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Ten of the Eleven circuit riding pastors who serve in the 28 village churches

I arrived, two hours south of Mc Allen Texas, to a place of lush beauty. Rocky terrain, rolling mountains, and golden savannah landscaped with majestically placed mesquite trees. We visited a 4,000 acre sheep ranch with an eighteen mile long driveway! I once lived on a farm of 250 acres with a quarter mile long driveway on the eastern shore of Maryland. The size of this ranch was hard for me to fathom. The rancher leases a major portion of the ranch out to share croppers. He raises exotic game that stay in shape fleeing from “local cats” such as cougars and Jaguars. The main business of this rancher is the breeding and raising of sheep. His lead ranch hand told me that 12 lambs are born a day. At first, I thought to myself, “that sure isn’t much for a ranch this size”. Then, I did the math. It comes to 4,380 little lambs born in just one year.

The reason for my visit to Soto la Marina was not to count sheep, but to obey the voice of the Master as He says to us, “Feed my lambs, Feed my sheep”. I was invited by missionary Jerry Wiley to minister at his local church and ministries called “Nido de Águila” (Eagle’s Nest). That ministry encompasses a local Church, orphanage, Junior High, Missions aviation ministry, Teen Center and the oversight of twenty-eight village churches. These congregations are in rural communities of 200 to 1,500 people most of whom would be considered to be of very humble means.

Eleven circuit riding pastors serve an average of three congregations each. Many of these pastors have not had any formal training. I saw some of the pastors pull aside missionary Jerry Wiley and tell him that before they put the Bible School in their churches, they themselves wanted to attend. I spoke to the pastor from the village of Zamorina. He told me that he gave a plot of his homestead land to the church that he pastors and sold the rest, so that he could



Lee casting the vision for our Bible Institute, Vida Internacional, at the church in Zamorina.

serve full time in the ministry. He then shared that in his eleven years in the pastorate he has had no in depth ministerial preparation. Jerry says, ***“We believe this will revolutionize our 28 village missions, our main church here at Eagles’ Nest and also the missions with the Cora Indians”***. I want to thank the Wiley’s for their labor of love to the people of Mexico. They will begin our Bible Institute, Vida Internacional January 10, 2006.



Eagle’s Nest Church: Orphans, the disabled, the poor, and the rich worship together.

I believe the forecast for this New Year will be **FLORISHING FLOCKS!**

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