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Beloved friends and brethren,

O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God And a great King above all gods.

Psalms 95:1-3

For this is contained in Scripture: "Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."

1 Peter 2:6

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Rock of our salvation and the choice stone, the foundation of our faith and life. He is the promised One upon whom all the Church of the living God is built. There is no other name, no other savior and no other salvation but our great Lord Jesus! The title theme of our **Vacation Bible School** program this year was "rocks of ages" and was a study of the Patriarchs in the Bible, and how their lives all point to and are part of God's plan in bringing His Son into the world. Each of the Patriarchs was compared to a specific type of "rock" (we had a little geology class on the side) and was used to illustrate different aspects of the Great Rock of our salvation, Jesus. Our pastor friend



and teacher **Mark Webb**, with the help of many at **Grace Bible Church in Olive Branch MS**, developed this incredible program. Each year, we have the VBS Workshop here on campus for our second year students and teachers and VBS workers from many churches in the region and the villages. It is a four day intensive course to help the teachers learn the basic doctrine of the lessons and also how to communicate it to the children. To reinforce the basic Bible study, there are representative dramas, special songs and also many crafts, activities and even some ideas to use the snacks and refreshments for the children as teaching objects. The "full package" is provided freely to the students and teachers who will go this summer and hold VBS in



over seventy churches throughout southern Mexico. It took a special effort on the part of Mark and his helpers from Grace Bible Church to put on this special training program that for the previous fifteen years had been produced and developed by Linda Webb (Mark's wife), whom the Lord called home last year. We praise the Lord for providing this most important program and materials and pray that it will bring forth much fruit in the lives of many children for the glory of God. Our Second Year class will be using this program throughout the mountains during their summer mission VBS assignments.

"Building on the rock" took on another meaning as we saw how brother **Taurino** and the brethren of **Peña Verde**, literally carved out the rock on the mountainside to enlarge the area for their new church building. The church at Peña Verde is formed by a small congregation of believers high up in the **Cuicateco Mountains**. They had desired to host the **Annual Bible Conferences** for the Leaders of the village churches for many years, but because of their small building

and lack of space, had been unable to do so. This past year, they proposed among themselves to enlarge their meeting area for this purpose and with great physical effort of this mostly elderly group, they were able to dig into the mountain and lay the foundation for a larger building (they do not have flat areas of property in this area of the mountains). God graciously provided the materials to build the walls and a tarp for the roof, and for the first time since this church began almost thirty-four years ago, they were able to have this special Bible Conference. As the brethren started to arrive from many different parts of the state of **Oaxaca**, including brethren from the **Mixe**, **Chinanteco** and **Cuicateco villages**, other people (unbelievers) in Peña Verde were moved to participate with the church. They





brought tortillas to help feed the 120 plus group attending and also several of these non-church attending people offered their homes to help house the visitors. God used this special activity to bring two new households of Peña Verde to hear the Word of God preached and the head of one of these homes has now joined with the believers and given his life to the Lord. So this physical building on the rock has provided a place for the great spiritual blessing through the meetings and a strong testimony of the Gospel of Christ. We were all blessed during the conferences as Pastor Mark Webb taught the church leaders from the Book of Joshua. By the way, **Peña Verde** means

Green Rock and amazingly, God has firmly established His church in this place!

Everything that we have and everything we do is possible only through the provision of our Heavenly Father. This mission, its personnel, the facilities are all here only by the grace of God and we are totally dependent on Him. God uses his children as means to provide and sustain His work among us here at MITC. Each person that gives, prays and supports is a vital part of the ministry. There are no small gifts or little acts of service before the Lord, as everything is precious in His sight. Some people are blessed to come and see and participate firsthand in what the Lord is doing among us. Others by faith and from many miles away, serve with us in spirit, prayers and gifts. For all this, we are thankful and praise the LORD. Our visiting work groups are an important part in helping us to continue to freely provide Biblical Training, housing and food to our students, as the teams come and help with construction and maintenance and upkeep of the MITC campus.

Cecil and Sissy Snider led a team of thirty-five servants that came and helped with a variety of painting, construction, carpentry, sewing projects, children ministries and preaching activities etc. The week was packed with blessings, service, love for





the Lord, encouragement to the students and staff here on campus and also to churches and orphanages and groups of children outside the walls of the campus. Most of these visitors are from the **Summer Grove Baptist Church in Shreveport LA**. It was a blessing to see them share their hearts and love with all the mission family during their week here in Cordoba. We praise the Lord for His continuing work and presence among us through these brethren.

So you can see, we are in the middle of our summer mission group time of the year. We ask your prayers that God would continue to use the willing hearts and hands of the teams coming down and that the Gospel of Christ and His love will be clearly shown in word and deed as they join with us for the service of our Lord.

We thank you for reading this letter, for praying, for giving, for coming and may the Lord be exalted and glorified in all things as we serve together.

By His grace,

Dan and Chuy Hall





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