



The Benedict Family

Your Missionaries to



Jerez, Mexico

January/February 2004

Thank you for all your prayers while we were traveling. We made it back the 11th of February and are still trying to get caught up with everything. While in the United States, we were able to visit with eight different churches and share the ministry in Jerez. We were also able to pick up some more support, praise the Lord!

Shortly after returning here, Jacob (our 10 year old) was talking to one of his friends named Edgar. He asked Edgar if he was going to Heaven. Edgar replied, "Of course." Jacob asked him how he knew and Edgar told him because he was a good boy. Jacob told him that wasn't the way to Heaven and shared the Gospel with him. Edgar accepted Jesus as his Saviour right there in our driveway. A couple of days later, we found out that Edgar was so excited that he shared the Gospel with his brother Luis, who also received Jesus. Most of you folks will never come to Mexico, but all of you who are saved will one day meet Edgar and Luis in Heaven. You'll know them because they'll be the ones wanting to shake your hand and say thank you for caring enough about their souls to send missionaries to share the Gospel.

This past week, we took some of the Mexican kids fishing. For most of them it was their first time ever, and it showed. We didn't catch anything, although Juan Carlos came close to catching Emmanuel. We had a blast!



We have been presented with a wonderful new opportunity to share the gospel with teenagers and young adult men. Our friend, Antonio, and one of the leaders of his soccer team, asked us if we would sponsor their team this year. The cost wasn't too bad, and through gifts from some of your fellow supporters, we were able to do this. The good part is we get to advertise on the team shirts. We have decided to put our web site address on the back of each jersey. Then we would like to take pictures at each of the games and put them on our web page. We will be printing our web site address on some tracts to hand out at the soccer games to the opposing teams to tell them they can go there and see their pictures. We know most of them don't have internet access at home, but most of them know where they can get on the internet to see pictures of themselves. We know that they love seeing themselves in pictures on the internet. This will put a gospel tract in each of their hands, plus this will give us the opportunity to put them in touch with the gospel via the internet.

Thank you for supporting us and letting us be a part of your ministry. Please remember to pray for us as well as the people of Jerez, Mexico.

Your Partners in Christ,

Steve, Amber & Kids

And, behold, I am with thee,
and will keep thee in all
places whither thou goest, and
will bring thee again into
this land; for I will not
leave thee, until I have done
that which I have spoken to
thee of. Genesis 28:15

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Dear Friends,

February 24, 2004

Just wanted to add a few extra notes that wouldn't fit in our newsletter.

While in the United States, we had the blessing of seeing 6 children come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and several teenagers committing themselves to whatever God has for them to do. What a huge blessing to feel our time in the States was not wasted.

Upon returning, we have seen many, many answers to your prayers. Margarita (our housekeeper) has not only remained faithful in church attendance, but has also moved into a new house. Her home is no longer in the dangerous gang area of town. It has three rooms instead of two and actually has a door. Praise the Lord! And thank you folks who have continued to pray for these needs.

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P.S. If anyone has a trumpet they no longer use and would like to donate it, we sure could use one. Thanks.