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The forecast for 2009 is looking good. We can see on the horizon many positive developments taking shape. This Fall, I was walking in our neighborhood, a community of houses under construction with a few lean to shacks. Carol and I have been getting to know our neighbors, helping where we could, making friends and learning more about them. We saw a need for a program there, but there was no church or existing facility with which we could partner. As I walked down the dusty street a little boy peddled up to me on a knee high bicycle. His name is Ulysees. He asked me if we were gonna have our program there, that everyone was waiting for it. I told him no, I didn't think so. His big eyes widened in sadness, and his little lip quivered.

I saw Ulysees again today, and he yelled at me joyfully "Hola Gringo!" Ulysees is attending the program we are starting at our Ministry Base. Children in the community are happy and excited, hopeful about what might come. We are partnering with the church from across the highway and are excited as we launch this new program to Feed Children Body soul and spirit. Our kickoff Sunday had 65 children in attendance.

As this new year begins, we are training workers for seven new programs with Vida Internacional. Some are in fledgling mission churches that have not yet penetrated their community. These program will get into their hearts and homes and strengthen these new plants. Some will be in missions yet to be established, and once again these programs will open the doors of the community to the Gospel. I am reminded of Isaiah 58:10, "If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your life will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noon day." God will shine in 2009.



Worker training class using Vida Internacional

We are finishing out phase one of the Base which is the lower unit. It will be used to house ministry teams and provide us with temporary housing until our living quarters are built on the second floor. We have begun a new phase of construction of a 13x52 ft pavilion which will include an outside kitchen and bathroom to house the program to Feed Children, Body Soul and Spirit. We are excited and grateful as we see the progress in this project which we began with nothing more than a vision of what could be. Mexican believers are volunteering their time to help us build. Along with the Mexican volunteers we are also seeing Canadians rolling up their sleeves and coming to help work on the place for children to meet.

One of the Canadian volunteers is putting out a challenge. He will match funds donated for the children's facility up to \$7,000. If you would like to take the challenge, Please earmark your donations for the matching funds.



Lee and Pastor Kevin McAnulty at the ministry base.

Say a prayer:

1. Funds to help to provide these children's facilities which include the pavilion, kitchen and bathrooms.
2. Please pray that God provides water and electric to the house so that we can function fully. We need prompt action by the company, and a fair bid on the cost of installation.
3. Pray for Vida Internacional that we will have the resources to put it on MP4 and make it accessible from the internet.
4. Reliable transportation (Nissan van we can purchase in Mexico)

Together we are Life Savers,

Lee & Carol

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