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## Dear Friends,

Approximately 25 years ago a Mexican missionary was brutally murdered in the mountains of the state of Hidalgo, Mexico. Though the story of Ricardo Garcia will probably never appear in Fox's book of martyrs, he heroically gave his life for the sake of the Gospel.

Packing his mule down with medical supplies, bibles, and tracts, he would travel to the remote mountain villages bringing aide to the sick and salvation to the humble. His ninistry bore much fruit, and 9 missions sprang up as he won the hearts of the mountain people, but not everyone received him. In fact, many people saw him as a threat, introducing new religious ideas that were not compatible with their pagan rituals. One night a group of men took him out of a home church meeting and told him to deny his faith or they would kill him.

He would not renounce his Lord. They stripped him of his clothes and shoes, and marched him out of the village. When they arrived to the place of the execution, he asked if he could pray for them. On bended knee, he pleaded mercy from God for the salvation of their souls and the forgiveness for their sin. "Father forgive them for what they are about to do". During his prayer one man thrust a knife into his side and the others fell upon him.

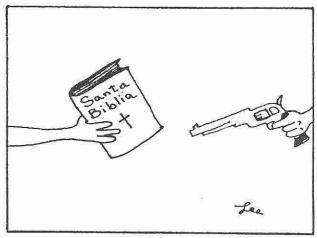
In the very spot where he was killed, the village raised up a church and one of his murderers was converted years later to the faith for which Ricardo Garcia gave his life.

We had the privilege of starting a Bible institute in one of these churches, training up leadership so that the work



The Video Bible Institute in San Nicolas

## SHORT STUFF



WHAT KIND OF WEAPON IS THAT? IT'S MY GOSPEL GUN, SO BACK OFF!

Lee & Carol Short



could continue. Tino Gutierrez, Greg Nemer, Felipe ( a mexican brother), Nick Danos, a visitor from Laurel, Maryland and myself traveled ten hours across Mexico. The last few hours, we were wrapping around the mountains on the Pan American highway to the town of Jacala in Hidalgo. From there we drove another 45 minutes down a dirt road to the village of San Nicolas.

We arrived at the Church of the Divine Redeemer founded by the missionary martyr. The pastor greeted us at the door and said that it was good that we arrived before dark because there is a lot of blood shed in and around the village after dark, between bandits and family feuds. Many women have been made widows in this pueblo. When it gets dark, the people lock themselves in their homes and turn out the lights for the danger in the streets. There are no police and even the military doesn't enter there, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ has. Thank you to those of you who have supported this ministry and helped to make it possible to plant another Video Bible School.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that more people will actively get involved in this ministry.

- We need workers: Missionary help, secretaries, stateside representatives etc.
- V.I.P.'s, (Video Institute Partners) Prayer and financial supporters.
- Pray for the video equipment, supplies, and other needed equipment & materials.

Your prayers are vital to the success of this ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In His Service,

Lee, Carol, Josh, amis, Soul



Guess which one is Nick Danos? We deeply appreciate his one month of service. Nick!



Murdered in cold blood- A 10 yr old boy & his father were machined gunned one year ago at a corner store in San Nicholas. Carolina (The taller woman) is the surviving widow.