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Scouting out villages for feeding programs.

Jalisco, Mexico - It was December 6, 1993. Carol and I delivered a truck load of Gideon Bibles for hotels in Puerto Vallarta. I remember the exact date because it was our 17th wedding anniversary. That night, I had a dream. The Lord spoke to me and said that someday we would be established in Puerto Vallarta and minister from that city. I never pursued the dream, but the dream has pursued me.

At the beginning of this year, Pastor Randy Barr came down and visited with me in Guatemala. While there, he asked me if I would consider moving to Puerto Vallarta and starting a ministry there? My first response was no; but the Lord spoke clearly to me and said, "say yes". It will be 13 years from my "call to Puerto Vallarta", until the time we will move there. Who said 13 is an unlucky number? If it's on God's time table, it's awesome! That span of time has cropped up in my life before. It was 13 years from the time I received the call to go to Mexico (with a promise from God that I would preach the gospel throughout Latin America) to the day my feet touched down on the soil of Ecuador. That was the first of the 22 countries I've ministered in through out the Spanish speaking world.

It really feels good to be moving back to Mexico. I made a trip in June to scout out the land. I am passionate about moving back to the state of Jalisco. My children grew up there. That is where I learned Spanish. We love the people, the culture, and the food is the best in all of Mexico. We invited a Mexican realtor and an apartment manager to lunch several times, but they declined our invita-



Meeting people and building relationships in a rural seacoast village.

tion. I then began to recount to them all of my favorite dishes from Jalisco. I was hungry for Goat soup, and as I talked they were salivating. Needless to say, they joined us for lunch. We finished off the meal with "brain and cheek" tacos. I would have preferred "tongue and cheek" tacos (pun intended) . We not only shared a meal but also shared our faith.

It was breakfast time and we were looking for a place to grab some eggs. We asked a young lady who prepared fruit plates and shakes, where we could get an omelet. She pointed and said "half a block down the street"; then she added "I want some too". Well, as we ate, I thought about the young lady's request, and I asked myself, "what would Jesus do?". So, I sent the waitress down the street to take the order. The girl laughed and said she was only kidding, but I bought her breakfast anyway. I told the three young ladies that my wife and I were moving here and my motive was to be a blessing to them. The owner of the restaurant said "what goes around comes around", noticing what we had done. I pray that the Lord will use this simply act to open the hearts of these precious people. Please pray for their salvation, their names are Jorge, Bridget and Imelda.

We have a vision to begin building relationships in the area by feeding children, starting with those who live at the dump; evangelizing them and their families, establishing Bible Studies, then churches. In these churches we will build leaders with our Bible School, Vida Internacional. Please pray for ¹)God's ministry team to be pulled together for the work there in Puerto Vallarta, ²)a place for us to live, ³)a 15 passenger van, ⁴)a ministry center, and ⁵)financial resources to buy food and facilitate ministry.

Together we can make a difference,

Together we touch the World!!

Ju & Carol

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