

JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES (JEM)

2016 Director of Missions Report

Through the Grace of our Lord, JEM entered its tenth year of evangelical ministry in Northern Mexico this past year. With the direction of the board and its associated ministries, we maintained the oversight of our village churches and community ministries through the direction and control of finances, budget accounting, pastoral intermediary communications, on-site monitoring of ministry activities, food and goods distribution, benevolent partner relationships, project management, and pictorial presentations, updates, and reports.

We were very blessed during the year in meeting our monthly operational budgets for maintaining our ministry activities and providing for essential needs. JEM funding from faithful donors provided a significant portion of our financial need in this area, and our benevolent partners were again very generous in the provision of supplies, food & goods, building materials and volunteer labor as they worked alongside us in this ministry. Donations from village church offerings also helped provide for basic facility maintenance, essential needs, and celebration activities.

Our village pastoral intermediaries, Pastor Arnulfo Viayra in Escondida, Pastor Gabriel Ruiz in Nogales, and Pastor Maria Porchas in Cheque, served diligently and sacrificially in the administration and implementation of all approved ministry activities. These pastors should be commended for their continual endurance in the Lord as they proclaim the Gospel to a neglected and rejected people who have often been manipulated and influenced by deceiving spirits of religious deception, witchcraft, and idolatry. It has been such a blessing to witness many of these Mexican brothers and sisters receive Christ in their hearts and grow in His Grace despite the spiritual warfare they have encountered in maintaining their faith. We are very fortunate to have pastors that are examples in Word and Deed to encourage and provide Godly instruction and counsel to these precious people. And this also includes the extensive teaching and work being done with the children and youth. The intention of this gospel ministry is to lay a solid foundation in Christ in the lives of the believers; to urge them to live lives worthy of the calling they have received; and, to prepare them for the work of the ministry. May this be accomplished through the strength of Christ and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We engaged in various building and maintenance projects this past year which were made possible through both JEM funding and resources made available through our benevolent partners. At the Escondida farm facility, we added window guards, a metal door, and outside arc lights as a means of discouraging intruders from harming the inside structure or removing our stored tables, chairs, and other items used in our church gatherings and activities. In Cheque, we completed maintenance work on the 'Youth Facility' by constructing a new metal roof, upgrading the interior electrical wiring & outlets, and installing outdoor lighting. We also completed a new church office facility in Cheque, and are nearing the completion of a six ft. fencing project around the borders of

the church grounds. The completion of the fence will enclose the grounds and provide a much needed protection for preventing small children from wandering from the area during ministry activities and falling in the nearby canals that lie along the front and back borders of the property.

In closing I want to express my appreciation to Pastor Maria, our 'Mission Field Representative', for another year of exemplary service in her oversight of our JEM intermediaries and village ministry activities in the Sonora mission field. I also want to express my gratitude to Jim Rathjen, our 'Assistant Director of Missions', who has so gracefully assumed many of my administrative responsibilities during my recent illness and current recovery period. Finally, I thank all our board members and bookkeeper for their administrative labours and sincere faith in the vision and support of this ministry.

For further information covering ministry activities, please refer to my 'Aug - Oct. Missions Visit Report'. If you have not received a copy, the report can be found on our JEM-Site under the 'Updates' tab. www.jeministries.net

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