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We slept in the rustic home of Maria & Roberto Chiznado on the way to Ameca.

Winding through the mountains jarred his boyhood memory. He began to share his adventures with American missionaries as a young boy. He also shared stories passed from his father, a deacon who tracked across the mountains on foot, horseback and burro as a guide to them. Pastor Jose Rentaria, Carol and myself embarked on the journey to Ameca. We retraced the steps of missionaries. This time to meet with board members of the Missionary Biblical Alliance. It turned out to be quite an adventure. We experienced the roller coaster effect much of the journey. Climbing up and down steep mountain passes, making hairpin turns left and right we drove through the heavy smoke of a smoldering forest fire, still able to see trees ablaze. None of this could compare to the stories that we were hearing along the way.

We were moved in more than one way as we listened to Pastor Jose share his passionate stories of missionaries who packed mules laden with Bibles, medicines and supplies, planting churches in the 1930's and 1940's in the mountains around Ameca. They slept in the wilderness and faced the attacks of wild beasts. With tears in his eyes he said that some gave their lives as martyrs. In the town of Ahululco and in the tiny mining village of Amparo, Mexican pastors and American Missionaries fell, beaten to death by religious fanatics. Their blood was not shed in vain. From the seeds of their sacrifice sprung up many new congregations. It was from some of these converts that the Missionary Biblical Alliance was birthed.



Lee with board members of the Missionary and Biblical Alliance.

The Mexican government requires that we register under a Mexican religious association that will be legally responsible for us. Since we are working closely with Pastor Rentaria, we are pursuing relationship with this Mexican denomination. We felt a deep respect for those missionary martyrs as we retraced their footsteps and saw first hand the fruits of their ministry. It was heartening to hear the history and witness the heritage. They opened the hard ground and sowed the Gospel so that others could reap.

Together We are Life Savers,

Lee & Carol



Above: Progress on Ministry Base

Below: We could see that there was still work to do as we saw pilgrims pay homage to the Virgin of Talpa on the road to Ameca.

Say a prayer:

1. Pray for our missionary visas, that all will go smoothly.
2. Continue to pray for God to move that roads will be built and electricity poles installed so that we can fully function here where we are called..
3. Pray for continued protection of workers and over our ministry and provision for the work.

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