

MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" - Jesus

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DID YOU KNOW?

Missions International has been serving as a non-profit mission board for over 20 years! It was founded in 1988 by the late Ray Etheridge and his wife Peggy, as an organization that would support missionaries with 100% of the contributions being distributed to the missionary. Administrative fees are *not* deducted from contributions.

YOU ARE OUR GREAT COMMISSION PARTNERS!

God doesn't call everyone to become foreign missionaries, but He does give the missionaries and pastors associated with Missions International—missions partners. As a missions partner, you commit to fervent prayer and faithful giving as you become a part of carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth. Isn't it exciting to be a part of carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? We at Missions International are so very thankful that God has led you to obedience in this area of your spiritual life. Know too, that we are praying for you! If you have any specific prayer requests that you would like to share, please let us know and we will forward them to the many churches and individual supporters throughout our land who will share your burden. There really is nothing like the family of God! You are our Great Commission partners and together, we can do so much more than we could ever do alone!

...NEWS FROM MEXICO

In the photos, the Hermosa Church is celebrating Summer School (a version of Vacation Bible School). The children prepared goodie bags (with a Bible inside) and walked through town handing out the bags. All in all, the children's activities were a huge success.



Worship services continue to be an exciting time for the churches. In Pastor Lico's words:
"The presence of God has been amazing!"





GENERAL UPDATE

The pastors in Mexico want to thank you for your prayers and financial support. They have asked that we not bring any groups down right now because the drug cartel has moved into some of the villages where the pastors work. The pastors have not been threatened or harmed, and they have moved their night services earlier for their people to get home before dark. The churches are doing very well; the pastors are preaching God's Word and witnessing to people—even the cartel. A story was recently told where a pastor was witnessing to the cartel and told one of the men, "you can kill me, my wife, and my children but we know we will instantly be in heaven. What about you?" The next day the military came through and killed all the cartel in that particular area, including the man the pastor was witnessing to. These pastors are somewhat isolated and limited in resources. They need your prayers and financial support now—more than ever before.

...PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor Enrique Guajardo's health is bad; he needs financial assistance for medicine and doctors. He is being cared for in Victoria with one of his daughters while his children minister to his church.

Pastor Federico "Lico" Resendiz needs a truck that is estimated to cost approximately \$3,000. We can no longer take them vehicles from the U.S., but need to purchase them in Mexico. Lico's home was broken into and many items were stolen several weeks ago while visiting his mother in the hospital.

Pastor Juan Martinez also needs a truck.

These pastors use their trucks to transport people to and from church services. If you've experienced a mission trip with us, you'll remember it is no surprise to see a pastor pull up to the church and his truck be loaded with more children than could ever possibly fit, yet somehow they all do!

(Picture from 2007)



Please Note: Missions International is able to pass along all donations to missionaries without administrative fees. The only way we can do this is through donations to Missions International. Please consider partnering with Missions International and making a monthly contribution to help offset the fees involved in being a non-profit, no fee mission board.

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- 1) Mexican Pastors / churches
- 2) Missions International
- 3) Name of a specific missionary
- 4) Split - to split it between 1 and 2 above