

Greetings from Ixtapaluca, on Mexico City's southeastern edge.

We are EXCITED about what God has already begun to do in the neighborhood that we have chosen for this second church plant in the Ixtapaluca area. Ixtapaluca is home to several mega-housing developments. The first Bible church planted in this area, the *Sendero de Vida* Bible Church, is located near the geographical center of *Santa Bárbara*, a neighborhood of 11,200 houses. Mexican leadership was recognized March 29, 2009. Our overall church-planting vision is to see churches planted in every one of the 5 sprawling housing developments, including *Los Héroes*, *San Buenaventura*, *Palmas/Geo 2000* and *Jesús María*. It is in this last area, a smaller 10-year-old development of 3,400 homes, that we are focusing our energies for church #2.

Our church planting team here is truly international, composed of two Mexican families (the **Valtierras** and the **Palacios**), one Canadian family (the **Cottrills**), one Tex-Mex family (the **Frys**) and **David Gómez**, our single Mexican friend. **Tiffany Taylor**, from Arkansas, will be joining the effort in May, Lord willing.

The Frys and the Valtierras began a Bible study in *Jesús María* in April, 2009. The Lord has been gracious in providing a small market space, and ESL classes began in this space in September. Our first major evangelistic activity took place December 11, with a Christmas play and Christmas carols done in English and Spanish, and a Christmas reflection giving to an audience of over 100 people.

We have rented a small house in the area to use as a church facility, and the plan is to begin Sunday services March 7, 2010. Our philosophy is to use every possible gift, talent, ability and resource at our disposal to reach out to this community. Baking classes have been going on for the last two months. In the weeks and months ahead, new ministries will be starting involving music, sports and art. Our commitment to the Lord, to His mandate to reach the world, and to the people of *Jesús María* is strong.



Will you help us reach this new neighborhood? We need your prayers. We need your presence (come down and be involved!) and we need your *pesos!

Pray! For a sense of unity and common vision and purpose in our church planting team.

Pray! For many to respond to the English, music, sports, art and community service projects that we have planned for 2010.

Pray! For the salvation and discipleship of many in *Jesús María* (that people would put their faith in Jesús, and stop worshipping María)

Come! Help us teach daily English classes. Don't know how to teach English? Yes you do! If you can speak it, you can tweak it!

Come! Play basketball, soccer and (coming soon) street hockey with us. You play, they come, if out of nothing other than curiosity.

Come! Eat. Tacos. Lots of them. Eat them with others. Talk about life. Relax!

Come! Play your harmonica, flute, guitar, keyboard, bass guitar, drum, bongos...what am I missing...? Someone will play with you. People want to learn.

Give! Do you really need all that you have? Be a blessing! Give it away! Donate your DS. Sell your second car. Give away Bibles. Help us out-give the Mormons, who have churches here everywhere! Why can't evangelicals have a decent church building? Buy a chair. Buy a foosball table for the youth. It's more blessed to give than receive. Give. Proverbs 3:9

**Don't have pesos? Don't worry! Dollars convert well!

God bless you, and thank you for your prayers and support!

Rod, Mayra, Daniel, Cathy, David

