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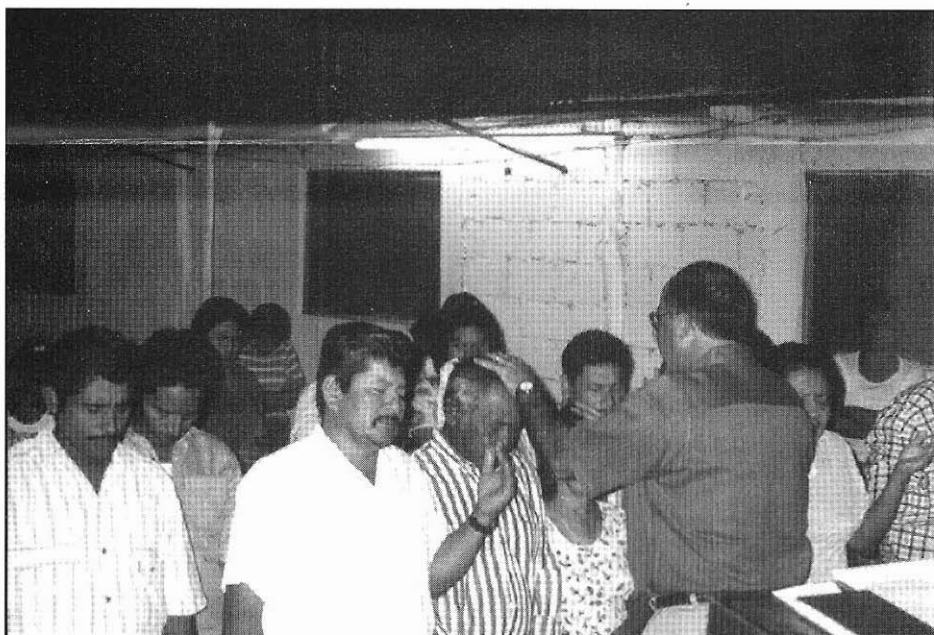
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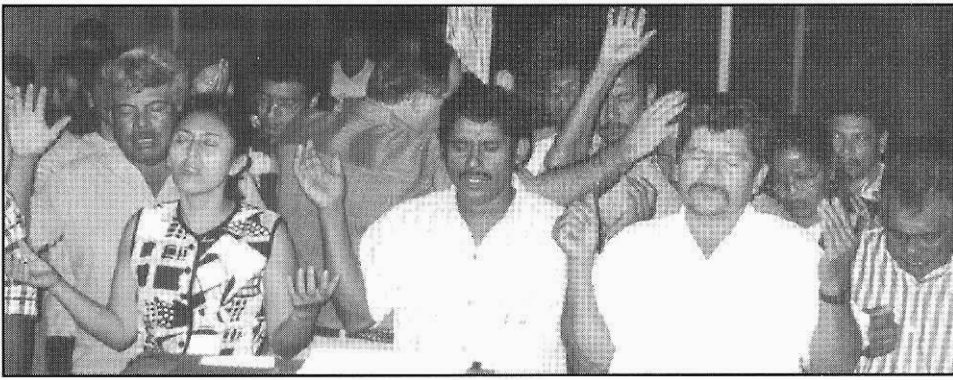
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Pastor Jesus Ayala grew up learning his father's trade as a carpenter. Together they made furniture; boats and interior wood work in homes. After that, he made his living as a commercial fisherman. Twelve years ago he hung up his fishing nets and answered the call to plant and pastor a church. He is a very humble and very poor man. Pastor Jesus is fifty-five years old. He and his wife Mary live in a tiny one room, rusty old tin shack.

The city in which they live is called Ciudad Del Carmen. It is on a little barrier island located on the point furthest south on the Gulf of Mexico. The major industries here are petroleum & fishing. Everywhere you look there are oil drilling platforms out in the gulf. This is not a place to plan a vacation, and don't confuse it with Playa Del Carmen located near Cozumel. In spite of the location, Pastor Jesus has stuck oil with his 100 member church. The church is vibrant and alive. I ministered to them outside under a canopy of stars. For three nights I passionately shared with them about their spiritual destiny in Christ. Every night we had a good response. The last night the people prayed for me, many of them weeping and thanking me for sharing with them words of encouragement and life. I want to thank you for supporting me so that I could preach the gospel to the lost and help those who are already Christians to be equipped for service.





The pastor told me that he does not have any Bible training and was contemplating leaving his flock in order to obtain a Bible education. He was elated to receive our full Video Bible school. Pastor Jesus said, "The material that you brought is a confirmation for the unfolding of the vision for our church so that we can be prepared to carry out the vision. God is working in all of these things even though we don't understand how He is going to bring the vision to pass."



The vision that the pastor has for the church, Iglesia Chistiana Del Rey (Christian Church of the King) is that they would spend time in God's presence to know him in a personal and real way, and to touch other lives. People do no need more religion but more of a God who is real. What a VISION !!!! and you and I are a part of it, as together we are making disciples that will impact their city.

Together we touch the world!

*Lu & Carol*

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Ciudad Del Carmen, Mexico



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