

Voice In The Wilderness Ministries

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Dear friends of Mexico,

As I sit here at the keyboard asking the Lord what I am to write, the word that comes to my mind and heart is "faithfulness" - God's faithfulness over the years as we have been involved in the work in Mexico. Specifically, let me highlight some of the ways that God used *Voice in the Wilderness Ministries* over the past year.

Alexis Castro of Kitchener, Ontario ministered for a little over a year in the work in Mexico alongside Ezequiel and Veronica. Alex is very gifted as a musician and is fluently bilingual in Spanish and English. His gifts were a blessing to the local Mexican church, and a very necessary link back to the churches of Canada. He was very much missed when he returned back to Canada in March.

Ben and Anna Sawatzky of Steinbach, Manitoba were a tremendous blessing to the ministry as they served faithfully with Ezequiel and Veronica from October 2005 through March 2006. They gave of their personal income and time to serve both Ezequiel and Veronica and the church of Mexico. They served in many ways, but one of the biggest projects that they sank their teeth into was to rebuild the little church building in Palo de Arco which had all but deteriorated into a heap of rubble. This was a major job, and one that Ben was uniquely suited for. Anna was able to minister in medical clinics in the far-flung villages.

I was blessed to see two other couples from Manitoba, friends of Ben and Anna, who had a unique idea for their lives. Rusty and Evelyn and Ernie and Margaret are retired couples who felt the excitement of God's call on their lives. Instead of spending several weeks vacationing in Texas last winter, they felt God tugging at their hearts to join their friends Ben and Anna in the ministry in Valles. Despite their question "what can we do there", they were faithful and went. They were tremendously used by God to bless many through their time of ministry. One of the things that the women did was to hold cooking and baking classes for the women of the church. The love of Jesus shone through them as couples, and lives were blessed and transformed. Maybe the biggest blessing was to themselves as well as their vision and ministry was expanded in the area of missions.

I sincerely pray that many of you will also feel the tugging at your hearts to go as well. Each of you, despite what type of formal training or technical abilities you feel that you may or may not have, can be a real blessing if you choose to go and serve. Why not spend several weeks of the cold northern winter months and head to Valles and minister, knowing full well that you will be the one receiving the bigger blessing for it.

This year marks the second year that the Bible School has been running in Cd. Valles. The church in Valles continues to evangelize and minister throughout the Huasteca region of Mexico, to feed the poor, and to plant churches and house groups. It is a blessing for us to be able to be a part of this work of the Kingdom through the project LAMBS (Light Abroad Mobile Bible School) courses. In February of 2006 pastors Fred Erb and Winston Penner spent two weeks in Valles teaching LAMBS curriculum to student pastors. In January of 2007 pastor Winston returned with Cleo Yoder to continue teaching the next courses of the curriculum. Later this spring pastor Fred and a number of the elders from Listowel Community Church will spend a further two weeks to continue teaching. What a tremendous blessing to be able have a part in the on-going work of the Bible School in Valles.

A huge prayer of mine is that God would send someone to the work in Valles who would be able to oversee the construction of a building for the Bible School. Over the past year the legalities of land ownership and title have been taken care of, and everything is ready to begin building. What is lacking is *someone* upon whose heart God has placed the burden to go, and endowed with the expertise necessary to oversee the building project itself. If God has given you these things then perhaps you should be praying to see if this is what he wants you to do.

Finally, thank you for your continued support for the work. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your faithful, and sacrificial giving. Thank you for your love and faith. Thank you for allowing God to use you to continue to bless and "walk alongside" Ezequiel and Veronica and the churches of the Huasteca. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness.

Blessings,

Steven Frey