

# The Benedict Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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## WE HAVE PROPERTY!

Many of you are aware that we have been searching for God's will in property for a new church. Well, He has once again provided.

A Mexican man named Francisco stopped by to see Brother Bob. He lives in Chicago most of the year, but visits here when possible. When he heard we were needing property for a church, he said, "I've got a lot of land, come pick what you want, and I'll deed it over to you". Isn't God great?

The property is just outside of Jerez, and is nice and flat. Right now, the road to it is dirt, but we have been told it will soon be paved, as it is fast becoming a well-traveled route between a few of the Ranchos and Jerez.

Now that we have the property, it's time to raise the necessary money to build on it. We plan on first putting up a metal structure,

which will eventually turn into a fellowship hall. The first "guess-timates" are for about \$15,000. Please pray with us that God will supply this need quickly. Meeting at the Children's Home is... well, imagine having 60-70 people meeting in your home every week. We need another place, a place that is a dedicated for meeting to worship God.

**In related news:** We had our top attended service a couple of weeks ago with 75 people. In just over 5 months, the attendance has nearly doubled!

**And,** we will be having our first Baptismal Service the second Sunday in September.

**Plus,** we have just started running a second vehicle for the "bus ministry". Yesterday, we transported 33 people!

**Help us please! :**

*When you pass a Taco Bell, let that be a reminder to pray for the Benedict Family, and the people that make up God's ministry in Jerez, Mexico*

**Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee; go up and possess it...**

**Deuteronomy 1:21a**



**Maria** is 11 years old and one of the newer kids. Please remember to pray for her.

### MORE GREAT NEWS!



Brother Jim Foster, (pictured above with Joshua) a missionary to Honduras for over 30 years, came to visit. While he was here, Joshua, our 14 year-old, surrendered to also become a missionary to the country of Honduras.

### **Margarita and Arturo**

are a young family we have mentioned previously. We met Margarita in August, 2003 when she came by our house to ask for a job. She's been working for us ever since. Last summer she got saved.

They've been living in the gang-area of town in a two-room shack. They have three children, the youngest of which is almost 3-months old. We'd been praying for God to move Margarita and her family into a safe area.

In July, through the special giving of folks in the states, we were able to rent a three-bedroom home for them. It has everything that they need. She even has a kitchen and a bathroom with a real shower!

Arturo, for whom we'd been praying for over a year, is an alcoholic. He had some trouble accepting the home. He couldn't understand why anyone would do this for them. When we told him that this was God showing him how much He loved him, he said that he had been trying to read his Bible, but he just couldn't understand it. We went through the plan of salvation and gave a brief testimony. Arturo then bowed his head and accepted Christ. A new home, a new family, a new life!

**Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.*

**Romans 2:4b** ... not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

This past week, we were able to start discipleship classes in Spanish at our home for new believers. We had 4 people in attendance and expect the classes to grow. The new Christians were so excited that they didn't want the class to end. Please remember to pray for these classes and the teacher, José, and that these Christians will "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." **2 Peter 3:18a.**