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Dear Friends,

Did you know that roosters lay eggs? This also came as a surprise to the congregation and the student body at the Video Bible School graduation service in Ocotlan, Jalisco. Smiles were breaking out all over, children laughing, young ladies snickering and still others covering their mouths trying to be respectful. I did it once again, another of my many blunders while preaching in Spanish. I used the male term for chicken making a she chicken, a he chicken.

It was an exciting festive celebration in honor of 20 weeks of hard core Bible study, verse memorization, homework, and tests. Out of the 37 students who began the program the pastor only graduated 17, the other 20 will be taking the course over in August along with many who will be taking the Bible fundamentals course for the very first time. The pastor also shared that a number of the students received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the eyes of their understanding were being opened.

There was singing and celebration, the message of the word, (roosters lay eggs), and the handing out of the certificates. While the guests and loved ones were enjoying the tiny bean tacos and refreshments, a line began to form as the students in groups of 2 to 4 came up to Carol and I asking for prayer and for words of council and encouragement. One pretty young lady came up trembling and weeping, just wanting to know what God would have her do with her life, sincerely wanting to serve Him with all of her heart. Several young men testified that they had been wanting to systematically study the Bible for a long time and that this course answers the cry of their hearts and gives them hope that they can be prepared for the ministry.



Graduation celebration

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Lee & Carol Short



We continued to minister and give counsel, and one and a half hours later, with our ankles swollen from mosquito bites, we ate a few cold tacos as they locked the doors and turned out the lights. Our hearts were touched, seeing the pastor's gratitude, the students hunger to know God and their desire to grow in their faith. These graduations are an encouragement to us as we labor in this vision. They illustrate that VIDA is not buildings and equipment but a life giving organism that is slowly moving in Mexico like yeast, spreading knowledge and hope where ever it is introduced.

It is with great joy that we are printing out certificates of completion for a number of video Bible schools this month. All of you who are co-laborers with us also have something to "crow about".

PRAYER AND PRAISE REPORTS

- "Power from above": On June 11,1992, our transformer was put into operation. The estimated two and a half week project only took five months to complete. (Not a bad delay for Mexico).
- The racketeer lawyer has lost ground! Four of our neighbors have now won in the land dispute lawsuit.
- We have now set up our office with national workers to put together manuals and duplicate tapes. Pray that things will move smoothly and operating expenses will be met.
- A new school was opened in Calpulalpan, Tlaxcala. Pray for these 8 new students.

- Richard and Ruth Lamb are believing God to come and work with us. PRAY IN THEIR SUPPORT!!!

In His Service.

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Graduates with their certificates in hand.

