

Bread of Life

Frontier Missions

2nd Quarter 2005

From Chased Out to Built Up

Oxtomal. Just over 10 years ago the Jesus Video was shown in this village. When a few wanted to know more they were chased out with machetes. With no place to live, BLFM helped acquire a new plot for those who lost their homes. Fast forward. Having grown to over 60 members and a church that is self-supporting thanks to the furniture-building skills of the local pastor and some local members, we praise God for the growth that we have been privileged to witness. For the last few months, Pastor Fernando and other members of the church plant have been busy building a classroom addition and a pastor's house to facilitate their work in the local community.

On June 4, a group from Lake Jackson, Texas, plans to travel down to Oxtomal to finish out the construction project by building the interior walls, installing the doors, windows and electrical wiring. They will be accompanied by a group prepared to present a VBS with the help of some translators from the Spanish-speaking church in Brownsville. A small medical and dental clinic will be going on simultaneously to work in sharing the "two-handed" gospel. On Sunday, June 5, a joint celebration is planned with the members of Tenango, Tenexco, Taxicho and other church plants to celebrate at Oxtomal with the group from Lake Jackson. Please pray that God would continue to bless the work here.



Classrooms under construction above church building in Oxtomal



Julieta with materials from Christ Harbor Church in Laguna Vista, TX

Meet Tenango's New Children's Minister

It is our pleasure to introduce you to one of BLFM's newly supported laborers, Julieta. She is from the village of Tenango and is working with the growing outreach there. For the last month, Julieta has been in Matamoros receiving training to share with Tenango and the other villages. She will be instrumental in helping set up children's training programs in all the church plants. Please lift her up in prayer that God would allow great light to shine forth through her ministry.

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Growing Pains

Tenango, Hidalgo. The walls came down. The walls went out. The walls went up. The roof went on. We rejoice with Pastor Nico and all the village with the increase that God is providing in this village. Just a few years ago, when we met Nico's mother, Agripina, she shared her testimony and how she prayed daily that God would send someone to help spread the message of His great love to the surrounding villages. I remember vividly the sense that fellow missionary Charles Middlebrooks and I shared—that we are not here by accident. She had built on extra rooms in her house in anticipation of those who would come. A medical outreach, a classroom addition, a pastor's house and a church expansion project later, we thank God for the way he is using this village to be a blessing to others. As I write this, Pastor Nico is on his way back from training in Matamoros with Juan Roque, better equipped to serve. Tenango has become a key village in housing other national pastors to receive training to serve in other Aztec church plants. At the end of April a group from Brazospointe Fellowship in Lake Jackson, Texas, funded and traveled down to Tenango to put a new roof on the recently expanded church building. In addition, with the help of translators from the Spanish-speaking church in Brownsville, dramas and teachings were shared by the group. Well done! They were able to work with the new children's minister in Tenango, Julieta, who continues to receive training and support from BLFM. Before the church building expansion, the worship services saw filled pews, people sitting in the open windows, standing outside the windows and outside the back door to worship. Let's pray for the same "problem".



Brazospointe Fellowship laborers building new church roof in Tenango

— BLFM EVENTS —

Jun 4-10 Construction team from First Baptist Lake Jackson to help build pastor's house and classrooms in the Aztec church plant at Oxtomal.

Jun 10-17 Smyser Christian Church (47 as of today) will work on construction and evangelistic outreach in Matamoros.

Noah's Ark To Make Appearance In Matamoros



Temporary worship tent at Project Oasis

While archeologists and scholars worldwide have been searching for the missing boat, rumor has it that children from many parts of Matamoros will get to enjoy playing on it soon. On June 10-17, a great group of 48 workers will arrive from Smyser Christian Church in Illinois to work at Project Oasis. One of their projects will be to assemble a giant playscape designed by Gordon Carruth, who has built one of these for his missionary son in Brazil. The reports coming from Brazil are that the grown ups are having just as much fun as the children. While they are staying at the dorms in Matamoros, the team from Smyser will be pouring additional footing for the new church building, delivering Bibles and toys to local orphanages, and sharing dramatic presentations of the Good News in neighborhoods (colonias) in Matamoros. Services are being held weekly at Project Oasis and we look forward to the road coming in sometime this summer. We thank God for the dedication and sacrifice of all to make this possible.

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BLFM NEEDS

Prayer

- That we would use wisdom in building new church plants
- That God would raise up men to lead in new church plants
- For Juan Roque and his leadership
- For the U.S. team and directors

Support for Pastors

- Las Palmas-Pastor Juan Roque
- Monterey-Pastor Leo
- Aquilastec-Pastor Marcelino
- 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 put in roads, electricity and a church building

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