

# the Gardners

## Laying the foundation in MEXICO



Jim, Ivonne  
and children



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**RETURN TO MEXICO!** – After a busy furlough/deputation of nine months, the time came to load up and head back to Mexico in time for our 18<sup>th</sup> summer camp season. On Saturday, May 16, Jim started the 9-day trek back to Culiacán. Ivonne and the children met him in Tucson the following Saturday to allow the children opportunity to finish up their school activities.

In order to facilitate the passage of the 6 tables, 36 chairs, piano, camp sports equipment, tracts, literature, and personal items, we divided up the load into three piles. The Lord was gracious to us. Each of the three crossings went very smoothly. After we paid the relevant import taxes, the green light beamed at us (on six occasions nonetheless!), exempting us from the usual bumper to bumper examination necessitating unloading and loading again.

**REPRODUCTION!** – We rejoice together with Marco Polo, Ana Cecilia, and their children for having completed their four years at the Ebenezer Bible college in Hermosillo. Shortly after graduation, we had the privilege of participating on his ordination council in Navolato. Once his immigration papers are in order, he and his family will be raising up a church to meet the needs of the Hispanic population near Denver, Colorado, as MISSIONARIES!

After five years, Erika García will be finishing her elementary education degree from the Christian university in Monterrey this summer and will be returning to work in the church in Culiacán. God is good, showing himself able to provide the needs of the various young people from the churches in Sinaloa preparing to serve Him in the harvest fields of the world.

**ROUTE CHANGES!** – The secretary of education has extended the school year two weeks in some states to make up the many days missed during the height of the swine flu scare. Effectively, it has cancelled the first two weeks of camp. We are thankful that there has been little news of the swine flu in the last several days. Apparently, the threat of epidemic is no longer imminent as

was once thought. Do pray for the camp season that God would keep us all healthy and spare us from any type of outbreak. The nature of camp in Mexico means a high volume of young people in reduced living quarters—optimum for contagious virus spread.

**RESOURCE REPORT** - Praise the Lord for gifts totaling **\$7100.00** for Phase #1 of the **Camp META Property Fund Initiative** in the last two months. We are excited about purchasing and developing 40-50 acres of prime land in central Mexico as a tool in reaching the lost and challenging believers to consecration. (If you desire to join others already participating in this project, please contact **IFM** or see the new [www.campmeta.com](http://www.campmeta.com) due for completion soon!)

Our family support level has risen from **89%** to **96%** since March! Please continue to pray with us for God's provision of the rest when we return to the USA after summer camp season to visit churches in Oklahoma and Arizona for a few weeks during the month of September in order to complete our support plan.

In Christ,

Jim (Ivonne and the children)

### CAMP META - Itinerary

7/08 - 7/10	Counselor training	San Luis Potosi, SLP
7/11 - 7/17	Teen camp	Tamaulipas, HGO
7/18 - 7/24	Teen camp	Texcoco, Edomex
7/25 - 7/31	Teen camp	Guadalajara, JAL
8/01 - 8/07	Teen camp	Cancún, QROO
8/10 - 8/14	Teen camp	Campeche, CAMP
8/17 - 8/19	House hunting!	Morelia, MICH