

Mabelvale Hispanic Mission Report



July, August, September 2010

*“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15)
“Id por todo el mundo y predicad el evangelio a toda criatura” (Marcos 16:15)*

Activities at Mabelvale and Wayne’s Work Over the Last Few Months (Las Actividades en Mabelvale y el Trabajo de Wayne Durante los Ultimos Meses)

- June-July - Mission trip to Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico - Evangelism and Dental Clinic at the Atilano Barrera and 5 de Mayo congregations.
- July - Preached at Mabelvale on Sunday evening July 4
- July - Mission trip to Tilarán and Cañas, Costa Rica
- August - Report to Mabelvale about the Ciudad Acuña, Mexico trip
- September - Preached in the Summer Lectureship Series at the North Main Church of Christ in Malvern, Arkansas
- September - Gave a report on Hispanic and Mission Work and preached at the Highway Church of Christ in Benton, Arkansas
- September - Preached at Mabelvale on Sunday evening September 12
- September - Attended the Mid-West Lectures at the 39th Street Church of Christ in Independence, Missouri

Mission Trip to Costa Rica

This year, thanks to God and your interest in the preaching of the gospel in foreign countries, I was able to take my 10th mission trip to Costa Rica and worked for the 7th year in Tilarán. The group this year was somewhat fewer in number, but that did not limit the work that we were able to do. Brethren from Mexico and the United States participated in the mission work and for the first time there were actually fewer Americans than Mexicans in the group. The amount of different work that we were able to accomplish was multiplied because 6 of the 9 members of the group (including Wayne) spoke Spanish, and 3 of the 6 that spoke Spanish also spoke English.

Not only were we able to do much more work because the Mexican brethren were a part of the group, but also because they are of the same basic Latin culture. Mexicans and Costa Ricans have different ways of doing things, accents, like different foods and often do not understand one another because of using different Spanish word, but in general they are of the same culture and this helped with the work.

Our work began in Tilaran with a door-knocking campaign, Gospel Meeting, Bible classes in the evenings and a daily Bible school at the city's gymnasium. Attendance at the Gospel Meeting was good throughout the week with several visitors, including children who came because of the daily Bible school. The Bible school at the gym was well attended with about 100 children present each afternoon. Brother Ofilio Castaneda is the preacher that continues to work with the congregation at Tilaran. We always enjoy our work and stay in Tilaran as we work with the brethren. While in Costa Rica we learned that the diesel engine in Ofilio's pickup needed an overhaul as it was just about to "die". Thanks to brother Jim O'Connor for talking with the brethren at Virginia, Minnesota, they provided the funds necessary so that Ofilio could have the engine overhauled.

We also worked in Canas, about 20 miles from Tilaran, where Herman Chandler preaches. Again we did door-knocking, preached a Gospel Meeting and had a daily Bible school with very good attendance. The church at Canas is somewhat larger than Tilaran, having about 70 in attendance. ___ was baptized at Canas although she lived in Tilaran. She had been coming to the Gospel Meeting in Tilaran and decided to be baptized when we were in Canas.

Those who went on the mission trip were; Michael and Diane Richardson from Iowa, Robyn Miller from Mabelvale, Loyda Avila from Mexico, Isaias, Rocio, Betzi and Merary Huerta from Mexico, and Wayne Brewer from Mabelvale. We are thankful to God that all arrived and returned home safely and that the congregations in Costa Rica were able to do the evangelistic work.



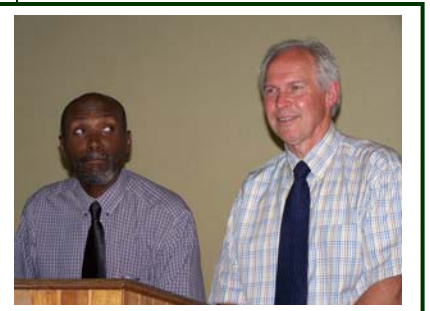
Rocio, Betzi, Isaias, Merary, Michael, Loyda, Diane, Robyn, & Wayne



The church building at Tilarán



Maria & Ofilio Castañeda Tilarán



Herman Chandler from Cañas

Preaching the Gospel



Michael Richardson preaching
Wayne translating



Ofilio Castaneda teaching
Wayne translating



Rodrigo Gamboa teaching
Wayne translating



Herman Chandler teaching
Wayne translating



Michael Richardson preaching
Walter Brooks translating



Wayne Brewer preaching in Spanish
Walter translating to English

Evangelism





The Bible Schools

We were able to have an afternoon Bible school in Tilarán and Cañas in addition to evening Bible classes. The attendance at Tilarán was from 80 to 100 each day and in Cañas there were about 60 to 80 children present. Again the city of Tilarán allowed us to use the community gymnasium free of charge to hold our afternoon Bible school.



Loyda & Robyn teaching 2-5 yrs



The children singing



Diane & Rocio teaching 6-9 yrs



Wayne, Michael & Isaias teaching 10 + years

Through the years we have been able to develop a rapport with the families of Tilarán, and are getting to know some in Cañas. The Bible schools were very well attended and as the photos demonstrate the children were very enthusiastic about learning from God's Word and participating by doing the written activities with questions from the chapter studied. A special thanks to the brethren that provided funds for Bible study items to be taken to Costa Rica as well as those that provided pencils, crayons, Bibles, song books, etc.

Spanish Gospel Meeting and Campaign at Mabelvale

The Spanish congregation at Mabelvale will have a Gospel Meeting and door-knocking campaign from October 22-24. Ubaldo Herrera from Baytown, Texas will be the guest preacher and will bring about 14 brethren with him from the Houston area to knock doors. Ubaldo is a graduate of the Brown Trail School of Preaching, Spanish Department.

Thank you for your support, interest and prayers for the work that God is allowing us to do at Mabelvale and around the world. Your support is needed and appreciated. When sending support please indicate if the support is for the local Hispanic Work or if it is for Mission Trips. Thank you.

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