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Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

"I've seen fire and I've seen rain ... " I've seen floods and pipeline explosions I thought would never end The San Jacinto river which is less then a half mile from our home here in Houston was rising at an alarming rate. Homes along the river were being evacuated and people were drowning (total loss of life 20).

I was monitoring the flooded river banks under the bridge near our dwelling, when suddenly the police shut down the bridge. No problem, right? Wrong!!! I was on the wrong side! I parked the car in a nearby shopping center and ran across the bridge. We came close to losing our vehicle as the flood waters rose to the edge of the parking lot. Praise The Lord, "us and ours" survived unscathed, others lost everything.

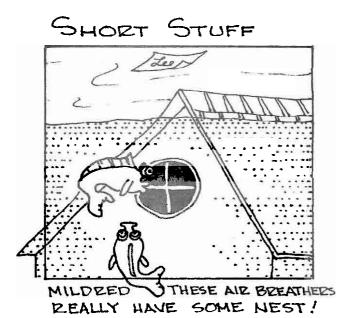
Dr. Joel French age 56, a Christian author and former Missionary to Latin America woke up to rushing waters entering his home. Wading thru four feet of water, he and his wife, Jane, escaped out of a downstairs window. They fled for their lives in a canoe with just their two dogs, and the clothes on their backs. Joel paddled until they met swift currents. Not willing to risk being capsized, they tied their canoe to a tree and waited for help. Shortly thereafter, a rescue team came, they climbed aboard the airboat and hovered to safety.

The Frenches live about two miles from my home. My heart went out to them. I am grateful that I had the privilege to get to know the Frenches and help them begin to scrape the layers of mud off of what was left of their home. The flood waters rose to over ten foot, with currents so violent that they ripped the front door off the hinges and carried it away.

Lee & Carol Short



Flood victim Jane French



Globe

Their house has been gutted and what remains is a shell of brick with the skeleton of two by fours inside where there once were walls. The Video Institute donated \$200.00 to the Frenches to help them begin again. If you would like to help the Frenches, you can send a check to VIDA, at PO Box 3069, Humble, Texas 77347. Be sure to designate on the check "Flood Relief".

## THE GOOD NEWS

The video production aspect of our ministry has finally found a home and is producing teaching materials each month! God bless the Godwin family which is heading this up. Kevin, thanks for your labor of love and dedication to World Missions.

## THE BEST NEWS

Carol and I believe that the reason we have been unable to sell our home in Houston is because we need to stay headquartered in Houston. We are in contact here with the Hispanic community, and most of our Bible teachers are in Houston, or the State of Texas. We have access to economical airfare, and a hub that flies directly into Latin America. We can then concentrate on our main goal and mission which is to build up the Body of Christ in Latin America. Continue to pray as we are beginning to see how the pieces of the puzzle are coming together.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Please pray for the filming of Pastor Victor Ojeda, Dec. 1st 5th. He will be teaching a series on finances.
- 2. Pray for the new Bible School we will be starting in Quiche, Guatemala this month!

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Joel & Jane in their kitchen

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