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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Well, I'm back in my corner again.

We are now able to **accept stocks & mutual funds donations** as well as good, used pickups.

The Lord is doing good things in all the lives of our missionaries and we are eager to see what is to come and who else might be joining His work in Mexico. *Jim Schmidt*

DAVID & RITA HARTNAGEL

(Centered in Linares & Hidalgo, Central Mexico)

We're thanking the Lord for many recent blessings: 1) excellent attendance at VBS in Lampasos-73 kids and a full Sunday School class the following Sunday in mid-August,

2) generous contributions to be able to pay off church repairs and other debts,

3) the donation of a good condition, older car, and

4) the congregations (one shown below) which continue to grow around Huejutla, Hidalgo under Honorio Cruz's pastoral leadership.



There continue to be challenges-- deciding how to balance family (children and grandchildren) with ministry needs and opportunities and what to do so that the Lampasos' mission church will be able to continue and grow. Please pray that any legal problems with the property will be resolved (land title issues in Mexico are sometimes pretty complicated and drawn out).

CONCEPCION & BENITA DIAZ

(Santa Engracia, NE Mexico)

A medical team came down from Maxey, Texas to meet medical needs in the area and help the local people realize that we care about the body as well as the soul.



Concepcion and Benita are also grateful for the help of their son, Isaac, in the ministry. Isaac has brought energy to the youth program and assisted in the recently completed youth camp in Mapaches.

Please pray for the Diazs as they visit churches in the US for a short time now and Isaac and others left to cover the ministry around Santa Engracia.

WIEBE NEWSBRIEF

(from central Durango)

You know vacation Bible School is going to have lots of kids when a vehicle like this pulls up.



The ministry continues to expand in old and new areas. Services are once again being held in the towns of Dr Castillo and Nuevo Ideal. Bible studies in the German colonies have given the folks there a desire to plant their own church.

Please pray that Guido will regain and continue to be healthy to help Jacob with the preaching & ministry load. Praise the Lord that new people have been added to the congregations in Miguel Negrete and Chinacotes.

**MEINARDO & JULIE HERNANDEZ
(Zapotec area in Oaxaca)**

The recent deaths of both the grandfather of Meinardo (in the Oaxaca town where Meinardo grew up) and the grandfather of Julie (in Minnesota) are still in memory as the Hernandez family spends time visiting Julie's parents in California. Meinardo recently finished the draft of Psalms in Zapotec of

Mixtepec for those of his home area. They have also finished and recorded 18 Bible stories in that language.

Please pray that the pastor in San Juan Guivini will faithfully assist in the translation and recording of the same Bible stories for Guivini (where Meinardo and Julie plan to help translate the entire New Testament).

FROM DELBERT & RUBY McELFRESH

The McElfresh family recently went to the Wichita, KS area to visit Ruby's father (now 88 years young and still farming). There they performed a puppet show in Spanish in one of the growing mid-American Hispanic communities.

For the kids, fall schooling and sports are now underway, so let's continue to keep the McElfresh family in our prayers as they balance those things with their puppet ministry.