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15th Anniversary

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When we arrived in Mexico, 15 years ago, we really had no idea exactly what the future held. The reality is it has been better than we could have imagined! During language school it was clear that learning a foreign language in our 50's was not going to be easy but we were determined to learn as much as possible. A few months after returning to Mexico we accepted the opportunity to start a work in San Vicente. That meant starting a new ministry from the ground up and with some fear we moved to the small farming town. Our first goal was to learn the local culture and build relationships.

As we built relationships slowly we found some amazing opportunities develop. Dave began mentoring a couple of pastors and we had a young lady, Alma, come to us wanting to go with us to share Jesus. What Alma started has turned into a discipleship team known as The Angels. That team has had over 40 young people learning about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and train others to be disciples.

The local church has also begun doing their own mission trips to other parts of Mexico to train other disciples. Some of the early Angels are in Bible school and preparing for full-time ministry. A couple of Angels already completed their Bible school and are now serving in various locations in Mexico.

During the past couple of years all the ministries we started in San Vicente have been given to the local church. This means we are no longer the leaders but encouragers and resource people for THEIR ministries. This was the goal from the very beginning and it is awesome to see the people we trained take the leadership and even expand the ministry.

We have also been involved with the Medical/Dental ministries of Mexican Medical. Part of that involves managing a mobile dental unit and taking it all over northern Baja for outreaches with local churches.

God has given us so many awesome opportunities the past 15 years. We have built friendships with people all over Mexico, Canada and the USA. God has given us more opportunities than we could have ever dreamed and it has been wonderful.

Each one who has been a part by your prayers, encouragement, support are a part of this ministry.

Special Gift

Recently we received a significant anonymous financial gift. If you were that special donor we want to know how very much we appreciate your generous gift. It was an amazing gift and a major encouragement.

Thank you!!

Angels

Recently we were invited to have a meal with one of our Angels and their family. After eating a delicious meal Citlalic shared with us that she was planning to attend Bible school starting in August. This was like sweet music to our ears. Citlalic has been a part of the Angels from some of the earliest days and one of the most faithful young ladies. Her older sister, Alejandra, just finished Bible school, got married and is now a pastors wife here in northern Baja.

Another Angel recently told us she has finished some Bible training and is joining the YWAM staff in north central Mexico. Her goal is to train other young people for ministry.

Pastor/Leadership Training

This was the fourth year we have provided pastor/leadership training. The goal has been to better equip people as they lead their churches and disciple others to expand God's kingdom. Paul Goodner and Charles Ulibarri have done an outstanding job training leaders. This year it was exciting for us to see how God has been working and the church in San Vicente starting their goal of planting new ministries.

Last year we were invited to take this training to Tecate to train a whole new set of church leaders to disciple and plant new churches. Plus the Seminary/Bible school we had been training in has asked us to return next year to train a new class of students so they can be more effective as they graduate and take positions of pastor and church leadership.

This is another area in which we are thrilled to see how serving in the same location for an extended time is paying dividends because of the relationships we have been able to build.

God has been so good to us and love seeing God work.

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