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***Reaching
The Unreached,
Telling
The Untold,
Loving
The Unloved ...***



Fiesta Evangelism !

The Encima Del Monte ministry (EDM) team traveled to the high desert mountains of north central Mexico April 24th through May 3rd 2004. Our mission was to establish a church in the pueblo of El Mezquite and to strengthen a small work already begun in the nearby pueblo of El Refugio Del Los Ranchos. We are excited to report to you that God moved mightily in both of these mountain villages.

We felt lead by the Holy Spirit to conduct a 3 day meeting in each pueblo. The meetings had three points of focus. Firstly at each meeting we preached the Gospel to the unsaved. Second we taught and encouraged the believers. Thirdly we ministered hope and healing to all who were sick and hurting through the laying on of hands and prayer.

Our drawing cards were puppets, clowns, balloons and videos for the children.

Dinner was prepared and served nightly to all who attended. We promoted the meetings in each village the first day after our arrival. We drove through the villages announcing the meetings via loud speakers. At the same time part of our team went door to door passing out flyers. Others dressed as clowns and tied balloon figurines for the children as we walked through the pueblos inviting all to come.

We did not know what to expect as our prior experiences in mountain pueblos usually consisted of small gatherings of 5 to 40 people. Glory to God everyday the meetings were attended by close to or well over 200 men, women and children.

We could not count how many were saved. We can only say the number was great. Men and women received Jesus at almost every meeting. During just one of the children's ministry times well over 40 children of all ages prayed and asked Jesus into their hearts.

Believers were encouraged in the areas of reading their bible, trusting God's word and prayer. Jesus stretched forth his healing hand and touched many who were sick. One man was instantly healed of a double hernia. Many came with fevers, and at the name of Jesus the fevers left. Several believers requested to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and as hands were laid on them they received according to their faith. As you can tell the move of God's spirit was strong.

Birth was given to a new church in El Mezquite and the body of believers in El Refugio Del Los Ranchos was greatly increased. One of the families in El Mezquite was led to give a lot of land across from their house for a church building to be erected.

Soon the new church in this pueblo will no longer have to meet outside or try to fit into a home. They will have their own building from which to worship our Lord and Savior, who is now their Lord and Savior. Of course his name is Jesus!

One of the greatest miracles we witnessed was one of multiplication of our food. We were in no way prepared to feed 200 or more people each night. Our food budget for all 6 days was

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" Use your vacation time for the Lord"

*For those interested in a hands on experience prayerfully consider becoming part of an Encima Del Monte ministry team. * Opportunities to share Gods love and personally experience missions work abound. Mission trips are planned for: May 24th 2004, June 28th 2004 and monthly thereafter. Ask us for more information if you are interested.*

** children 13 years and older when accomplished by their parents are welcome.*

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\$1100.00 U.S... With an average of \$183.00 dollars per day we provided a meal consisting of meat, rice, vegetables, tortillas and something to drink. We gave thanks for the food each day and blessed it.

There was never a shortage of any element of the meals. Everyone ate as much as they wanted including the meat.

Further each night there was so much left over almost

every family in attendance took food home. One night there was so much food left over we had to send it to a nearby village to be given away. Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes over two thousand years ago! He did not want anyone to go away hungry spiritually or physically. Isn't it so wonderful to know he is still the same today!

God is Faithful to Answer Our Prayers.

Rejoice!

God is faithful to answer our prayers.

We have been asking God to send a Pastor for the village of El Mezquite.

During our April 24th trip Melecio Casas and his wife Adriana indicated they felt led by God to Pastor the new church in this village. Pastor Casas and his wife will continue to Pastor the churches in the pueblos of Puerto Grande and El Refugio Del Los Ranchos.

Using "Fiesta Evangelism" Encima Del Monte ministries will assist pastor Casas in planting a 4th work in the pueblo of El Cuije on our May 24th trip.

Regular weekly services, pastoral care and discipleship will now be ongoing in these four mountain pueblos. In order to facilitate full time pastoral care and instruction our ministry has committed to support Melecio and his wife with \$600.00 U.S. per month for one year. We have also agreed to work along side of this pastor to continue to strengthen these works



The current church building at El Refugio Del Los Ranchos

with additional events. We believe these new churches will be self supporting within 12 months. They will then begin to reach out to surrounding pueblos in their area themselves.

As we prepared to leave on our mission trip to El Mezquite and El Refugio De Los Ranchos we felt a special burden for the men in these villages. Our experience in Mexico is many women and children respond to the gospel. The men however are harder to reach. The spirits of pride, machismo and the bondage of alcoholism hinder men in Mexico greatly. Our

team and many others warred against these spirits and bound them according to the word. We cried out to God to draw these men while they were "loosed" to hear the Gospel. The Holy Spirit did a great work. There were more men than we had ever seen in attendance at all 6 meetings. A missionary who lives in the city of Saltillo attended the last meeting. He commented "I have never seen this many men at meetings like this in the mountains of Mexico". Many men were saved and set free. Hallelujah!

Our Ministry Needs

We ask you to be sensitive to the prompting of the Holy Spirit regarding the following needs:

Commitments of monthly financial support and one time gifts. These gifts and support will facilitate the purchase of food, supplies, Spanish bibles, teaching materials for the children, and the support of Mexican pastors and their families.

Equipment Needed

30'X70' Gospel Tent
(300) Folding Chairs
(2) 3kw Generators
15 Passenger Van
Dual axle Box Trailer
Speakers and Amplifier
LCD Video Projector
1990 to 1994 King/Dual Cab
Pick Up Trucks (for pastors)