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Dear Friends,

The battle is still on 4 months after the death and chaos which hit Guadalajara, Mexico. There were 37 of us on the first Saturday that we went in. A visitor, my son and daughters, about 32 Mexican nationals, and myself, all packed into our van along with 10 cases of Bibles. It was like driving into a war zone. We crossed over a 30 foot deep canyon that was a street by the name of Gante before the explosion which took place on April 22nd. Carol, the children and myself were only just a few blocks away from there when the explosions took place.

We have been going back into the disaster torn sector of Reforma to redeem what we could, distributing Bibles, tracts, and sharing the promise of eternal life. One of the first things that I learned was that the 200 dead reported by the government was grossly under the number of actual deaths. It was a big coverup due to the fact that the government owns the oil company that was at fault.

We saw a junior High School which is being used to house 600 families whose homes were completely and totally demolished. All of these families lost loved ones in that blast of death. That figure alone is over 600. One policeman by the name of Leonardo told me that he saw dead bodies being hauled out of the area by the bus loads. Raul, a man in his early 50's, who prayed with me to receive Jesus as his savior told me that he lost 65 friends in the crisis, 40 people died in his block. His 16 year old son was changing a tire on a bus when the impact of the explosion hit his shop, claiming the lives of his boss and all his fellow employees. The blast threw him onto the hood of the bus which was then hurled onto the roof of a



Lee and Amy giving out Bibles



A NIGHT OF CHILDREN'S BIBLE TRIVIA

Lee & Carol Short



building. The boy walked away without a scratch. Raul invited my daughter Sarah and I to come over to his house whenever we would like and teach him the Bible. One man we gave a Bible to began to speak in broken English so that the 10 year old boy with him would not hear the tragic story once again. He said that this boy was his nephew. The boy's mother and two of his brothers were killed in the explosion. Where his home stood is now a giant crater. Pray that the shattered hearts would be healed from the loss of loved ones. Pray that those that received Bibles would read them and come to know the Lord and grow in their faith. The battle is the Lord's.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Pray for God's protection over our lives as the Racketeer lawyer is becoming desperate in his actions as he begins to loose his legal battle. Lee had to testify in a hearing because he witnessed hire thugs beating up a neighbor.
- 2. Pray for the completion of the studio. We are getting close.
- 3. We need workers. Pray for the Mexican nationals and the American missionaries to provide the professional and technical help in the operation of this vision.
- 4. Pray that we would remain sensitive to the Lord's priorities for the work here in Mexico, and for the where with all to carry it all out.

We love and appreciate all of you who help make this possible through your prayers and support

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A 30 foot crevice where there once was a busy street.

