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

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Before all else, I would like to apologize for taking so long in sending out my newsletter and also really thank you for your support and prayers.



Family Camp 2011

This year more than any other has been one of much work—in the church, in the Bible school, in my university and within myself. Many things have happened, some very nice and others not so much, but the greatest part of this divine adventure is that I was able to clearly see that God has always been in control over everything and in everything. Many things have happened, but the most important have been the ones God has done in and through the marvelous team we have here at our site, the wonderful family that God has given me, my friends, my “children in the faith,” and me.

Every summer our site is full of activity. The church has activities in the community park, at church, and in the migrant camps. This summer was no exception.

This summer three of our students graduated from the Bible school and they are now fulfilling their year of service. Leticia Ramos has a desire to be a missionary and is praying for direction from God. Right now she is a Sunday school teacher and involved in the evangelism activities of the site and church. José Antonio plans to go visit his

family down south and we are praying God will supply for his trip. When he returns, he would like to work with what we call “Los Caminantes” (‘hitchhikers,’ or people who are ‘just passing through’). This social phenomena, which we’ve seen more and more in the past few years, consists of people, mostly men, that travel along the highway heading south in search of work. Many have been recently deported from the US and others have come from southern Mexico. José would



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like to give them food, clothes, and a chance to rest and hear the message of God, as well as encourage them to enter rehab if necessary and to dedicate their lives to God. He feels led to reach out to them since he was once a “caminante,” too.

During this past year I have had many opportunities to speak at youth conferences, where I have challenged young



Speaking at church (and making use of the new laptop recently provided to me by MexMed’s project committee)

people to take a stand for God and recognize the time and place where God has strategically placed them. I have also had opportunities to speak



Ministering to the elderly

at various churches in the area and now I’m working with government institutions in the area of Victim Services (social work), where they have given us freedom to share God’s message of hope to the neediest people in the San Quintín Valley. We have also gone to visit old folks homes to give the message of hope that we have in God.

For this new school year we are pleased to have a new classroom, thanks to those who were able to work on it and those who gave toward it. One of the things that has greatly



Our new classroom

blessed us this new year has been the first visit by MexMed’s Vince Trujillo, who will be coming to our Bible school each month to teach courses throughout the year. The theme of the first class was Creative Bible Teaching. He has

Prayer Requests & Upcoming Events

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- Each month we are visited by various teachers from the United States and Mexico here at the Bible school. They come to teach intensive courses, coordinated with Brother Vince. Pray for God's provision for this, as well as unity amongst the various local ministries (pastors, Bible schools, and churches) and that together we would have the collective vision of being equipped to better serve the Kingdom of God.
- This year I will be working with the state government in the area of victim services, together with other classmates from my university. I will be speaking to people from dysfunctional families (children, youth, and adults) about spiritual matters. Pray that the Holy Spirit would touch them and minister to them.
- Please pray for the different ministries we have and those leading them, some being new this year:
 - Pastors Ángel & Maura ministering at the mission in Tranquilo
 - The teachers at the Bible School: Ivan Castellón, Ángel Rendón, Victor & Reyna Ramírez
 - Youth outreach (soccer team) directed by Celso and Luis
- Personally I would ask that you pray for my health, protection, strength and for a vehicle. Thank you, friends.

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developed some tools that are very useful for new ministries and even for ministries that are already established. I personally learned a lot and we look forward to the next teaching.



Vince teaching

As for me personally, I am in my fifth semester of working towards a degree in psychology, which has been challenging, but I have definitely seen the hand of God moving me to new forms of ministry in junior highs and high schools, and marginalized communities in our area. I thank God for the scholarship that I received, which has facilitated my studies. I am grateful to my God, who has given me health, strength and the covering of His Holy Spirit. I also thank Him for your life, your support, and your



Blessed by a visit from guest speaker Rick Hohn

prayers, which have been the foundation of this ministry that God has placed me in. Thank you very much, my brothers and sisters in Christ!