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Dear friend,

I bring you a very warm greeting from Mexico – warm first of all, because it is very heart-felt, and secondly, because triple digit temperatures, and 90% humidity is “warm” in anyone’s books.

This newsletter will be a little different than most in that it will not be “newsy” in nature, but rather its purpose is to direct you to the place where you can keep up with the heartbeat of our work in Mexico. Through the skills of our friend Jason Funk, we have been able to modernize and improve the way we can keep you updated, and how we will be communicating with you in the future. Jason has developed a website for *Voice in the Wilderness Ministries* and has linked a “blog” site into it. What this means in plain, old-fashioned English is that now you can keep up with what is happening here in Mexico through an informational site on the computer, and through letters and updates which will be put onto the site as well. You can also see photos of the work (presently there are over 100 pictures to look at, and we will continue to add more).

Since the computer-based communication is instant and costs nothing, it just makes more sense to go in this direction. I am sure that you will understand that with the cost of conventional mailings going up practically every day, by the time that a mail-out is made of several hundred letters to all of the friends of the work, it costs the ministry a bundle of money which could perhaps be better used for other purposes. Of course, we do understand that not everyone has a computer. However, most everyone has a child, grandchild, or neighbor who has one, and who would be happy to help in this area. We are committed to attempting to mail a conventional letter at least twice per year, but the bulk of our communication will be done now via the computer website and “blog”.

At the risk of being a bore to those of you who already have the information necessary, I will include it in this letter for the benefit of those who do not. I realize that some of you will not have received it since it has only been sent by computer e-mails.

Here are the instructions that you will need:

To go to the VitW Ministries website simply log into www.vitwministries.com This website is excellent, and will give you our history, vision, statement of faith, lovely photographs of the work, and much, much more. If you look at the top of each page you will see a great big, red button which will take you to the photo section. When in the website, look for the bright orange tab along the top marked “VitW Blog”. Click onto this tab and you will be taken right into the blog and can read our updates, stories and praise reports.

It has been pointed out to me that there are some who have not been able to keep up on entries because they have never known when there would be another one made. Please follow these very simple instructions and you will always receive a notice when a new entry is made: Click onto the spot marked “Subscribe to VitW Blog by Email” (you will find this in the top left area of the website). This will take you through several easy-to-follow steps which will require you to enter your email address and some squiggly letters. Following this, an email will be sent to you. You will need to open this email in order to verify that you wish to have updates sent. You may need to check your “Junk Mail” file if you don’t receive notification right away as your computer may not recognize the address and send it to the junk file. If you go through these steps you will always get a notice via e-mail that there has been a new blog added to the site, and you will never be left wondering. Very cool stuff! There is RSS and Twitter capacity as well, but don’t let that scare you. If you,

or your computerized friends know about this stuff you can use them if you wish. They are simply other tools which will also inform you when there are new entries made. Don't lose sleep over it if you don't know what these are.

Okay, so that is the necessary "housekeeping" informational stuff that needed to be communicated to you so that we can better keep you informed as to what is happening here in Mexico. Also, by the way, you can communicate with us through the blog as well. On the bottom of each blog entry is a "comment" section where you can let us know what you are thinking. In that way we can actually communicate in two directions.

That taken care of, let me quickly bring you up to date on the work. Theresa and I are going forward with the task at hand, and we are confident that God is at work. However, in stating this, I also will say that things have taken a different course than what we thought that they would one year ago when we returned to Cd. Valles. At that time we thought that our mandate was quite simple – to purchase a piece of land large enough to build a Bible School and Vocational School, and to quickly commence the building of the schools. Interestingly, God seems to have closed the door every time we have been on the verge of purchasing land so far. The vision has not died, and we are still in active pursuit of a suitable location, but we are also listening to see if God is saying something different than what we originally understood.

Things are certainly not boring or quiet in the mean while. Theresa and I are busy with the local church. We are involved in ministry in one of the little village mission churches in a place called Las Pitás. We are heading up a film evangelism ministry called "*Evangelism Explosion*". We have been very busy in starting an English Language school – and will be even more so in the future as we expand this ministry. We have been given the privilege of linking in with a number of quality Mexican ministries from as far afield as Villahermosa, Puebla, and Cuernavaca. We have been able to host and assist the team from Landmark Christian Fellowship which came down to complete the addition to the church building which they began in 2009, as well as several Project L.A.M.B.S. teams. All-in-all, there has rarely been a dull moment in the Frey home over the past year.

...I hope your appetite has been whetted to hear more. If so, please go to the website and blog, and you will get the full-course version, and not only the appetizer...

On a more serious note – we covet your prayers for our safety, as well as for that of each of our Mexican friends. There has been a tremendous destabilization which has taken place in Mexico over the past year or two. Violence and death are becoming more and more common even here in our own city. At one time it was only something that you heard about "over there". Now, it is striking at one's very doorstep. Please pray for Mexico.

Also, please remember the needs of the ministry with your finances. Theresa and I are able to continue here only because of your generous support. Further, running the various aspects of the ministry in which *Voice in the Wilderness Ministry* is involved – supporting native missionaries in church planting, supplying the food bank for ministry to the poor, purchasing Bibles, supporting the VBS thrust, running the Bible Institute, and more, is only made possible through your gifts. May God bless you richly and abundantly for your generosity.

Blessings,

Steven and Theresa Frey