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These students repair streets for a living, and we're training them to restore broken lives.

Panchimalco, El Salvador... There was an outbreak of black flying termites. They were swarming and landing on myself and others who were sitting and ministering on the platform at the Friends of Israel Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista Amigos de Israel). The bugs were biting and being a nuisance. I did not want to go wacko during the worship so I tried to kill them as gently as possible while humming the hymns. None of us wanted to appear to be too violent in such a solemn service, as we were sitting facing the congregation. Pastor Fermin Cruz grew up in this blissful rustic town nestled in the mountains, under a thick forest of hardwood and fruit trees.

There are approximately 30k inhabitants in Panchimalco. The people living there are predominately descendants of a Central American tribe known as the Pipiles. This Church was really organized and ran like clockwork; all the workers wore a light blue shirt or blouse and navy blue pants or skirt to their ankles. They were trained to serve and to be attentive to their responsibilities. When the Pastor told me the service time would be exactly one hour, I knew I'd better heed his directive and stop on time. I shared what was on my heart, casting a vision for our Bible Institute; and raising up leaders and sending out missionaries into the 10x40 window. Two young women responded to the message and gave their hearts to the Lord, and the others were touched. At 6:30pm, the sanctuary was cleared out and the doors were locked. Thank God I finished on time.

Pastor Cruz gave me a tour through the education facilities that were under construction on the second floor right above the sanctuary. The 175 members are doing all the work themselves. He expressed several times to me that he is interested in starting Vida Internacional, our Bible school, at their church. Their new educa-



Lee & Pastor Fermin Cruz at Friends of Israel Baptist Church.

tional facilities are projected to be completed at the first of next year. (2006) Be in prayer that this comes to pass.

In faith, Peter walked on water. Pedro Garcia is stepping out in faith to walk again! I have never met anyone so determined to be healed. The Scripture teaches that healing is a process, to be healed in an instant is a miracle. Pedro is building his Spirit man by applying the scripture. He is putting his faith to work each day believing that he will attempt a little more. For example, Pedro came to the airport to



Vida Internacional's students that meet in the home of Pedro Garcia.

pick me up. His wife Carolina drove. This was his first outing, besides doctor visits, in his wheel chair. While I was there with him, he began to use a wide base cane with someone helping him. His right leg is stiff and awkward and at this time and his right hand does not open yet, but he is recovering about 8 months ahead of what the doctors have predicted. Let's continue to join our faith with Pedro's as he continues to Pastor his small flock and direct the Bible Institute.

I'd like to give you an opportunity to sponsor a course! We are working hard to complete new courses this summer. You can sponsor a ten lesson course for a gift of \$1,200. (Please indicate "new course" on the check for our records). Also, for a gift of \$400. you can sponsor the manual for the course. At your request, we can acknowledge your sponsorship in the back of the manual and on the credits of the course. Thank you for making a difference by helping us to equip Spanish speaking churches!

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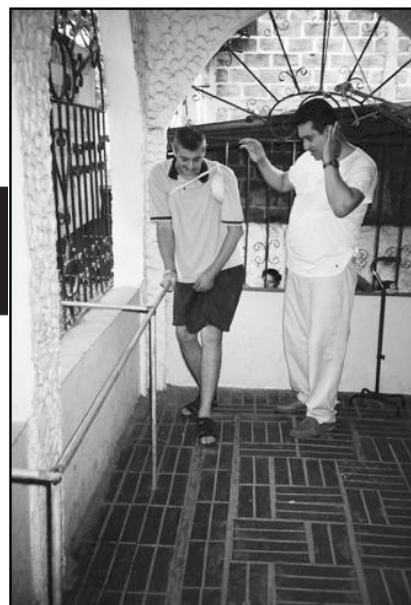
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