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Dear Friends,

Driving to a little ranch called Zapata, we passed through a military checkpoint. Teenagers with automatic weapons asked my son and I to step out of the vehicle while they searched with flashlights looking for narcotics. We continued on for what turned out to be a 2 hour drive, weaving back and forth through mountain roads. On one blind curve, we were startled as we drove our vehicle into a herd of cows standing in the road and grazing on the sides.

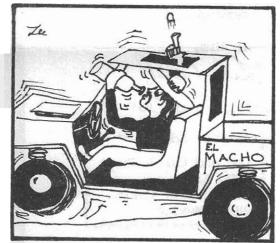
We arrived at the ranch and saw a group of 30 believers gathered together under a leanto having church. Everywhere you looked there was livestock meandering about. There was a grunting, squealing pig tied to a tree close to the area where we were setting up our equipment. We announced the picture to the people passing by. They were mostly traveling on foot and occasionally by horseback.

Three songs and 30 mosquito bites later, we started the movie. A group of about 60 people gathered. Upon the completion of the film, an altar call was given and one by one, 3 macho men (rancheros) came forward and knelt down. Two of them were weeping. It was very moving to see their humility and repentance. Everyone in the crowd seemed to be struck with holy awe. Everyone that is, except the pig that was busy rooting up the ground.



Lee behind bars/Prison Ministry

SHORT STUFF



DADDY THE BIBLE SAYS CALL NO MAN & FOOL ... YOU IDIOT IS MUCH NICER

Lee & Carol Short



15 ARMED MEN

I was on my way to the bank, but when I got there I was not permitted to enter. Just moments earlier, 15 men armed with hand guns robbed the bank of currency valued at \$275,000.00 U.S. The pastor of our local church was held hostage in the bank and testified that the ring leader of the group was wild-eyed and high on drugs. After pistol whipping the guard, he said, "I hope the federal police get here so we can kill all the hostages." Not only did they empty the vault, they also emptied everyone's pockets and purses. Thank God no one was killed.

URGENT REQUEST

The engine in the work van "blew up" and needs to be rebuilt. The mechanic said that we should be thankful that it happened while we were in town, and not stranded at night on an isolated road. Repairs are estimated at approximately \$1,000.00.

MADRID/COLIMA

In the small town of Madrid, we witnessed several hundred people enthralled at the movie, and then a good response to the invitation. Still the streets were filled, with no one wanting to leave. What a night!

As I was dropping off my fellow workers, I thanked them for accompanying me, sacrificing their time to go with me. I really needed and appreciated them. Juan responded to me, "Lee, it is not out of friendship that we go with you, but because Jesus commanded us to go and and preach the Gospel to every creature." His words pierced my heart.

I think Juan's words express the heart motivation behind you who are working with us and supporting us Stateside. You do it not out of friendship, but in obedience and love for your Savior.

Thank you for your faithfulness in 1989. We look forward to a new decade of service.

In Him, Lee, Carol. Josh, Amy, Sarah *****Our Address***** * Lee and Carol Short * APDO 63 * Manzanillo, Colima * 28200 Mexico *****



Right to Left: Juan, Lee and Friends in Madrid