

How goes the battle? We're on the winning side!

It is way past time for me to catch you up on what the McMullens have been doing in Mexico. I have sent out some updates along the way, but only by electronic mail. If you could be receiving our updates by email, please let us know. The costs and inconvenience of postal contact make email an attractive alternative for us. If you would like to receive those 'email' updates please right to us by email, at DavidM@Hisfeet.net and we will put your name on that list.

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Quite a number of the individuals who come to participate in reaching the unreached Indian people of Mexico each year are from families that have been touched and won to Christ in previous years of ministry there in the camps. We count them as the Lord's answer to our constant prayer for laborers. These amazing young people come with a zest for living, and a fervent desire to share their new life in Christ with the most gospel deprived people in Latin America. There are still dark corners where the light of the glorious good news has not penetrated - villages that are so closed to any "outside" influence that they have not even opened enough to hear the gospel with the hearing of the ear. But economic need drives them to come to Culiacan (and other agricultural areas – areas where they can find work) looking to earn wages for a few months to fill some felt need. And while they are there, they are far more open to hear than they have ever been.

The economic crisis that afflicts America also afflicts Mexico. People are hurting – especially the poor. More than ever they need the blessed Comforter. More than ever they recognize their need of the Savior. Jesus is building his church out of living stones – based upon the rock Christ Jesus being revealed by the Father. Now is not the time for us to lay down our tools. Now is not the time to invest in "gold that perisheth" (1Pet.1:7). We together have a job to do, and more opportunities than we have ever had before. Are we willing and obedient? (Isa.1:19)

We had a glorious time this past winter. There were some disappointments and challenges, and lot's of victories. They started before we even got across the border – with a failed transmission in Nogales. That took a week and more than \$1300 to repair before we could continue. That was just the start of equipment failure. Early in the season a twelve volt battery (one of four in our mobile battery pack) failed. Before the season was over the other three were showing signs of fatigue. The controls for the video projector to show gospel movies began to be unreliable early on, too. The only way to turn it off is to disconnect it. And the DVD/CD duplicator problems continued to worsen until the machine is completely unreliable. These are just the key items that failed, and invited us to frustration time after time. But, somehow, the "Strength for today" was always there. And His hand of blessing and protection.

My plan in November was to leave Ella in the motor home at Cande's house (she has trouble traveling a lot because of her knee replacement). This annual trip South to help and encourage individuals and groups that are working in the migrant camps there is a high priority for me. But the day we got there, Cande received a message that made it imperative for her and her husband to go to the United states for an extended visit. I couldn't leave Ella there alone, so we didn't do that. Our attention was diverted to helping Cande and Jose get off to the United states, and then to explore the new camps in the area of Culiacan. (This exploration is an annual need, because

things change every year, and the teams coming through the winter need to know where to visit, and what they might find there).

The team that was coming from Flagstaff had to cancel their plans and didn't come. For the first time in several years Ella and I were the whole team on several visits. On one of those nights the two of us went to a small camp of very monolingual Mixteco people and showed the movie "Jesus" in Mixteco to just a few families. We gave Mixteco language CDs and copies of the Mixteco language "Jesus" movie to each family, and rejoiced at their open attitude and response to the Savior.

In January two men came from Alaska to spend a couple of weeks, and they were a great encouragement to us, and I think that they were thrilled to be involved. In reality both have been involved for many years, at different levels. One of these men has actually been the recordist for some of the languages that we encounter.

The large tractor/trailer load of scripture portions that you prayed about last fall was delivered to Culiacan, and we (and other ministries) have been making good use of it). Thanks for praying that in. During the time that Ella and I were working alone there, I loaded up some of those boxes of literature, and some Mayo and Yaqui, and Tarahumara language CDs and DVDs and made a 2 day delivery trip to points North from Culiacan to visit with workers who are working to reach those groups and to leave them some materials to work with.

The man-and-wife puppet team that traveled with us going to Culiacan stepped right into making contacts, presenting their gospel puppet show in various venues, and learning Spanish. We went with them on several occasions. We and they spent several days with a team of two dedicated ladies from Los Angeles working in a huge camp 2 hours South of Culiacan. And we went together with a team from one of the Culiacan churches to visit several mountain villages where Ella and I had visited one time many years ago. There are now in that region several vibrant congregations of believers.

The annual "Culiacan Project" was a super blessing! Not as many workers as we have often had, but "the people had a mind to work"! The drug cartels have extended their influence, and we saw or heard of their mischief every day, but were not touched by it. One set of very signal victories: Their have been some camps that we have been shut out of for a number of years. This year too, we were denied permission to enter most of those camps. But some of these young warriors set themselves to pray, and God opened some very surprising doors, so that we were able to distribute gospel materials to most of the people in those camps, and also show a gospel movie in or very near each one.

Several prayer requests: **First:** Many of the Warriors mentioned above are Indian people from some of the Southern states of Mexico. There is one elderly missionary who has been their chief supporter economically so they can be there every year. Humanly speaking they would not be able to come without his support. He is past eighty, and may not be able to continue. **Thank God** for this mans faithfulness and fruitfulness through more than 60 years in Mexico, and **PRAY that**

these young people that are so effective will be able to continue on.

Second: Pray for us in our preparation to return in the fall. Health, Faithfulness, clear sightedness. And our support level.

Third: Several important pieces of equipment are failing, or have failed. Short list: We need to replace three 12 volt batteries (either automotive or better yet deep cycle or marine).

We also need to replace the CD/DVD copier that we have -The old one is about 7 years old, and completely unreliable – prone to errors and wasted discs. Our video projector is also more than five years old -still works, but no longer responds to it's remote, and won't shut off unless disconnected.

In May, Ella stayed a week to watch four of our great-grand children while their mother worked and their father, Jorge, went with me to encourage a team of vibrant young people evangelizing in the vineyards North of Hermosillo. It was a blessed and fruitful week! For me it's chiefest blessing is the heart and soul of these young people as they serve the Lord Christ.

Yours for Him, Dave and Ella



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These young people planned and executed a major outreach this year in spring in the migrant camps at the table grape harvest near Hermosillo. What a thrill to work with them.

They came prepared to make and distribute gospel DVDs & CDs. We spent a week with them to show gospel movies.



Technology advances. When the people no longer used casets we started distributing CDs, and DVDs. This is our duplicator – seven years old. Now it's time to replace it.

We use a home made battery pack and an inverter for power to run the lights, amplifier, copier, etc. A set of 4 twelve volt batteries. Three of them are bad.

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