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# Spanish American Evangelistic Ministries

*From the Staff:*

From time to time we receive word from missions in Mexico and other Latin countries. We are always humbled by what they are enduring for the cause of Christ. Below are some excerpts of letters from José Aparicio who is located near Mexico City.

...I had to make a trip to Hidalgo State. On the bus, I preached the Word and many people showed real interest in God. The question asked the most is how close are we to the end of the world?... We had 57 baptisms. Most of them in rural Mexico ... Dear Sirs, We cannot buy Bibles here where we live, and 90 of us would like to own one each. We can get any other book, or communist books, but not Bibles. Even, the Government gives away such books written by Karl Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, Fidel Castro, ...but it is impossible to get Bibles. So please send at least 50 Bibles. We wish to study this uncommon book where we live. Signed Mario Characayo, Ayopaya, Cochabamba, Bolivia...

...In general working for the Lord means working with lots of pressure already, but our bad economy and general bad situation as a Country puts more pressure on us all serving the Lord. For example, Lydia Patiño (my wife's niece) and her husband, Efrén, were kidnapped on their way from Cuernavaca to Mexico City recently. Three men kidnapped them. Efrén had, in one hour, to gather \$10,000 US dollars for them in order to set him free. However, they took Lydia to the State of Mexico and tried to rape her. In their effort to abuse her, she was able to take the pistol of one of the men and started shooting them, and escaped. The three men got to the nearest hospital to get help as they were wounded. Two of them were arrested. The other one died...

...We started three new mission fields: Compostela in the State of Nayarit and Amatlán and Tetecolala in the State of Morelos. It is hard to witness in these areas, but our Bible Correspondence courses opened doors for us. I have visited them to start congregations there. We have faced persecution in different forms in these areas. People living in darkness and in their traditions have insulted, cursed, stoned, and called out names to us. Even, they said they will kill us if we continue teaching the Word of God. However, nothing can stop us from sharing the Word. Persecution shows itself in many forms due to politicians being involved in their own efforts to stop us. God blesses His Word and his people, no matter what! ...

Testimonies like these certainly help put things in perspective. These servants of God say **nothing can stop us from sharing the Word**. What do we say?

## Announcements:



You may designate to the Flex fund

throughout

the year, not just during our Matching fund campaign.

Thank you!

Dear Friends,

In our time here God has provided everything we have needed simply in answer to prayer offered in faith. God has proven Himself faithful to provide not only the necessary funds for the mission, but also the wisdom and technical skills needed for this work. And we rejoice in that!

Dorma and I came with no particular skills for this work—just faith in the One Who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly beyond what we can think or imagine. And He has! And even more importantly now—He will!

This is my last letter to you who have so faithfully served with us with your prayers and support. I am by calling a preacher. So we are returning to Missouri to minister in a local congregation, so thankful that the Lord's strength has been perfected in our weakness. And all of the glory is His!

Pray for the trustees as they wait on God to raise up the next director. Pray for the lost. Pray that when Jesus comes again He will find faith on the earth. May He find it in all of us.

*In Jesus, David and Dorma Finch*

We are putting together a nice, 2 page newsletter this time just sufficient to greet you and mention a few salient facts about SAEM. Donna and I are blessed by God as there are many people praying for us as we serve Jesus on this mission field, and as Donna needs help from the Lord because of her sore back and hydro build-up in her abdomen. She has pain pills for the back until an appointment is secured for treatment of that; and a PET scan following a CAT scan from 2 weeks ago to determine if there's anything serious about the liver and spleen. We think it's just liquid build up, but the doctors want to be sure. We have had enough income to keep current with the medical bills (thanks to those who gave, very much), but I can see another insurance co-pay for \$250 coming up. In the work of the mission, there are contacts in Juarez. I

have been over there to visit a Mexican preacher, taking him the generous offering you in the US send to him through SAEM, and learning more about the new church services he is involved with, now meeting in the home of his mother. He told me there was a big, well-supported rally at his house, where 3 meeting areas are available (for men, women and children). The preacher reported that out of town speakers participated at that. And the preacher said that 80 or so people attended. The church is glad that many good contacts are being made there for the Lord.

With a prayer, In Jesus name, Edward and Donna Weckerly



**The Sullivan Christian Church work group brought 3 bicycles for the kids at Sister Josefina's orphanage in Juarez.**

**We'd be surprised if they still have tires! The bikes were barely out of the van before eager, happy children were riding them up and down the driveway.**



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