

## Mexico Report 2005



On December 27, 2005 a group of ten Christians departed Mabelvale, Arkansas for Mexico to help the congregation at *15 Zacatecas* in an evangelistic effort. The congregation is located in Ciudad Victoria, which has a population of about 245,000, is the capital of the state of Tamaulipas and is located about 200 miles south of Brownsville, Texas.



L to r: Blake, Steve, Ashley, Brian, Jerod, Wayne, Marie, Laura, Jason & Chuck



Preachers with whom we worked: L to r: Ambrocio, Antonio and Felipe

Our accommodations while in Ciudad Victoria were in the homes of the brethren. They provided places for us to sleep and breakfast, and then we would eat lunch with the congregation where we were working, and in the evening the brethren at *15 Zacatecas* provide a meal for us at the church building. The food was very good and they took great care to serve us only purified water and /or soft drinks.

Those going on the mission trip were: Jason Harris and Chuck Northrop of Arkansas, Jerod Flaherty and Marie Flaherty of Iowa, Blake Beckham of Tennessee, Steve DeVliieger of Illinois, Ashley Brewer, Brian Brewer, Laura Perry and Wayne Brewer from Mabelvale, Arkansas. Meeting the group in Ciudad Victoria was Atzin Hernandez from Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico. Atzin, who is 16 years old, and his family were part of the Mabelvale congregation (Hispanic) until July 2005 when they moved back to Mexico.

While in Costa Rica in 2005 Loyda Avila, who was on the trip, asked about the possibility of our going to where she lived in Mexico, and so plans were made. The purpose of going was to assist the congregation at *15 Zacatecas* with door-knocking evangelism, teaching children, youth and ladies Bible classes and a Gospel Meeting in the evenings. However, much more was accomplished, as help was also provided to the congregations at *16 de Septiembre* and *Ejido La Misión*, by door-knocking in their neighborhoods and teaching Bible studies. The preacher at *15 Zacatecas* is Luis Felipe Martinez, the preacher at *16 de Septiembre* is Ambrocio Hernandez and the preacher at *Ejido La Misión* is Atonio Rodriguez. These men are all sound in the faith, and in fact the three congregations exist because these brethren have refused to depart from the faith. We along with our Mexican brethren knocked doors in the mornings until about 1:00 p.m., taught Bible studies during this time, taught Bible classes from about 5:00 – 6:40 p.m., and then preached a Gospel Meeting in the evenings. The church building at *15 Zacatecas* was filled every evening. On the Sunday that we were in Ciudad Victoria four congregations met together with about 170 present.



Loyda, Isbak, Antonia and Tulio from Ciudad Victoria came to Texas to meet us and hosted some of us at their home.



Ashley Brewer teaching Bible class

Blake Beckham preaching and Atzin translating



Chuck Northrop preaching and Atzin translating.



Marie Flaherty with Felipe's parents



Laura Perry teaching a ladies class in Spanish

Jerod Flaherty teaching the youth class



Brian Brewer teaching and Wayne translating



Steve DeVlieger giving a lesson and Atzin translating



Group who knocked doors in the area of La Misión



The church building at 15 Zacatecas



Young Christian ladies at the 15 Zacatecas congregation in Ciudad Victoria

I want to express my appreciation to Mabelvale for the financial support for the mission trip, to each one who went, taught and preached, to Atzin Hernandez for translation work and to the brethren in Ciudad Victoria for all they did to take care of us, allowing us to work with them and for the love that they demonstrated. Wayne Brewer, Mabelvale, AR (501) 455-3397 waynebrewer74@aol.com

