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Dear Faithful Friends of Spanish American Mission

*Thank you*

for abiding in prayer with us.

Without your faithful support we could do nothing.

## THIS SUMMER'S EVENTS



This has been a great summer of ministry to youth for our mission in Mexico. Pastor Ramon Sosa, who headed up last year's effort to provide a camp experience for the youth of Torreon, brought the effort back to their church campus this year. While not an overnight camp, it provided kids with a

soccer themed VBS like we had in 2019, pre-covid.

Because of the number of staff and the purchased materials, they could only accommodate 80 students; preregistration was required. This was a pilot program for years to come, hopefully.

Seventy-four youth attended, forty-four of which were from the surrounding neighborhood that is both poor and crime ridden. As a result, many of these kids are neglected and or abused. Sixteen

decisions for Christ were made, four of which were teens. All sixteen have attended the Gomez Palacio Church since the date of the camp in July. Praise God! At the end of VBS, each child was provided with a soccer ball and a Bible.

What was particularly delightful for the leaders was that many of the Junior Leaders were campers last year. This was a great step toward our goal to both







evangelize and disciple people for Christ. The week could not have successfully happened without the wonderful help of adult volunteers from Sparta

provided games, crafts and a Bible lesson for local children. We want to express our deep appreciation to all those who were active in each of our churches around Mexico this summer. God bless the children who attended and whose lives were affected for eternity.

Baptist Church in Michigan. We had a great coach lined up from Ottawa Co., Michigan, but when that arrangement fell through, our God provided from Sparta! Brie Barnes, the daughter of Pastor Nate Wagner, is a coach and was already planning to go to help. Thank you, Brie, and thank You, Lord.

After the week was over, a follow-up ministry of a mini-VBS in the streets of Gomez Palacio every Friday night was begun. Ladies from the Gomez Palacio Church



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**NOVEMBER** - We will be offering the second segment of a Pastor's Discipleship Course. This offering comes through the Baptist Mid-Missions group. You may recall that in January we launched the first segment as a test program. The overwhelming embrace of local pastors made it clear that we should continue the program.

The cost of materials, food and travel will be minimally \$3500.00. We as a mission will absorb however much of this is needed, but your help as financial supporters is vitally needed. Please make this week a matter of prayer individually and within your church.

**JANUARY** - Each year S.A.M. pulls together a crew from the United States to construct buildings needed by various churches and pastors. This usually occurs in March, but we have recently decided to move it up to January. Which days are still to be determined.

In the last 30 years, we have put up over 30 buildings to meet the needs of churches in Mexico. This annual effort has served to meet the needs of churches, but it has also had life changing spiritual effects on the men who have gone to help. If you wish to join us in this hard working, exciting ministry, just call the Executive Director, Doug Bytwerk at 616-402-2973 or email the mission.



# WITH HEARTS FULL OF PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

We are so thankful for our many financial supporters that make our work in Mexico possible. We are also thankful for all of you who make it a habit to pray for the work in Mexico. We believe that nothing would ever be accomplished without the power of God going before us.

With that in mind, let me give you the requests in an easy list:

- The S.A.M. board needs wisdom in deciding what building needs should be addressed in January.

As one man said, "The need is not the call." We want to discern God's call for us this year.

- The Lord needs to provide financially for the Pastors' Discipleship course coming in November.
- We need direction as we look for two additional board members filled with wisdom and love for the work in Mexico.

And Thank You for partnering with us and loving God's people and work in Mexico.

Sincerely in Christ,

Doug Bytwerk  
Executive Director of Spanish American Mission



