

Bread of Life

Frontier Missions

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New Name, New Location, New Vision & Some New Faces

Matamoros-Sunday, September 24, 2006. Iglesia Centro Cristiana Las Palmas, known to most of us simply as Las Palmas, got a new name and a new location and a new vision. 5,000 invitations were printed up and handed out to get ready for the big day. The big tarp serving as the temporary roof was raised and staked. The new co-pastor and his family were in place living at one of the dorms on the land. Juan Roque and his family had moved from their home in town to the new pastor's house on the land. The dental training facility finished and already experiencing its second wave of missionary dental students, the electrical/plumbing training workshop completed and instructors in place, the road leading back to the land paved, the electricity lines up installed and functioning, the



time was right to officially transition from the downtown location. We give thanks to God for all of you who worked, gave, prayed and assisted in getting the piece of dirt transitioned into a living, active, and functioning place of refuge. I vividly remember the first group from Minot, North Dakota, nearly five years ago, assisting in building the first structure on the land-a bathroom facility. Juan's message on

the opening Sunday on the freshly poured cement slab of what will one day be a finished church building was very practical-an explanation for the new name-Refugio Familiar Las Palmas. The message focused on the new land being a place of refuge-a shelter where God protects, strengthens and heals. Familiar (Family) – a place where Families can spend time together in worship, study, prayer, fellowship, eating and being together with others who want to do the same. (Continued on page 2)

Meet Las Palmas' New Co-Pastor and family

They arrived in July and have hit the ground running. Meet Isaac, Reina, Jothan, Jonathan, and Cecia. They left their ministry in Monterrey to relocate to live in one of the dorm rooms on the land at Refugio Familiar Las Palmas. This truly is an answer to prayer. Juan says they are a tremendous blessing with their gifts of organization and leadership. More leadership classes are underway and Isaac's presence frees Juan to spend more time in the interior working with the church planters in Aztec country. It really is a small world-Isaac's father, a pastor from Monterrey, performed the wedding ceremony for Juan and Arcelia Roque. Please lift up this family in your prayers as they transition into their new leadership roles in Matamoros.



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Aztec Update

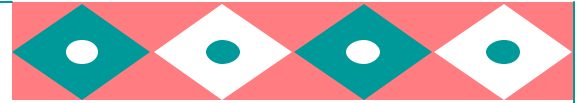
We thank God that for the activity that is going on in Aztec country. Perry Mahaffy, a missionary from Laredo, Texas, has been leading a church building project with Juan in the village of Huitepec, near Tenango. Juan has been working in several new locations near Tlanchinol and has been well received. Some of the villagers are coming back to spend time at the complex in Matamoros. This provides them with some economic benefits, but also allows time for teaching and fellowship. As these folks return, they become the points of contact for further activities in those villages. The work is going well in Oxtomal and we have a pastor/leader training workshop planned for early November. Juan expects 50 leaders and another 50 participants to attend. Please be in prayer for all of this activity. There is a tremendous hunger. Thank you for your partnership in reaching out physically to these unchurched areas.



Huitepec Church Building

New Name, New Location, Continued

A place to invite others to become part of a family like they have never before experienced. Esperanza (Hope)- A place where hope is restored. Hope for those who struggle in Mexico's tough economic environment, hope for those who have friends or family members battling addictions, hope for those who don't have the skills to compete in a saturated labor market. Hope in the One who makes all things new. The groundwork has been laid, the doors have been thrown wide open, and the invitation is going out all around-"the Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'". Eight decided to respond that morning. We pray that God will call many more into His service at the Kilometer 13 turnoff on the road to Playa Bagdad. We solicit your prayers that all that goes on will be to God's glory, that God would empower Refugio Familiar Las Palmas to live up to its new name and vision.



BLFM NEEDS

Prayer

- That we would use wisdom in building new church plants
- For Leadership/Pastor Training Program
- For Juan Roque and his leadership
- For the U.S. team and directors
- For Boldness & Protection in working in new areas
- That God would raise up good leaders in new church plants

Support for Pastors

- Las Palmas-Pastor Juan Roque & Co-Pastor Isaac
- Oxtomal-Pastor Fernando
- Citlala-Pastor Ismael
- Tenango -Pastor Nicolas & Children's Minister, Julieta
- Huejutla-Dr. Alberto & Rosie Canche, medical missionaries
- Tenexco-Pastor Tomas

Support for Land Improvements in Matamoros

- Groups to come and help with construction
- Financial support to help with new building construction

Support for Evangelist/Medical Outreach Teams to New Church Plants in Aztec Country



Juan Roque Family at New Worship Center