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*Remember the word to Your servant, In which You have made me hope.* Psalm 119:49

*Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands.* Psalm 119:89, 90  
*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.* Mark 13:31

*For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature.* 2 Peter 1:4a

Our Heavenly Father's Word is absolutely trustworthy. To this day, not one of His promises has failed and they NEVER will. Our souls may rest and our lives be secured if our Faith is placed on the WORD of God and the living word Jesus Christ! It is our honor to teach, preach and share this wonderful Word of God here in Mexico. Our school year is well underway and day-by-day, the Word is planted in the hearts of our students in the Bible Classes. The desire to learn of these young people and to dedicate their lives to the service of the Lord Jesus and His Gospel is a huge blessing. We look forward to what God will do with each one as they go forth with this powerful and trustworthy Message!

Abraham and Juan are two of our Year in Practice (4<sup>th</sup> yr.) students presently serving full time as missionary pastors up in the Cuicateco Mountains. Abraham is originally from Mexico City, but now he is far from the city life. He is living among a people group that speak another language, Cuicateco, and have a mode of living quite different than urban living in Mexico City. But God is using him greatly as he ministers in two villages-Pena Verde and Teponapa. He walks back and forth each day (about 1 ½ hours) up and down the mountain, to preach and visit the brethren at both places, since neither churches have a pastor of their own. Abraham's goal is to find and help train potential leaders from among these Cuicateco brethren, who

can become the future leaders of the work. Abraham is very gifted, a good preacher,

worship leader and musician. Juan is on the other side of the mountain from Abraham working in the village of El Cacique (about 4 hours away). Juan is a native of the town of Tequila, Veracruz and is a Nahuatl Indian. He is also in his 4<sup>th</sup> year and has also been assigned to minister in the Cuicateco region. Even though his background is more similar to the people where he works than Abraham's, his native language is totally different from the Cuicateco people. He uses Spanish



Juan and Abraham



Guitar Class



Chuy going to church • Peña Verde

as he teaches the Word to the brethren at Cacique and Cacalotepec. Both of these young men need your prayers that the Lord would use them to help the churches and future leaders grow in the Lord and in the understanding of His Word. Chuy and I and six others made the six hour trip from Cordoba to these Cuicateco Mountains. We were able to visit with our two students during a weekend Bible Conference for the leaders of the five churches of the Cuicateco region. We studied the book of Galatians and the main topic of "Justification by Faith in Jesus Christ". The small village church that hosted us was Pena Verde located way up in the mountains at about 5000 ft. We did not see the sun the whole time we were there, as it rained and was misting every day. The trails to and from the church were truly a slippery slope! But the time of fellowship with the brethren and with Abraham and Juan was very special, as we enjoyed their love and hospitality. On the way down from the village, our brakes overheated and the pedal went to the floor! But the Lord protected us and we made it home safe and sound later that night. Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy in all things and for His many blessings on our lives!

The Christian Music School is thriving as we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its existence. We have also added on a second year to the program to better train the future Musicians and Worship Leaders. The additional year includes General Music Fundamentals and History, Choral and Voice Development, Instruments (keyboard/piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, saxophone), Service Planning and Direction, and Ensemble Formation and Bible Panorama. Due to the additional year in the program, the need for the new Music Room and classroom is becoming more urgent. So we are thankful for God's provision and advance in the VCM (Villa-Classroom-Medical) construction project that, when finished, will be the perfect answer to this need. The total number of students in the Music School is presently is forty-five. This



VCM Project



BBC Music Congress Team

Music School and program, as well all of the MITC ministries in Mexico, are free of charge to the brethren and Mexican people. The programs exist by the grace of God and by the love and generosity of you, our brethren, who prayerfully give to the work here in Mexico and make these things possible.

This past month, we also had our bi-annual Music Congress of Worship and Technological Resources. This Congress is a joint effort with Broadmoor Baptist Church and is for the Music Ministries and Worship Leaders of the churches in our region and from many churches of southern central Mexico. The purpose of this activity is to teach of the absolute necessity of Christ-centered worship in our churches and the use of hymns and songs that have a good Scriptural basis. This is done through the conferences



at the Congress, but there is also training in specific instruments, the operation of sound systems, and preparation of audiovisual materials, all to be used in a God honoring way. The Lord greatly blessed as Tom Harrison and Danny Hernandez preached the Conferences and as Ronnie Cates and Herb Armentrout and their team of nine musicians taught the forty plus workshops during the two day event. Marco and Esdras Barroso led in the planning and coordination here on campus for this event that was attended by over 600 brethren.

Thank you for your love and support for the work here at MITC! Please continue to pray for us and for the Lord's grace and provision for our lives and ministry here in Cordoba. May His grace abound and may we be used together for His glory!

*Yours In His Grace,*

*Dan and Chuy Hall*

The following is a portion of a letter written by Pastor Bill Stowell in 2004, to all supporters of MITC, on the subject of designated and un-designated giving to the mission. Bro. Bill served as a faithful MITC Board member for over thirty-five years and senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church (Shreveport, LA) for fifty years.

Dear Friend of Mexican Indian Training Center,

Through the years many, many improvements have occurred at the mission. Groups of believers have gone to work there on special projects. There have been medical clinics, Bible conferences, training classes, youth camps, vacation Bible schools, work projects and other efforts too numerous to mention.

People who go there fall in love with the mission—I know I did. Those who visit continue to ask how can we help. Then always gifts are provided and/ or crews appear bringing materials and labor for needed classrooms, apartments, churches and missions. The campus now is beautiful because so many people have cared. Volunteer gifts and projects have infused great blessing into the work. The love and labor are beyond the ability of anyone to determine.

However, there is another great need that is not as glamorous as perhaps building an apartment or putting a roof on a church. It is the need that confronts the mission every month. You might ask what? It is the need for monetary gifts to pay staff and missionary salaries - pay for hospitalization – provide some retirement help for the faithful laborers – make certain that the utility bills are paid – purchase food, like tortillas, black beans and rice for the cafeteria to feed the students – maintaining the transportation vehicles – seeing that there are funds for fuel to carry the missionaries and students to places of service – having sufficient funds for emergencies that often arise. Gifts are needed for these items. Yes, gifts that would be placed in the un-designated portion of the budget for general mission use.

MY PLEA TO EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO LOVE THE MISSION IS THAT YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER BECOMING A CONSISTENT SUPPORTER OF THE NON-DESIGNATED ITEMS OF THE BUDGET. Always when specific needs are announced, there will be dear folk who rise to the occasion and provide abundantly. Now, churches and individuals alike can make a huge difference in the life of the mission by giving gifts to the budget without specific designations. As I said, it is not as glamorous perhaps as the projects which we all love to work on – but, to maintain the mission and the student body, we all need to be aware of the more mundane critical monthly expenses. Again, please pray with us about taking part in undergirding the entire work of the mission. Un-designated giving will really be a blessing to the entire mission family and associated work.

May the Lord Jesus our Saviour, whom we love, bless you considering this appeal....

*Pastor Bill Stowell*

