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SEEDTIME & HARVEST MINISTRIES INC.



WHITE UNTO HARVEST



David and Elizabeth Tolman in the past year have been in the process of changing their base from Guadalajara to the city of Tepic. Their 28 years in Guadalajara have been very fruitful and as a direct result of their work, around thirty indigenous, self propagating churches have been established. As the founders and mentors of Seedtime and Harvest Ministries, their experience and leadership is now needed in the training of new leaders in the Rios de Agua Viva Bible School based in Tepic. Their leadership, prayer and intercession have been key in the growth of the ministry. As often as possible they visit San Pedro, but much of the interaction must be done by telephone or internet as it is a 15 hour

trip from Tepic.

Philip and Lucy live at the Bible school which is located on the outskirts of Tepic. They have three children. Damara who is 18 is presently studying at International Bible College in San Antonio TX. Simri who is 14 is in ninth grade and very active in music ministry. Vanessa is going on four and is a real joy. Their main church is in the city of Xalisco, which is a twin city with the state capital, Tepic. The church is a center of activity which reaches out to 7 other towns and communities on a weekly basis. Their second area of ministry is a unity ministry to other churches in the area. Through special events, campaigns, and interchurch activities they help local pastors grow in their vision and capacity. They have also founded a credit-certified Bible School called “Rios de Agua Viva”, and a Christian middle school called “Xecora”.



Stephen and Marcela live in the city of San Pedro which is in north central Mexico. They have three children, Elisa who will be 15 and is in ninth grade, Timothy who is 13 and also in ninth grade and Peter who is 9 and in forth grade. They in charge of the pastoral team of the church in San Pedro and assist in a sister church in the city of Torreon. They are on the board of two drug rehab centers, one in San Pedro and the other one in Torreon. They are greatly involved in innovative outreaches to the local community such as soccer ministries

from ages 5 to adult, the Mexico/Canadiense English School, performing arts ministry, prison ministry, and music ministry training. Many people have come to them from Canada, United States and Mexico to be mentored into ministry.

OVERVIEW

Seedtime and Harvest Ministries has now completed 28 years of working in Mexico. Founded in 1976 by David and Elizabeth Tolman, it has now expanded in many parts of Mexico, each area with a distinctive ministry but a common goal. Seedtime and harvest Ministries has always focused on training local leaders and equipping them to reach their own communities. This vision has been passed on to all who have come to work in the ministry. God has been faithful in everything we put our hands to do in 2004 and He has put a fresh and challenging vision in front of us for 2005.



MINISTRY CENTERS

With the work in Guadalajara now totally national and self propagating, the headquarters for Seedtime and Harvest Ministries in Mexico has moved to Tepic, in the state of Nayarit. Situated in this city are the families of David and Elizabeth Tolman and of Philip and Lucy Tolman.

Tepic is the capital of the state of Nayarit, which is on the Pacific coast of central Mexico. It has experienced tremendous growth in the last few years as the rural population has left the countryside in great numbers to move to the city. This great movement of people has made it one of the most economically depressed areas in the country. Its subtropical climate with its great variety of vegetation and fruits makes it look like a genuine paradise but its deep rooted idolatry and superstitions make it one of the least evangelized areas of Mexico.



San Pedro de las Colonias is the home of Stephen and Marcela. It is a small town situated in Mexico's north central desert called the Comarca Lagunera. The economy is based on cotton production and the textile industry. In spite of its extreme climate, the area has several towns and cities, including the major city of Torreon, and is home to more than 2,000,000 people. As promised by the prophet Isaiah, in the desert place a great revival of the River of God is beginning to take place. The region is being flooded with the waters of the Holy Spirit.

THE VISION

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35). The harvest is ready and the time to reap is now. We must be prepared to use whatever means God puts before us to reap the harvest. It is time that we take our society for God.

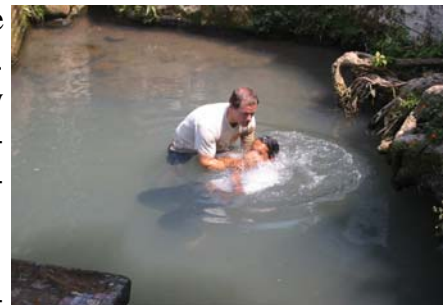


In Tepic the Xecora Middle School has entered into its third year. It is the first Christian school of this level in the state of Nayarit. The students not only receive an excellent level of bilingual education, they also receive good spiritual training. Every day the classes start with prayer and a Bible study and the students are taught how to flow and minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. This year the goal is to increase the enrollment to the maximum capacity for the facilities that we have. Already we are planning on adding a high school so that those who complete the middle school may continue on in high school.

The Rios de Agua Viva Bible School is now in its 18th year of training men and women in the ministry. Through the years we have seen its graduates go on to be strong Christians active in their local church, ministers who go out to open new works and establish churches, evangelists, teachers, and missionaries to the nations. This year we shall have another two semesters of classes in order to prepare new people for different areas of ministry.

We have seen new growth in the churches this past year. This new growth we plan to strengthen with joint activities throughout the year; special activities for different groups in the church such as youth, married couples, single mothers, etc... ; And by an even greater emphasis on evangelism. The time is short and the harvest is ripe, **IT IS TIME TO BRING IN THE HARVEST.**

In San Pedro the church has grown to the point that now we have two Sunday services in order to accommodate all the people. Many new home groups have sprung up and through them many people are coming to the Lord. One of our own young couples recently came on as co-pastors in charge of home groups and visitations. We plan to add a third Sunday service later on in the year.



To grow you must give. We have sent out two young couples from the church to other cities. One former music minister and his wife are now on the pastoral staff of our sister church in Torreon. That church is now at its capacity of 300 people and will be starting a second Sunday service in order to accommodate the people. The other couple was transferred to the city of Monclova where in the past year they have opened up 3 home groups and won over 60 people to the Lord.

The prison ministry continues to grow as 17 men were baptized there this year. The drug rehab ministry continues with approximately 60 young men in the group in San Pedro. In November of 2004 we were able to open another center in the city of Torreon which now has 10 men in rehab. Several services a week are done and many have become Christians and been set free from drugs and alcohol. Through innovative evangelism our soccer ministry has made a great impact and has even been reported on several times this year in the national press. They call us “God’s team”.

As we look forward to 2005, our vision grows. We have started working towards establishing 5,000 home groups in the whole area during the next 10 years. In September we plan to change our ministry mentoring program into a full fledged missionary training program. Latin America is not only a mission field but is becoming a missions sending force. With your prayers and continued support what began as one small family going to Mexico in 1976 has grown into a vibrant growing ministry impacting all that it touches.