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*But He led forth His own people like sheep and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.*

~ Psalms 78:52 (NASB)

*The Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.*

~ Exodus 13:21 (NASB)



VBS Workshop 2018

Once we have been saved by the grace of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we need God's presence, guidance, and continuous provision. Israel's experience in the wilderness, recorded in the Old Testament, teaches us to look to God for all that we need and that He is faithful to supply in Christ. He is our guide, our light, our bread, our water, our Defender and Savior. The 2018 VBS Teacher's Workshop was a tremendous blessing for all of us. The original purpose of the workshop is to equip our second year "full time" students for the summer, when we send them out in teams to the mountain village churches. There they provide a complete Vacation Bible School for the children at the location where they are sent. Our staff member **Alfredo Arce**, is in charge



Arce with Paula and Mark Webb

of our Christian Education program and oversees the MITC Children's Ministries. **Grace Bible Church** led by **Mark Webb**, has helped us with this program for over twenty years. It is always a unique, Bible-centered, Gospel presenting program, using a solid Biblical Theology, but in a language that children can understand! The theme of this year's program was **Wilderness Survival** and showed how the Christian Life is dependent on the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, all the way from initial faith or believing in Him for Salvation, and then continuing to trust and walk by faith in the Lord in this life with many trials and testing, until we are Home with Him in Glory! All of this was illustrated from the experiences of Israel and God providing their Light, Bread, Water, Healing, and concluding that Salvation is of the

Bible conference in Alianza



LORD! There were Bible lessons, dramas, games, refreshments, crafts and songs, all designed to teach these truths of God's Provision for our lives. Now, the program is not only for our students and the churches in the mountains, but also many of our alumni come to get the VBS program for the churches where they are now serving as pastors and church workers. So, each day of the Workshop we had over 150 teachers, VBS directors and church workers come for this very important program for the

children of Mexico. There are approximately 75 churches that use the Grace Bible/MITC VBS program throughout southern Mexico. We are thankful to Pastor Mark Webb and the team from Grace Bible who put all this together. Also with the VBS workshop team, Brother Mark brought a youth group and members from the church who worked in construction projects here on campus.

We had our annual Village Church Leaders Conference, this time up in the village of San Pedro La Alianza. This village is located deep in the Chinanteco mountain region about seven hours driving time from Cordoba. The last three hours of the drive is over very challenging and rough mountain roads...God blessed our travels with His Protection! The speaker/teacher of these conferences was also Pastor Mark Webb. We made a weekend visit to this area where leaders from twenty-five churches also traveled many hours

from the Chinanteco, Cuicateco and Mixe regions of the mountains. MITC has worked for over fifty years planting the Gospel in this area of Mexico. The theme of the conference was "Five Things," a series of messages on apologetics for the Christian's Faith. God greatly used Brother Mark to show the Greatness of God, in The Word of God, The Gospel, Jesus Christ and in the creation and salvation of Man. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with these brethren who have been faithfully serving the Lord Jesus and His church in these remote areas of Mexico for many years. They have been working among people who speak a language other than Spanish. Many have very little education by the world's standards, but who know the Truth of God in the Lord Jesus Christ and are living for His glory. It was a great blessing to be with these brethren and see how the Lord is working in each of the regions. Hosting the event was the church of



Dinner in Alianza



Israel in Alianza

Alianza, whose pastor for the past year has been our 4th year student from the Full Time program, Israel. Israel was a huge blessing for the brethren as he taught them the Scriptures (which he studied at MITC), also teaching them music and hymns (from his Music Classes), and also helped them with their livestock, sheep and cows and worked with them in their fields. The church grew numerically and in unity under his ministry.

They also were able to “reach out” to several other villages where there is no Christian Church, walking many hours in the mountains to share the Gospel. We are very thankful for Israel and how God used him in his year of practice. This is also Israel’s way of “giving back” for the three years of living and training at MITC with no financial charge. The year in practice students are a way MITC is able to bless churches who need help in their ministries, sometimes with a pastor, or church worker, or Bible teacher, evangelist, or children workers. All MITC ministries are “by grace ministries.” This means there is no charge for any of our programs which exist especially for those students who could never afford any type of



normal Seminary costs and requirements. But our 4th year students give back as church workers for at least a year, at a church or mission designated by MITC in the mountains. After they fulfill their year of service, they graduate. This means God provides **totally** for MITC, its staff, and students, through the hearts of His children who lovingly and sacrificially give to support the mission. MITC is not supported by any government program or any denomination program, but amazingly for over sixty years, God has provided through individuals and churches for His work here in Mexico. To God be the Glory! We thank Him for all He has done and trust He will continue to work and encourage others to become part of the MITC family; praying, serving and giving as His Word continues to go forth.

Another way the Lord provides for MITC is through the visiting groups from the USA who come down and provide for the maintenance and construction and necessary projects here at the MITC campus. It is here at this campus at Cordoba we have the “Full Time” Bible School, the Saturday Seminary Bible School, and the Christian Music School. Here we have the dorms for the full-time students, the housing for all the staff members, the classroom facilities, auditorium, the chapel, the visitors dorms, library and dental clinic, all facilities that need repair and upkeep. God helps provide for this through our visiting groups, so we are very thankful for their provision in time, work, and funds to help keep things going here at the Mexican Indian Training Center. One of our summer groups was from Summer Grove Baptist Church, led by Cecil and Sissy Snider. In addition to painting, building, carpentry, welding and sewing, this group was also a special blessing cooking for all our mission family. One day they fixed Gumbo and another day they fixed Fajitas, things we never have here on the tables of the MITC Dining Hall. We received much encouragement and love from this wonderful group from Shreveport, Louisiana.



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God is Good and He is our Provider. We praise His name and thank Him for EACH one of you who help us with your prayers, love and support. May the Lord give grace and use us all for His glory. Muchas Gracias!

By His grace,

*Dan & Chuy Hall*

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*From:*

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| Bro. Dan Scott .....         | David & Ruthie Bryant  |
| Linda Pearson .....          | Robert Pearson         |
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| Leighton Harvey .....        | Dr. John F. Hall       |
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| Venia (Bootsie) Magri.....   | Edward Magri           |
| Lynne Jones Magri .....      | Edward Magri           |
| Dee Hall.....                | Edward Magri           |

## *In Honor of*

*From:*

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| Jennifer Rockwell, Happy Birthday.....                             | Jim & Susan McNeer    |
| Mike & Jennifer Rockwell, Happy 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary ..... | David & Ruthie Bryant |

## *Thank You!*



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