

## Dear Friends and Partners,

We went to all the Real Estate agencies in the area and listed the ministry center as an open listing. They told us that because of the severe economic slump, that nothing has been moving for almost a year. None of them believed that we would be able to sell our facilities. I said to one agent, "If you can't sell the property, I will! I believe that God is able to bring a buyer even during hard times."

We made our own "For Sale" signs and took out the largest ad (4 inch X 5 inch) that we could in a Guadalajara paper. Before I could finish putting the signs up, on the first day it was in the paper, a man called, came out to see, and.....He's buying the property!!! Lord willing, we are going to have settlement on February the 7th.

Our family has been getting settled in the Houston area and I have been making trips back and forth trying to set up our new office in Houston and take care of the ministry's business in Mexico. As a family, we spent Christmas in Houston. Christmas morning, Sarah, Josh and I went to the Inner City Ghettos to the Spanish and Black section with other Christian ministries from the area, sharing food and gifts and our faith with the poor and needy.

I felt as if I was still in Mexico. I ministered and led several Mexican families to Christ. Two of the families were from a little town named San Nicolas, Hidalgo where we started a Bible School. One lady's mother was born inour town of Jocotepec. In fact, at one time or another, I was in the hometown of each Mexican family that I met. The Lord



Sarah giving a gift.

## SHORT STUFF



I CAN'T. ME NEITHER! NOTHIN'S SELLIN . IT'S HARDTIMES!!! IF YOU'ALL CAN'T I KNOW WHO CAN!

Lee & Carol Short



touched many hearts through the effort.

## **CAST OFF**

December 20th, the cast that had been on Carol's leg for three months was removed. She fell and broke her leg just above the ankle in September. She is starting to walk again and every day is improving. Thanks for your prayers

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1. Pray for Mexico during this time of civil unrest. There has been an uprising in the southern state of Chiapas since January 1st, and the violence has spread to other states with multible car bombs in the capital of Mexico City and destruction of electrical towers in the states of Puebla and Michoacan. Many people have died and there seems to be no end in sight as the rebels still control some small towns close to the border with Guatemala.
- 2. Pray for God's production team at the ministry headquarters to produce videos to equip the church to be leaders that make a difference in these troubled times.
- 3. Pray for the Bible Institute students that we have now, that they will grow in their faith and that VIDA will spread and grow.

Your prayers and sacrifices to support this ministry do make a difference as we continue to work to equip the church. We appreciate you.

In His Service, Le Carol, Josh Amys Sarah

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