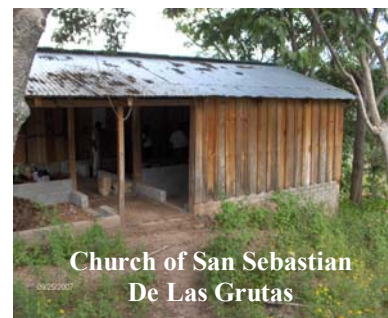
Church Planting in Oaxaca

This past month we were asked by the Oaxacan District to join them in church planting efforts throughout the 500 municipalities in the state of Oaxaca. The Assistant Superintendent asked us if we could work alongside the new church plants, many of which are less than a year old, and struggling. Part of the vision is to mentor new pastors and promote evangelism and discipleship, while facilitating some construction projects. Many of these churches can be

found in some of the poorest areas in Mexico. In these remote villages church development efforts often suffer persecution.

One such church is located in a small town called San Sebastian de Las Grutas. Some of the church members of this small congregation were put in jail and threatened with violence when they refused to pay homage to the Catholic Saint of the town. While technically not illegal, in a small town, defying long standing traditions

can be a dangerous proposition. The church is less than a year old and has about three families that attend. The pastor is a Bible Institute Student who is faithfully persevering in maintaining the presence of an active church. We have the honor and privilege to work alongside this dedicated group of believers. Please keep them in prayer. While the enemy has tried to shut them down, we believe that a great victory is coming to San Sebastian!



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Regional Missions Promoters



In the picture to the left I am sitting next the district missions director Brother Gabriel Borbolla Segura. I have had the pleasure of joining him on several trips throughout this district to promote missions. During a recent sectional service Catherine and I were elected to

help Brother Gabriel as regional missions promoters. We will be responsible for promoting missions in over thirty churches. In the picture to the right I had the privilege of speak to a gathering of pastors about the importance of being involved in missions. It is exciting to see pastors catch a vision of what God can do when we take our responsibility toward missions seriously.





Royal Ranger Training

During the month of August we had the opportunity to work along side the Royal Ranger District Commander to put on a training for new commanders. The training was attended by nine future commanders, four of which were sectional representatives. One of the representatives said he was about to give up his position because he knew nothing about Rangers; many other felt the same way. By the end of this training God gave these men a new vision for

Rangers. It was very excited to see these men leave excited to reach boys with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We plan to continue similar trainings through out the year.

Our goal now is to conduct the Ranger Basics training throughout the Oaxaca and next year provide the next level of R.R. training. We are also working on starting a R.R. store. All of our newly train commanders will need hard to get Ranger materi-

als in order to conduct their ministry. Many of these commanders have little or no access to necessary materials. We plan to make it easier for these materials to get into the hands of new commanders. Please pray for these new commanders and if your R.R. troop can help us with a special offering toward this store, it would be a great blessings. Please direct all offerings for this store to our missions account located on the front of this newsletter.

Alpha and Omega Bible Institute

One of the wonderful blessings we received when we arrived here was the privilege to help at Alpha and Omega Bible Institute. This was also our home during our first month on the field.

The Bible Institute was found by one of the first Assemblies of God Missionaries to Oaxaca over forty years ago. Since then the Institute has graduated hundreds of pas-

tors and church workers. During our stay at the institute we saw the fine job the institute was doing and also the many needs they had. One of the smaller needs was that they had no refrigerators, and students were soon returning for a new school year. Well an army does not function well on empty stomachs. Thanks to your support we were able to bless the

institute with two new refrigerators.

Please pray for the Bible Institute as they have many needs. The biggest need currently is for a new roof. This is a big project so please pray that the Lord will meet this need. If your church is interested in helping out in the Bible institute please contact us at the phone number on the front of this newsletter.

Catherine's Corner

This week Jonathan and Olivia started preschool for three days each week. As a mom, this is the first time in a long time that I will have time during the day kid-free! The preschool is right on the corner of our street and as we walked over and dropped them off I found myself dreaming about how I was going to fill 5 hours of discretionary time. So many options filled my mind! But

when I got home, I found it hard to be still. Many times as Christians we see material things as the gifts God gives us. It's almost easier to write God a check than offer up something less tangible like time. Yet we are stewards of both. Being a steward of time is probably a greater challenge than anything else. Sometimes I feel like I want to "hurry up and get something done!," in the name

of ministry. But I am finding more and more that the deeper and longer lasting fruit comes from time spent just "being still" in the presence of God. Everything else worthy in our lives flourishes when we take time to "wait upon the Lord" so that he renews us with fresh vision, creativity, energy, and unlocking the fruits of the Holy Spirit that he longs to release in our individual personalities.