



## *Llevando la Luz de la Esperanza (Taking the Light of Hope)*

*By Pastor Rafael Ventura, Jr., serving with Mexican Medical Ministries*

It is amazing to see how time goes by so quickly, how the Lord works through His children, and to understand that He will be returning soon. Every day brings us closer to His return. The bad thing is there is so much to tell you but so little space.



**Home-church service in Papalote.**

Summer began as usual, with the expectation that God would do great things in the camps and in the many other activities we are involved in such as VBS, the night film ministry, the home-church services, various youth outreaches, and sports activities. Many children, youth, and adults accepted Christ as their personal Savior, all thanks to God and a great team with a



**Certified pastry chefs.**

heart to serve.

Finally we (Angel, Maura, Celso, Jose and I) graduated from dessert making school. After two years, we are now officially pastry chefs. Thank you to everyone who supported us with baking supplies and gave financial support towards our tuition. We have been baking

cakes and selling them to help support many of the youth and children's ministries, and also the church's first missionary trip! Keep reading. :)

A new generation of students have graduated from our Bible School. Angel and Celso have completed their studies and time of preparation. Now they are facing their new ministries, responding to the call God has placed on their hearts. Angel will be getting married October 2nd with Maura, my sister. She pastors a church in Tranquilo and together they will minister to the church and also continue to assist in the activities here at



**Celso and Angel**

the school. Celso feels called to go back to his birthplace and start a church. It will be difficult but God continues to prepare Celso and has given him the strategy to do this effectively, he will be working for the mayor of the town in the administration department. So in his last few months here, Celso is taking computer and writing classes.

We took our first church missionary trip! I am so grateful to God for the opportunity He gave us. Eighty-four of us were able to go on the church's first missionary trip and we went to the town of Santa Rosaliita, a very small fishing village that has not been visited by another

church. It's a town that is being reached by God, because as we know God will use the weak, the small to reach the masses. That is the message that God brought to the small congregation that has begun to meet there. We felt the amazing presence of our Lord during the evening outreach service held at the basketball court. God brought about salvations, healings and restoration, eight people prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior and six rededicated their lives to Him. Two couples were touched very deeply and are now beginning the process of restoration in their marriages. God brought words of encouragement for Pastor Javier and his wife Sonia, and also confirmation to the new leadership of the newly formed church.

With the children, 12 prayed to accept Christ into their hearts. Through the dramas we did, songs, Bible stories and crafts, the children of Santa Rosaliita were shown that they were created with a divine purpose and that they are very loved by God.

The local fishermen asked us to pray for them and the ocean so we took this opportunity to pray for them and their families. Later they blessed our group



**Santa Rosaliita**

with a lot of fish.

Another big blessing we

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received was what God did in the lives of all who went down to serve from our church. For the new Christians, this was their first missionary trip and God confirmed many things in their lives. They were able to feel His touch and blessing through serving others. God brought unity and restoration to many lives. He showed us that when we are willing to go and serve, He is good and provides in surprising ways. The bus driver and his son (Jose Manuel and Manuel) were touched by

the testimony of our church, to be able to join in the trip and see the fellowship. Jose Manuel told us that he felt something special that he had never felt before. He also said that he would be happy to drive us on our next mission



trip. Since then he has started

visiting a church near his home.

Our construction project for the trip was to build two outhouses for the church. We also installed hoops for the town basketball court and did a beach clean up. Most missionary groups and churches stay north or go farther south in the peninsula but this has given us the unique opportunity as a church to touch this region. We have committed to go back in October to help the new church. We believe God will continue to do tremendous things with the people of Santa Rosaliita.

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## ***Praises, Prayer Requests & Upcoming Events***

- We give praise to the Lord for the three families in our church who have been blessed with houses built for them free of charge.
- Thank the Lord for a busy but good summer. We had many opportunities to sow seeds into the hearts of many people young and old. Even now we are seeing some of the fruit.
- October 8-10 we plan to return to Santa Rosaliita. We want to purchase and install some windows and complete the pouring of concrete for the church's floor, and also paint the town basketball court.
- I personally am very grateful for everyone who has come to serve alongside us, for the wonderful friends that have visited and continue to keep us in your prayers.
- Please pray for our whole crew as September is very busy. Several of us are returning to school to be better equipped to serve His kingdom. Ivan will be finishing high school, Victor Ramirez also will be attending adult school to finish his GED, and I will be going to a university to study Psychology. Please pray that the Lord will supply for our tuition and expenses. Also pray that those in new leadership roles will seek God's direction as they are stretched and grow in Him, that this be a fruitful year for them.

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