

The Benedict Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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FIVE SOULS RESCUED!!!

Boy, is it obvious that God is at work here in Mexico. We've seen five people saved in the last two months – three teen-aged boys, one thirty-five year-old man, and a mother of four.

Brother Rick Toney, founder of Missions Alive (see column 3), and two of his kids came down at the beginning of May for a few days. While here we kept him busy preaching, doing repairs at the Children's Home, passing out tracts, John/Romans, and balloon animals, and just hanging out with some of our people. It was during the service that he preached that God touched the hearts of Emmanuel and Juan Carlos and they went forward for salvation decisions. We praise the Lord for that.

We have since started a discipleship class in our home with these two young men (they both speak fluent English), and that has been going

well. We've covered *I'm saved now what?* and *Eternal Security*, and most recently, *Baptism*. Please pray for these two young men as they contemplate the first step of obedience and as they continue growing in the Lord. The changes we've already seen in their lives are compelling evidences of the changes God has made in their hearts. An example:

We took Emmanuel with us to pass out John/Romans, tracts, other printed material, balloon animals, and candy in a near-by rancho. About half-way through the rancho, Emmanuel turned to Mary and asked, "Do you guys do this all the time?" When she replied, "Well frequently, but not all the time." He responded, "This is great! We need to do this more often."

Here's the question:

Do you still get that excited when sharing the Gospel with the mission field God has placed you in?

If thou seek Him, He will be found of thee.
I Chronicles 28:9



Juan Adan is 8 years old and is very fashion-conscious in his new hat.

CHILDREN'S HOME NEWS



We have a new young man at the Children's Home. His name is Victor and he is eleven years old. He is from Jerez, and he smiles all the time. He loves to be helpful, whether it's setting the table or picking up things. We are really enjoying him.

We have been taking the kids from the home to the baseball stadium on Saturday afternoons and it has been a blast! Some of them had never played before, others only a few times. But everybody who wants to play, plays – last week we had 15 on each team which makes for a very crowded field.

We are expecting a few missions groups soon so please keep these efforts in your prayers.

Missions Alive

was started for the purpose of keeping missions alive in the local New Testament Church.

They coordinate mission trips for Independent Baptist Churches and will put 3-4 small churches together and take 1 or 2 teens or 1 or 2 adults from the small churches and put them together to make up a team. They will take them to the mission field somewhere and let them experience for themselves what it is like to be a missionary.

As they grow from the mission trip (and they will) they will know better how to pray and give to missions. We have seen time and again how people will surrender to do more for their local church and for missions as a result of the trips.

Let me take a minute to encourage you to pray for the missionaries that your church supports and to think about how you can do more to help them while they are on the field.

Check out the web site:

www.missionsalive1.com

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We have been asked by quite a few people what things we need or would like to have here in Mexico. We've put together the following list of needs and desires.

Steve

Needs

LCD Projector

Laptop computer

1 twin size bed (\$150.00)

Vehicle, pick-up or 15 pass. Van

Epson 800 black printer cartridges

Lexmark X75 black/color cartridges

CD-Rs or CD-RWs and cases

Plastic chairs, \$7.50 each

TO GIVE OUT:

Shampoo

Conditioner

Soap

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Combs

Brushes

Small toys

Balloons for balloon animals

Bike parts

We will be doing a Day Camp during August for the children of the surrounding area. We are expecting 150-200 children and would like to send each child home with needed school supplies. The following is a list.

Rulers

Pencils

Colored pencils

Pens

Notebooks

Erasers

Pencil sharpeners

Compasses

Protractors

Glue

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Things we like, but can't get here, or are outrageously expensive.

Food:

Velveeta Cheese

Macaroni & Cheese

Frosting

Twizzlers

Skittles

Chocolate Candy Bars

Brownie mixes

Canned vegetables

Green beans

Corn

Baked beans

Carrots

Dill Pickles

Sauerkraut

Spaghetti sauce

Hot chocolate mixes

Pop Tarts

Country Time Lemonade

Chocolate Chips

Taco or burrito seasoning

Other:

Candles

Books

Videos

Small microwave

TV

Shelves

Steel wool

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