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*Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His loving kindness is everlasting.*

*2 Who can speak of the mighty deeds of the Lord, or can show forth all His praise? Psalms 106:1, 2*

*"My heart exults in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord,*

*My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.*

*2 "There is no one holy like the Lord, Indeed, there is no one besides You,*

*Nor is there any rock like our God. 1 Samuel 2:1, 2*

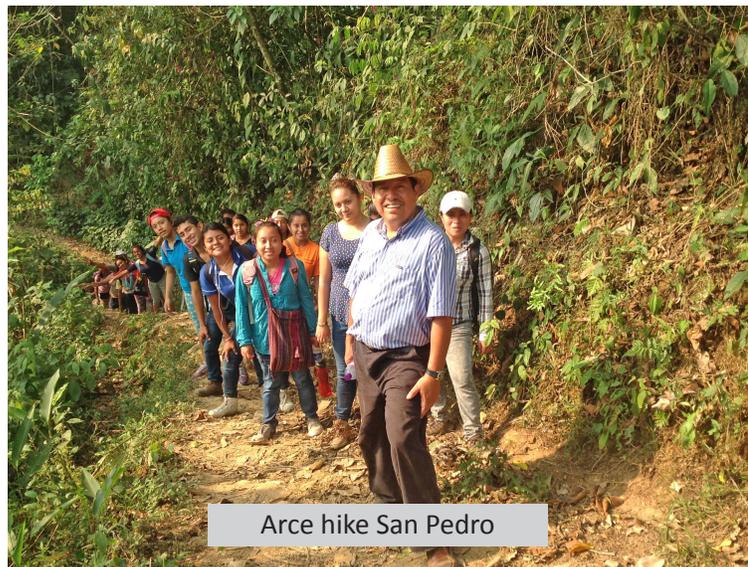
Dear Friends and Brethren,

For sixty years the Lord has worked in Mexico through the Mexican Indian Training Center and we are celebrating the grace, mercy and provision of our Heavenly Father upon this place. This summer, we are planning to have a special service during our **Graduation Week** activities to give Praise to the Lord for His Goodness and Grace to us for six decades. The Bible Schools finish their activities the last week of June and, on the 23rd, we start our **Bible Conference**. Then on the 24th, we will have the **60th anniversary** celebration and on the 25th, we will finish the school year with the Graduation Service. We are always grateful to the Lord for all He does in and through us, but



*Celebrating God's grace together*

60th Anniversary



Arce hike San Pedro

we want to take a special time to give honor and glory to Him for all He has done. Please pray for God's blessing in this service.

**Alfredo Arce** and his wife **Queta** are both graduates of the MITC Bible School and have been serving as staff members here for over twenty-seven years. God has gifted them with amazing capacities to teach children and they especially enjoy working in the mountains and villages. Arce heads up our **Children Ministries** and Village outreach programs. He also directs the **Christian Education** program and oversees the **Vacation Bible School** ministries during the summer. During this time, MITC supplies, staffs and oversees at least fifty weeks of VBS programs in as many churches. Often, Queta and



their daughter **Keyla**, team together to go and serve at a church with Bible Conferences, Children ministries and **Women Conferences** at the same time. We are blessed to have this family here at MITC.

Throughout the years and almost on a monthly basis, the teachers here at the Bible School travel to visit the villages in the mountains to hold Bible Conferences for church leaders in the different indigenous regions. (Last month we shared of Marco visiting the Mixe region of Rancho Juarez). Some of these places are accessible by vehicle, but others require hiking along mountain trails. This was the case of the village visited by **Alfredo Arce** and a group

of our Bible students this past month. They traveled by car to **Usila** (six hour drive), then hiked up the mountain for another six hours to **San Pedro Tlatepuzco** for a three day meeting. The leaders from the churches in the region also walked several hours to attend the services in this remote area of the **Chinanteco Mountains**. The local brethren were overjoyed as this was their first time to host a meeting for the purpose of preaching of the Word of God in a series of conferences for leaders. While Arce taught the adults, the students worked with the children giving them a “mini” Vacation Bible School. Our students also helped the ladies of the village with the food preparation and service for all those attending (mainly black beans and tortillas). The meeting caused a great impact upon the village that had never seen a Christian gathering like this. The whole village, its authorities and many non-believers attended the evening services. The ladies of the village realized there were many “out of town” visitors, so they voluntarily brought kilos of tortillas to share for the meals. God greatly blessed this small village up in the mountains of **Oaxaca**. Praise the Lord!

To keep the mission functioning, we must eat. We have been greatly blessed of the Lord with the life of **Luisa**, who for over thirty years was the head of the kitchen. Nine years ago, it became necessary to pass on the main responsibility to **Regina**, one of our graduates from the **Tlapaneco** tribe of the state of **Guerrero**. God has blessed the work and service of these ladies in an incredible way. The MITC kitchen usually feeds over one hundred people three meals a day. In the summer when we have visitors, the number can double or triple and is a huge task. Regina and Luisa teach the girl students to cook for large groups and they also model a life of love and





Regina and Luisa

service to the Lord Jesus and to His people. We praise the Lord for these sisters and for providing the food each day for them to prepare for the mission family and visitors. Keep Regina and Luisa in your prayers.

May is the month for Baptisms for many of the churches in the area. Usually it is a very dry month and since most of the church buildings are not equipped with baptisteries, baptismal services are usually scheduled once a year. Sometimes it is at a river, a pool, or a tank. We have held many of these services through years here at the MITC campus using our old "cow trough". This past Sunday, the La Cumbre Church moved their Service here on campus to have this day of testimony of believers in baptism. Everyone celebrated the grace of God in these changed lives by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This was followed by a meal on the grounds. It

was a great day of thanksgiving and rejoicing seeing the fruit of the Gospel and the growth of God's people in this church fellowship.

Thank you for your continued prayers, love and support, for through these, God works among us and we serve together for His Glory here in Mexico.

By His Grace,

*Dan and Chuy Hall*



Baptized La Cumbre

Chadra Giddens came to serve as the MITC Office Manager in Shreveport over five years ago. Chadra put her heart and soul into the ministry and has accomplished many positive changes and improvements within the administrative office. Sadly, she and her husband, Harold, will be moving to Texarkana, Arkansas, as he has taken a new job there. Please keep the Giddens' and MITC in your prayers during this time of transition.

Fortunately, Ruth Bryant, who served MITC for eighteen years under former Executive Director Bill Magee, has agreed to return to serve as Office Manager once again. We thank the Lord for Chadra's service and wish her much happiness and welcome Ruth back to the Shreveport Office. To God be the glory!

# An Everlasting Gift • May 2016

*In Memory of*

*From*

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