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DEAR FRIENDS OF SAM

Christmas is a wonderful time of human interaction as family, friends and colleagues gather to celebrate. It is my hope that we make it our highest aim to magnify the greatest interaction in the history of the universe - when God took on flesh and dwelt among us as fully human and fully divine in the person of Jesus. Emmanuel God is with us - the amazing interaction of the human race with the person of God is made possible for all the generations to come!

PASTORS

SAM continues to do this through its mission of assisting the churches of Mexico to spread the good news of Jesus.



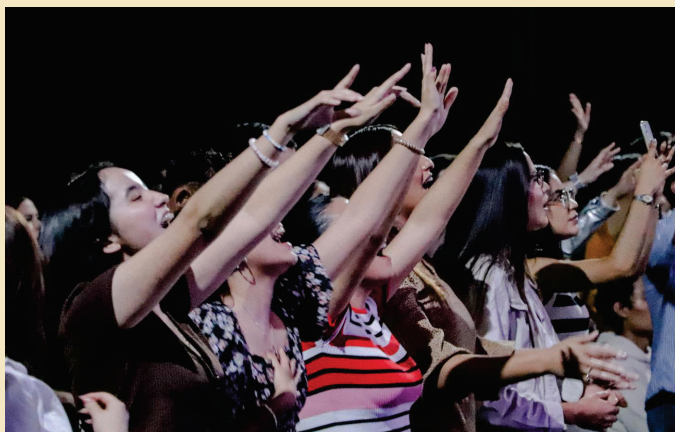
In November SAM, in cooperation with Baptist Mid-Missions, sponsored another installment of the Pastors Enrichment Program. PEP is a program initiated by Baptist Mid-Mission to further develop pastors around the globe. Forty-three pastors and ministry leaders attended this week-long course on Effective Christian Leadership. In April, we will sponsor another installment in the PEP series entitled "Expository Preaching."



YOUTH



Earlier this year, in the Torreon region, twenty-five churches joined together to put on an area wide youth meeting called, “Somos Uno” (We are One).



300 teenagers gathered in a time of celebrating their unity in Christ.

CHILDREN

While summer was rich with many churches ministering to children through weeks of VBS, a residual effect continues as Friday Night's Street Ministry. Through games and Bible



Stories, what amounts to a weekly mini-VBS takes place in residential neighborhoods in the Gomez Palacio area.



Thank God for these faithful workers.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

Each year SAM conducts a building trip to Mexico to build whatever church needs a facility. Last March men from the USA built a classroom building for the Church at EL Mezquital. The people there recently finished the project. We love partnering with our brothers and sisters in Mexico.

January 6-13 another crew will be going down to build an auditorium for a church that currently meets in a rented facility (see photo on facing page). The church's name is “Amazing Grace Church” – such an apt name for the house of our powerful, loving God.



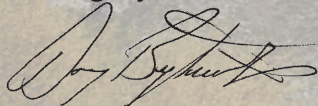
PRAISE AND PRAYER

Before I close, allow me to share a few items to pray for as well as praise God for.

- Praise God for a new addition to the SAM board. Mr. Sean Raymond who lives in Newaygo and presently works for Davenport University in administration has been called into this ministry. He and his wife are members of Magnify Church in Ensley Center.
- Praise God for good attendance of area pastors at the most recent installment of the Pastors' Enrichment Program .
- Please pray for the building trip in January – safety and good progress on a large building as well as good interaction between the workers from the US and those from the Mexican churches.
- Pray as well for the healing of the son of Pastor Armondo in Urquizo. He is 12 now and is at least a foot shorter than his 8-year-old sister due to a bone condition he contracted.

On behalf of myself and the board of SAM, thank you all for praying for this ministry begun by Tony Gomez Rosas over 70 years ago and for your faithful financial support.

Sincerely in Christ,
Doug Bytwerk



Executive Director of the Spanish American Mission



Discipulado: 10.30 a.m.
Culto de adoración : 11:30 a.m.

Porque a los que de antemano conoció, también los predestinó a ser hechos conforme a la imagen de Su Hijo, para que Él sea el primogénito entre muchos hermanos. Romanos 8:29

