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Dear Friends,

In our newsletter we reported on the criminal element that is taking over the little town in which we live, terrorizing & disrupting the peace. Personally, I was the target of two acts of violence. Since that time, six of our Mexican neighbors and I went directly to the Governor's palace and met with his cabinet. promised of our meeting, the governor has investigation. The news media, television, radio, and practically all of the newspapers in the Guadalajara area have covered our story.

A fist fight broke out in the district attorney's office between the racketeer lawyer and the criminal lawyer that is going to represent all of us who live here. This happened while I was giving my statement to be used in the case against this racketeer. The following is an excerpt from the local English newspaper.

THE COLONY REPORTER, August 10-16, 1991

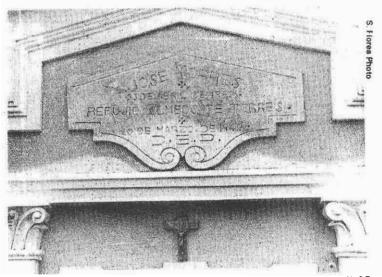
Lakeside Land-Grab Try: Governor Promises Relief In Jocotepec Lawsuit

By CR Staff After the recent meetings with the governor and his staff, the governor's office has ordered a special investigator from the state Ministerio Publico's office (similar to a district attorney in the United States) to look into Ramos Garibay's actions, including landowners' statements that they have been threatened by armed men and that one landowner had been shot at. The governor's office has also ordered the investigator to look into possible improprieties on the part of the Jocotepec regional tax office, the Jocotepec public-works department (which issues building permits) and the planning commission.

> The investigation will also look into various regional courts and offices in Chapala that have issued and later lost documents in the suits and countersuits involved in Ramos Garibay's claims against the owners of the 23 properties.

> the governor's office encouraged all landowners involved to make criminal complaints against Ramos Garibay with Chapala's Ministerio Publico, including allegations of fraud regarding ramos Garibay's escrituras.

> The governor's office also promised to try to speed up the time it is taking the various state courts to issue judgements on the various lawsuits brought by Ramos Garibay, some of which have lasted at least three years. Finally, the state is promising the landowners relief for such harassment as the physical threats allegedly made by Ramos Garibay and such acts as tearing down fences on their property.



TOMBSTONE EVIDENCE--Could Jose Torres, who died April 25, 1943, have signed an escritura (land title deed) in March 1987, handing over the rights to a piece of property in Jocotepec to Guadalajara attorney Ramon Ramos Garibay? North Americans living on the property for decades are fighting Ramos Garlbay's land-grab attempt.

Lee & Carol Short



PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Pray that God continues to guide us and give us wisdom that we make the correct decisions in the ministry here.
- 2. Pray for continued health and safety.
- 3. Pray that God will build a team of workers, such as; a school
- teacher, technicians, gifts of help, printer, and retired couples.
 4. Pray for provisions, that the funds will be available as we come to each new step in the development of this Bible school.
- 5. Pray that God will cause this racketeer and all of his allies to fall, and that peace will return to this small town.

We appreciate all of you, and the support which you give. Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we continue to work toward the building up of the kingdom of God.

Bless you, Lee, Carol, John, any & Sura

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AGILIZAR JUICIOS civiles rezagados desde hace cuatro años por la posesión de terrenos urbanos y severa investigación a las instancias catastrales, ordenó el Gobernador del Estado, licenciado Guillermo Cosío Vidaurri, luego de escuchar las denuncias presentadas por vecinos de Jocotepec, durante la pasada XXIX audiencia pública del Jefe del Ejecutivo.

The governor of Jalisco and his cabinet at the 29th public audience. Six of my neighbors and I received his personal promise that the peace would return to our town.