

Reinforcing the Foundation Mexico March 12-21, 2011

Twenty two team members from Minnesota and Texas joined forces to participate in the harvest. Our goal was to build upon relationships developed in November, 2010, and minister in the marketplace. Teams were grouped into worship, intercessors and Fire Teams (marketplace evangelism). Sunday we met with two church groups in Cuautla, Mexico to worship together, develop marketplace contacts, and schedule assistance for Saturday night's crusade in Atlacahualoya. God provided three key marketplace contacts: a university professor, a missionary in the marketplace and an interpreter.

Monday, March 14 we arrived at the wrong university (different from the one where we had an appointment) and thankfully we met with the English Department Head at the Universidad Latina Unila in Cuautla. We offered English narrated PowerPoint business seminars to help students with their language skills. Seminars are now being considered for the school program.

Our three class appointments at Instituto Tecnológico De Cuautla, an engineering university, were excellent. We were given permission from the president of the university to present our seminars "Creating a Vision for Your Business." After the introduction the students were asked if they wanted to own their own business. One hundred percent of the students wanted their own business. After the seminar Fire Team members shared their testimonies and concluded with an acceptance prayer. The third class was special. Students gathered outside the window and outside the open door as mechanical engineering students packed the class room. The harvest was plentiful. At lunch we discovered the favor that God established.

A marketplace missionary introduced us to the two marketplace leaders and received permission to meet with store owners and employees. There were more than 500 stores in this market. We prayed blessings over some of the businesses employees and owners, shared testimonies and many were led to salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Our team traveled to Atlacahualoya, our base evangelism village, that evening.

Every morning and evening opened and closed with worship and prayer. Part of our Fire Team ministered to people on the street and met with the mayor for over an hour. He prayed to receive Christ and gave us permission to have our Saturday evening crusade on the square. The mayor's prayer requests were to stop vandalism, reduce poverty, create jobs, turn the youth and men away from drugs and alcohol, and pray for higher crop prices. A majority of the male youth and men work in the fields.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Fire Teams were scheduled to minister in the town of Axochapan. The police chief and representative of the mayor gave us permission to talk with vendors in the town. Our three Fire Teams consisting of three people each led many people to salvation, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, deliverances, had words of knowledge, and many people received healing. By Friday, students, store owners, employees, and customers were seeking prayer. There were many healings in the marketplace. We prayed for the lame, sick, deaf, and people with vision problems. The Holy Spirit was touching the people. Halleluiah!

Saturday we scheduled R&R and shopping in the market. People were still wanting prayer.

Two drug cartel members received salvation, baptism in water and spirit, repented of wrong doing, released a kidnapped victim and asked for forgiveness. The leader erased the video from his phone of people being tortured and decapitated. They ruled by fear and now they can lead by love.

The Saturday night crusade was filled by the presence of the Holy Spirit evidenced by personal testimonies, mass deliverances, a praise band, excellent preaching, worship songs, kids programs and amusement rides. As the adults watched our youth minister to the children, their hearts were opened to God. Salvations, baptisms of the Holy Spirit and healings were wide spread throughout the audience. Our teams went to minister to the people. His banner over us was love.

Relationships were established with the churches. The devil was on the run. As you entered the city there was a statue of Michael, the archangel, with his foot on the head of the devil. Could Atlacahualoya become a village of refuge?

Plans are underway to return in April 2012.

Marketplace Fire Team

