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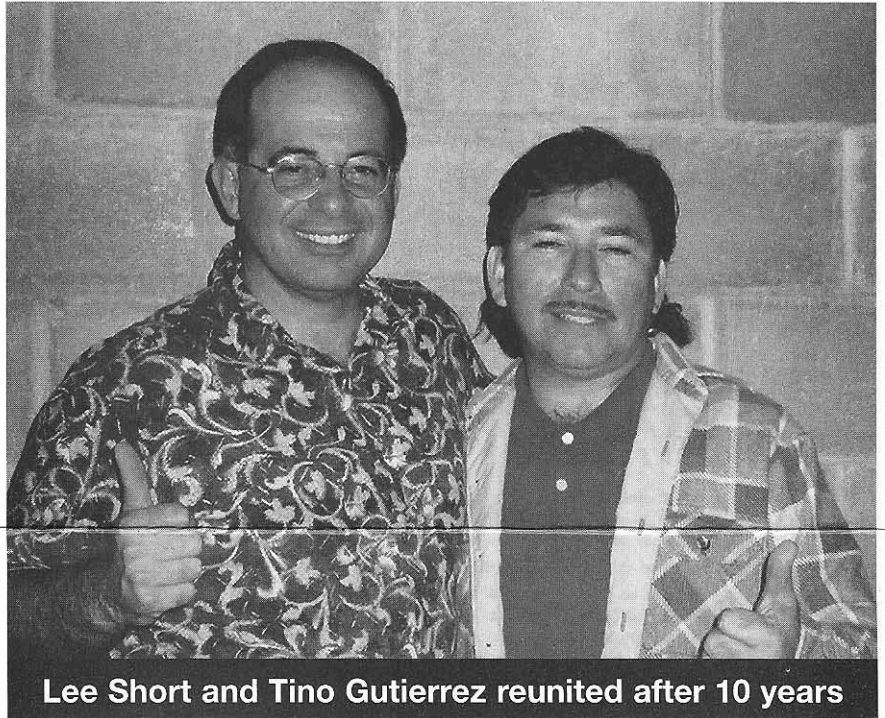
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Lee Short and Tino Gutierrez reunited after 10 years

Aguascalientes, Mexico

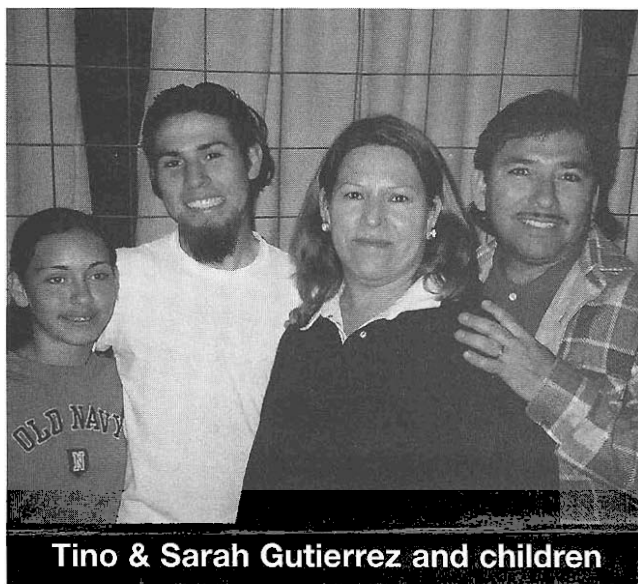
It was like a family reunion! I flew into the tiny international airport, stepped down onto the tarmac, and went inside the terminal. Everywhere I looked I could see Rancheros wearing their sombreros as they huddle with their family members. Most of them were waiting for or saying goodbye to their loved ones. Then it was my turn to be greeted by Tino Gutierrez, my beloved, long-time friend. We hadn't seen each other for 10 years; we attended Bible school together 21 years ago! Our children grew up and played and 'fought' together as brothers and sisters both in Pensacola and in Mexico.

Tino Gutierrez helped me distribute our first video Bible schools, from major cities to remote ranches in Mexico. Using each precious moment to catch up, Tino and I talked until two in the morning reminiscing our adventures as we evangelized across Mexico. We laughed as we told the stories of the struggles and strangeness that we faced. I reminded him that we once slept in a chicken coop. He reminded me of the time I used my white socks for toilet paper. Tino loves to tease me about the time I slept with a 'virgin' – actually a two-foot idol in a bedroom in a rustic village home where I once stayed.

Enough of yesterday. What's happening with Tino's ministry today? Turn the page and see



The Gutierrez's planted "Centro de la Familia Cristiana" church six years ago in a rough part of town. They also have reached out and have started two mission churches in nearby villages. In addition to church planting, they founded a Mexican non-profit called *Love in Action*. They are currently feeding 130 children a week. They host a sports outreach, including Kids Olympics. They minister God's word in hospitals, prisons and in the streets with clowns, puppets, arts and crafts. They are also making plans to start an orphanage which will be attached to their church.



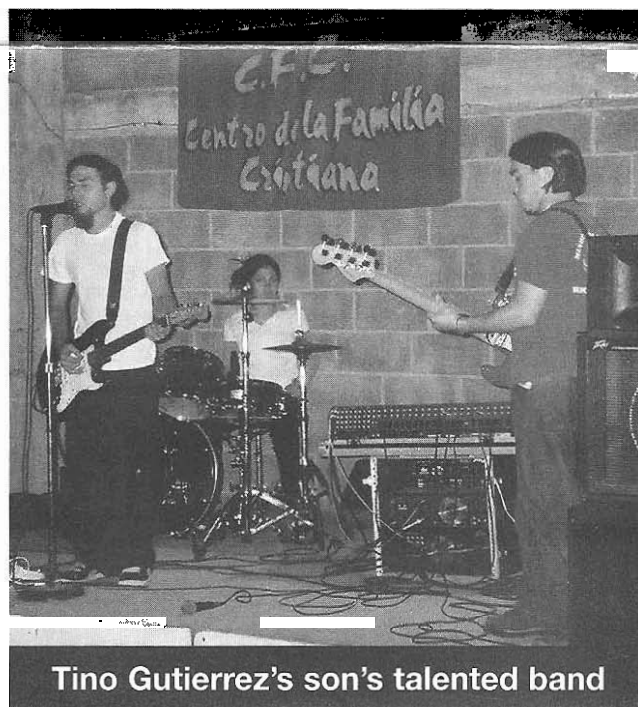
Tino & Sarah Gutierrez and children

One of the most amazing things is the musical talent that is brewing under their oversight. Can you imagine a church of 150 having not one, but four music groups! It was moving for me to watch Tino and Sarah's 19 year-old son, Issac, leading worship. I remember when Issac was four years old playing the drums and now God is using him to reach his generation with off-beat, heavy metal music. He's mastered many instruments and has a good voice. Issac's band has a CD and are beginning to travel.

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I want to thank you for praying and supporting this vital ministry. We are a team; you make it possible for me to go and set up Bible schools throughout the Spanish speaking world. **For \$1000 you can make it possible again for us to produce a brand new Bible course.** For your financial contribution, in the credits we will acknowledge the memory of a loved one, the name of your church, or your own name as the sponsor of a particular Bible course. Imagine the legacy that you can leave as we make disciples for Jesus Christ throughout Latin America.



Tino Gutierrez's son's talented band

Together we continue to touch the WORLD!

Lee & Carol



Sowing The Good Seed...

...In Aguascalientes, Mexico

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