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Recently, I called a meeting with the mothers concerning the relaunching of English classes at our Mezcales Community Center. Then I spoke with them a second time at the ladies meeting in our Center. I underscored how important it is for their children to learn English. I told them that the number one most important thing that I can provide for them and their children in our community centers is a spiritual enrichment so that they can grow in their relationship with God. The second-best thing I can do for them is to provide them English classes.

Why would I say that? Why is learning English so important? Because the marginal families that I serve live near the Puerto Vallarta area, a world class tourist destination. The tourism industry is the number one industry worldwide. Helping our children to learn English and gain language skills is vitally important so that they can provide for their own basic needs. This is a wonderful way to give them a hand-up instead of creating dependance on handouts. This is a real big deal. We try to take a holistic and practical approach in our community development strategy.

Several years ago I agreed to be the founding Pastor at Christ's Church, an English speaking congregation of ex-pats in the Rivera Nayarit area; with the stipulation that they would help me to teach English to the children at our centers in Mezcales and Cardboard Landia. I served the church for two and a half years and helped them get the English congregation off the ground. Today the English ex-pat congregation is thriving. I am thankful

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to the church for honoring my wish of teaching our children English. We are grateful for Christ's Church's mission director Karen King who has been faithful in coordinating the English programs and teachers and for Gene Woelffer who is now heading-up our English program in Mezcales. The English teachers in Mezcales are very encouraged and even blown away by little 10 year old Carlos who is now able to read in English. It is a beautiful thing to see the body of Christ working together to make an impact in global communities around the world in which LSMI/VIDA is serving.

I want to thank each and every one of you who are our prayer partners and supporters who are collaborating together with us!

Thank you once again for your prayers, service and financial support!

Thank you!

Together we are LSMI/Vida Internacional!!

Lee & Carol

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