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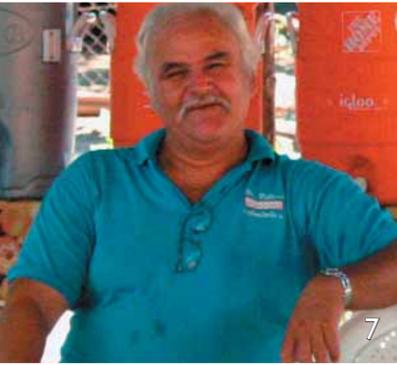


- Please pray for the funds needed to roof our house and office.
- Pray for wisdom & finances as we set up our new home and get it ready to move into.
- Pray for success with the teams and individuals coming to visit this fall.
- Pray for our trees to thrive. (We need shade!)
- Please pray for fruit from the Mathew curriculum- for excitement and skill as it is taught to the kids!

Thank You for your support & prayers for this ministry. We are in this together.

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How are things down in Mexico? 1. The walls are up and we hope to have a roof on soon! (We are asking God for the \$3000 needed to roof the house and office together) 2. Kristi has spent a lot of time this past month working on the computer: where the curriculum came together. 3. Some days the wind and dust get really bad. 4. Dwight standing at the Riso, running off hundreds of the gospel of Mathew. (I had a flashback of when I was a kid: wishing that I could print Bibles in different languages) 5. We planted 40 trees in good dirt. They all immediately died. Some say they might change their minds and live. ("Repent" is the word the Mexicans used.) Gotta be a sermon in there somewhere... Anyway, one started looking better almost immediately, and now we have 14 with new green!



We love teams coming to help! 6. These two pastor's wives are already looking forward to a special ministry event by Criss and Penee from Warren, OR this month. 7. We are apt to have unannounced visitors any time of any day! Without phone availability, they cannot call ahead, so they just come, hoping we will be there: sometimes for copies, pick up supplies or just to say "Hi." We receive at least one every day, and some days up to four sets of visitors! 8. The river is flooded for the first time in 10 years, and people who live on the other side have to cross on a boat every day to go to work. 9. The neighbor goats visit every day too. We have precious little green on our land, but they find it. 10. We had a photo shoot for a local worship band. After taking the pictures, we printed them up a few cool posters. 11. We are finding more info about the lives of the local pastors. Life is much harder for them than we realized!



The Risograph is seeing a lot of action. 12. We really pushed hard to get the curriculum written and printed on time. 13. We are also finding out how very poor many people, including pastors, in this area really are! 14. It is awesome to see several churches begin to really invest in children's ministry as a direct result of the encouragement and training we have been giving. 15. After crossing the river in the truck, Dwight had to do a little fixing to get the truck started again. 16. This month's children's training day was another success! Besides handing out the new curriculum, Kristi taught on Retention from the book "The 7 Laws of the Learner" by Bruce Wilkinson. They also learned 6 new teaching games by playing them together. 17. Many local Christians have commented to us that Dwight's Spanish is really getting better. 18. The apostolic church has made 1000 Bible study books here! 19. We buy bottled water in five gallon "garafones" for around \$0.80, so drinking water is pretty cheap. When the workers are here, we use over 1 a day.



Americans living in Mexico. 20. Slowly but surely, we are finding sources for "Comfort food" – anything that doesn't taste Mexican. After several attempts, we have found a couple sources for passable Pizza and the old standby spaghetti is always welcome. Kristi actually found chocolate chips in a local store, but they are now out. (After she bought the one bag) 21. Lon Smith and a team from his church in Gardnerville, Nevada are coming with a bunch of Scappoosians with Net Works Ministries to help out with construction and to do some outreach. We also look forward to visits from several Kangases and Krausses. 22. Life down here is absolutely beautiful although hard at times, as you can imagine.



Life as Missionaries

Short stories telling you about our new...

This month has been a busy one with two main projects. The first is

the construction on our house. Dwight is involved in overseeing that every day as well as planning and buying all the supplies. We are so excited to see it go up as we are getting closer to our projected date for moving in.

Our second major project was a Sunday School curriculum we wrote from scratch. It is on the parables of Jesus out of the book of Mathew, with the theme of "detectives." We enjoyed working on this project together, from designing puzzles to writing lessons, coming up with games, and then the major production of printing, cutting, and laminating. Kristi and her new friend Lupita drove around the whole area inviting churches to our regular monthly children's ministry training seminar. It took them 12 hours to make the trip and they had to cover both sides of the river. (See cover photo) The turn-out was great with 12 churches represented, and we were able to give out materials for over 300 children in the area. Praise the Lord!

Life is sure different down here. We have put together 22 short stories to give you an idea of what life is like for first-year missionaries in Mexico!