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Some people believe that the days of the Wild West have come and gone but I am a firm believer that the Wild West is alive and well south of the border. Can you imagine... purchasing property in a subdivision that does not conform to regulations and standards such as road width or adjoining streets connecting on paper? These "irregular" subdivisions are not legally registered! Land is very pricy in Mexico and prior to the Revolution of 1910 only the wealthy possessed it. The Mexican government set up a "Robin Hood" system seizing land from the rich and making this "ejido" land available to be purchased by penny wise peasants. This "ejido" land is still VERY EXPENSIVE by our standards, but it is considerably less compared to deeded and titled property. Developers of "ejido" property are supposed to provide basic electric, water and sewer; but the reality is that they invest nothing in infrastructure and then they FENCE OFF the existing public streets and public lands dedicated for schools and community development and illegally sell them off. The oppression of the working poor by wealthy land barons and brokers is the norm; platted land is taken by force.

There are real "Bad Guys" taking advantage of the poor and then there is the "Good News" bringing hope to the hounded. Recently, we began to organize to form a community board and legally register with the local authorities so that we could have a corporate voice advocating on behalf of our communities' needs. Next, we began to call together six other surrounding neighborhoods that to some degree or another were facing similar dilemmas. We all gathered together at our community center to tell our stories and then we explained to them how to organize their own community board so that neighboring communities could collectively form an alliance and have a more powerful presence.

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Meetings in the street (top photo) and at the community center (bottom photo).



Emiliano's house, Mission Accomplished!!

After the meeting one lady inquired of me "where do you preach on Sundays?" She was filled with joy and wanted to hear more "Good News"; this single mom of seven donated a bag of clothes for us to give to the children of shantytown. Since this initial call to rally the communities has gone forth, other leaders are rising up and taking the initiative to organize the boards to work together, trying to collectively take action to protect our properties and build hope for our future.

Together we make a difference!

Together We are LifeSavers!

Ju & Carol

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