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Puerto de la Libertad (Door of Liberty), El Salvador— Imagine if you had little to no Pastoral training and you were faced with comforting three families as they bury their loved ones. The pastoral responsibilities of Pastor Regino Rauda are very challenging. While I was meeting with him he was preparing to perform a funeral. Last month he performed three. The first was a 21 year girl who was shot six times, another was a 26 year old man who committed suicide by drinking poison. This speaks of the violent and hopeless lives that these Central Americans face. These people need trained ministers of the Gospel to meet the challenges of desperate times. It is in times like these that people are looking for answers and are open to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Regino Rauda is a church planter extraordinaire. He lays both the spiritual and the physical foundations. Not only is he a preacher of the Gospel, he also has a building background. Pastor Regino has started ten congregations and is now building his tenth building. Church planting is a family affair. Five of his seven children live at home and help him in the raising up of the house of God. They bend rebar for footers, hand mix and pour concrete. These teenage boys are also the worship leaders of the congregation of 60. Señora Rauda does her unending share of service with her young daughter by her side. In the building process, a palm thatch roof is a temporary shelter and first phase, later followed by a foundation, walls and a permanent roof.

More important than the physical building are the souls that are saved and discipled. Pastor Rauda told me that due to his lack of Bible training, once the building is built, he looks for a pastor to take charge because he is unable to sustain growth, even though the replacement also has very poor training. That's where we come



into the story. Regino is one of our students with Vida Internacional in El Salvador. For the first time in his life he is being equipped with a systematic spiritual formation this will benefit his spiritual growth and the spiritual growth of those in the church that he shepherds. He has hope that this church will not collapse from lack of Biblical foundation.



Our Goal in 2005 is to produce one course a month. You can sponsor a ten lesson course for a gift of \$1,200. (Please indicate on the check for our records). We will put your name, your loved one, or the name of your church at the end of the new course.

Also, for a gift of \$300. you can sponsor the manual for the course and we will acknowledge your sponsorship in the manual. If you would like for me to come and minister at your church or small group, call me at 281-300-4932, or email me at [LSMI@houston.rr.com](mailto:LSMI@houston.rr.com). I would love to come. Thank you for your partnership!

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*Lee & Carol*

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