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Lee, Pastor Israel Garcia and Pastor Samuel Cruz our representative.

My heart is heavy as I hear reports in the news, from other missionaries and from Mexican Pastors serving along the border. Therehas been a substantial increase in drug related violence. Kidnapping for ransom, murders and disappearances have not only shattered Mexican families but have claimed the lives of many Americans visiting in the Mexican Border towns. The April 18, 2005 issue of Time Magazine had an article entitled "The Kitters Next Door-Brutal new drug gangs are terrorizing the U.S.-Mexico border" that details much of this. Vicente Fox: the President of Mexico has placed 700 troops in Nuevo Laredo alone, still the violence continues and is spreading across the border. The President of Mexico has successfully broken the backs of many of the large drug cartels operating in Old Mexico but as the King Pins fall, new cartels spring up to fill the void. They are much more sophisticated, highly trained and use advanced weaponry. Many of them come from Mexican Military Special Forces.

That's the bad news; *the Good News* is that God is moving on the Mexican border and beyond. I met Pastor Salomon who works on the border. He met the Lord in prison and dedicated his life to serving the Savior. The Ex drug dealer has built a church by winning the families who have lost a loved one to the gang and drug wars. He shares with them the love of God by offering to do the funerals of loved ones and then invites them to his church. If he hears news about a drug dealer going to prison, he ministers to the family and invites them to a support group in his church, at the same time ministering to the convict. I have talked to Pastor Salomon about starting our Bible School in his Church in Reynosa and also in churches across the border into Mexico. Pray that he follows through to provide these hurting people with more help.



I ministered in Monterrey Mexico with Pastor Samuel Cruz. He said that in the outskirts of his city they are finding people murdered execution style. They are victims from border towns whose bodies are driven hours south. to be discarded in order to confuse police. Many good business people are trying to move their business into the U.S. to try to escape the violence, and yet others are choosing faith over fear. As I ministered in Monterrey I saw a beautiful out pouring of the Holy Spirit. The Latin People are joyful by nature, looking for the good in things and hungry for their God.



I also had the great privilege to minister with Pastor Israel Garcia father of eight children and a growing church. They outgrew their building and they are now meeting under a tent. The evening was power packed and the air was electro-charged. The crowd and congregation are needy and yet they bask in the most precious of things; the Presence of God!! Pray for Pastor Samuel Cruz, our new representative that he will open many Vida Internacional Bible Schools in the city of Monterrey and surrounding areas

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