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Dear Friends,

Is a short term missions experience worth the effort? According to a Mexican pastor from a small church in Las Pintas it is, and his response was stirring. In addressing a mission youth group from Severn, Maryland, the pastor said that a little over three years ago, an American came over to his little town on the border and shared the Gospel at a church through an interpreter. He responded to the invitation and dedicated his life to the Lord. After that, he enrolled in some Bible training courses and now is pastoring a church.

He often thinks about how people from the U.S. would sacrifice their time and money and put up with the inconveniences of traveling to a foreign country to share their faith. He felt that he also has a responsibility to bring the Gospel to his own people, when he looks at the American's example. Short term missions is an opportunity to touch a life and change the world.

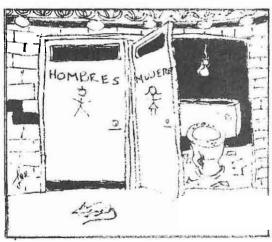
Everyone who comes to participate in a missions experience walks away with a different perspective on the world and missions. I asked two of our nine visitors to give me a brief comment on what this trip has meant to them. Electrical Engineer Steve Burkhardt, age 28 commented, "The impression made upon me was a clearer understanding of the vision of the Video Bible Institute. I believe that it will work and have a major impact. I can now say from first hand experience that I believe in the mission and endorse it."

Stacey Alban, age 18 said, "the most memorable things from this trip was to see the Mexican Christians who had so



Stacey & Naomi ministering in dance at Las Pintas

## SHORT STUFF



d what was your most memorable moment?

Lee & Carol Short



little in the way of material possessions, and yet were so thankful and happy. They also showed a real thirst for the things of God, things we just take for granted. When Mr. Lee was preaching, I was amazed at how one woman just kept weeping. She had a real hunger for God. The second impression that was made upon me is how much missionaries sacrifice, leave family and loved ones and everything in the U.S. to dedicate their lives to serve these people."

Under the direction of Rusty Blick and Steve Burkhardt, the youth group served as a work team, installing an acoustical ceiling in the video studio, staining and putting polyurethane on the control room console, electrical work, office work and painting. We are grateful for their 10 days of work, fun and experiencing missions from the other side of the border. A special "thank you" to Severn Covenant Church for their participation and underwriting of this mission event.

## PRAYER & PRAISE

- 1. The racketeer lawyer has lost another round. My Mexican neighbors behind us won their court case. Pray that this whole episode will soon be over for good.
- 2. We gave certificates of completion to approximately 30 home group leaders and Bible students at our home church here in Mexico. Pray that the course will continue to go into new areas and help more people.
- 3. Pray, We're so close, yet with lots to do in the way of monthly support, personnel equipment, etc. for the Video Bible Institute to be in operation producing new courses.

4. Pray for our family's protection and God's provision.

God Bless you all!!

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In His Service,

Luc, Carol Josh, Amy, Sarah

Short term mission group from Severn, MD (standing in front of the Video Bible School facilities).

