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Lee teaching during special Mother's Day breakfast.

'El Dia de la Madre' (Mother's Day) celebrates the important role that mothers play in the family and the Mexican culture. Mother's Day in Mexico officially began on May 10, 1922. Even through the actual celebration just began a century ago in many ways motherhood has always been praised. The role of motherhood played a key influence in the formation of the pre-Columbian matriarchal Mayan and Aztec societies. The gestation of their matriarchal psyche and development of their culture were in response to the mother's role as the family nurturer. Mothers made the clothing, built the shelters, cooked the meals, gathered fruits and raised the crops and preserved the surplus. Women were, and still are, the pillars of their society and their civilization.

I wanted to honor the Mexican Mothers in our mission at our Community Center, in Mezcales, so we planned a Saturday morning breakfast for them. It was very tasty meal of ribs in green sauce that was prepared for them to make them feel very special and for them to be honored. I shared a Mother's Day message for them out of Proverbs 31. They seemed responsive and quite interested in the message, and I believe it blessed and encouraged them; but the thing that lit them up was when each of their little ones was given the microphone. As they expressed their love and gratitude the mothers were all beaming. Then, the children gave their Mother's pink love letters and drawings which furthered the surge of love and emotion generated on this special event. Everyone left there happy, refreshed and grateful.

That next Sunday in Cardboard Landia I shared on 'The 10 Characteristics of a Godly Mother' I was taken aback at the beautiful response and I was overcome as I realized the transformation in the families who are growing in their faith. There were many expressions of true heartfelt worship to the Lord

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Mothers connecting in community during the breakfast

and a great demonstration of family affection.

It was a fulfilling and gratifying way to celebrate the family and our Mothers in the mission. Your prayers and support are healing homes and restoring families. I want to thank you for supporting us as we direct and oversee these works.

Together we are LSMI/Vida Internacional,

*Ju & Carol*

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