



## The 2019 Mexico Campaign

*by Dave Rogers*

On July 19th, eleven people from the Fayetteville congregation departed Atlanta, accompanied by two brethren from Tennessee. We spent the next week in teaching, preaching, personal bible studies, a VBS, and benevolent assistance in cooperation with one of the congregations that meet in Villa Ocuilzapotlan, Tabasco State, Mexico. Ocuilzapotlan is a town of about 20,000, located 12 miles north of the state capitol of Villa Hermosa. It is situated only a few miles from the Gulf coast, and abuts the Centla Swamp and Biological Reserve. There are actually two congregations in this community; one meets in town and the other meets a couple of miles away, on the outskirts of town. Both are a little more than three years old, and were established by the two brothers who preach for them, Victor González Geronimo and Carlos González Geronimo; these men are brothers both in the Lord and in the flesh, and the two congregations work hard to support and encourage each other. Each counts about 20 members, and there are two congregations because so many members do not have private transportation; they either walk to worship, travel in three-wheeled "scooter" taxis or by motorcycle-drawn "chariots."

Our journey was interrupted at the beginning by a mechanical problem that delayed our departure from Atlanta by about five hours. This caused us to miss our connecting flight in Mexico City, which meant that we spent part of that night in a hotel at the Mexico City airport before arising at 3:30 AM to catch the first flight on Saturday morning. We arrived in Villa Hermosa without further incident, where we were met by Victor (local preacher) and José Luis (the Pelfrey's son-in-law, and one of our translators). After dropping our luggage at the hotel, we proceeded to the church building, where we divided into teams to prepare for the campaign that began on Sunday evening.

From Sunday through Thursday, our days were occupied from 8:00 AM until about 9:30 each night with

VBS, personal bible studies, bible classes for men/women/teens and young adults, and the nightly campaign services. During the day, Zeke Poskevich, David Gullede, Cameron Correll, and Tom Durden all assisted brother Mario (a local member who is a brickmason), along with several others, in constructing "fōggónes" (brick-and-concrete cooking stations) for families in the community. This is a very positive (and relatively inexpensive) method of benevolent outreach by the local congregation that has opened a number of doors for bible studies. Most of the ladies in this area cook outside over open fires (on the ground), so by elevating the cooking area about two feet off of the ground these cooking stations greatly reduce the risk of injury from their clothing catching fire.

Our efforts in Ocuilzapotlan were greatly assisted by excellent participation from both local congregations, as well as workers who came from the Francisco Villa congregation in Villa Hermosa, and from the church in Palenque, Chiapas (2+ hours away!). We also received invaluable assistance from the family of our brother José Luis, who came from San Cristóbal, about five hours to the south. Participation and attendance both increased dramatically in comparison to our efforts two years ago, and the church has grown noticeably in both number and in maturity during that time. One brother who was "out of duty" for several years came before the combined congregations on Wednesday night to ask forgiveness and be restored to faithfulness, and on Thursday we were privileged to see two precious souls baptized into Christ!

We plan to present more information on this effort in the very near future (probably on a Sunday night), so watch for the announcement of that report!

# Taking The Gospel

## “Local Preaching”

*by Mike Bonner*

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season...! For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe...! Be an example to the believers...! Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit... how shall he that occupies the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understands not what thou sayest? (2 Tim. 4.2; 1 Cor. 1.21; 14.16). With so many facets to preaching, especially in the local congregation, it behooves the gospel teacher to remain focused on the purpose of his proclamation and ministerial obligations. The Lord gave the marching orders to His disciples to take the gospel to the world at large, establishing congregations with the assurance of God being with them (Matt. 28.18-20). He's with us as well as we do His blessed will today.

What a great responsibility to ensure the purity of the message preached, knowing that souls are hanging in the balance; hence the reason for powerful preaching in the pulpits of the Lord church is of vital importance (Titus 2.1). The local congregation should have a hunger and thirst for righteousness, which is promulgated through simple, down-to-earth preaching in order that lives are changed with those who believe and love the truth (Matt. 5; 2 Thess. 2.10). For this purpose the man of God preaches with precision and tenacity, thus persuading men and women to live lives of holiness and honesty (2 Cor. 5.11). Again, the message of the gospel has to be preached in precision, that the people of God can live the purest life possible before God.

The responsibility of the local evangelist is grand, to say the least. The teacher is to empower the people of God to go and teach others about the cross and blood of Christ, that they may be saved from the wrath of God (Romans 5.9). The evangelist and teacher (who are very important parts of the church government) have been set in place to aid in equipping the saints for the work of ministry and the building up of it (Eph. 4.11-12). Therefore she (the church) must be fully equipped to fight the good fight of faith persuading the world of the terror of the Lord (2 Cor. 5.10-11). Because the localized church is so vital, the preaching and ministering must be top notch. The church is attempting to bring in lost souls with a multiplicity of concerns and hang-ups. The gospel preacher must encourage the church to see the necessity of speaking the truth in love to all men in hopes of him (mankind) seeking out Christ in the local area. Earlier we stated, “speaking the truth in love”; notice the speaking (the method) and the truth (the message) in love (the manner).

Paul told Timothy to be an example to the believers and gave him ways in which he should be. His example to the church was vital to the growth and consistency of the congregation in Ephesus. He was to impress upon them how to conduct oneself, genuine love, good attitude, sincere faith and purity of heart (1 Tim. 4.12). Paul also wanted the Colossian church to pray for a door to be opened to preach the gospel, exclaiming to them to watch their speech, making sure it was with grace, seasoned with salt (4:6). This is so important in the local work for many lost souls will see the way we speak to one another and to them. Jesus said it like this, “the world will know that you are My disciples by the love you have one for another” (John 13.34-35).

In closing, the local message of the truth is vital to the growth of the congregation, to her morale and influence in society. First and foremost the Lord must be pleased and glorified. Secondly, the people of God must be encouraged through the local preaching to have the mindset of Christ, understanding our influence in the community and the world. Next, we should never allow the preaching of the Good News to come across as dull and ineffective, thus showing each other and the world the minimal effect it has upon us. It is still God's power to save and it is still the power to affect the minds of men towards greatness (Romans 1.16; 1 Cor. 1.18). May we always see the benefit of gospel preaching and the joy of seeing people changed for the better because of our efforts for the Lord. God is True!

### Youth Events

(See David Gullidge with any questions)

**August 25** – Area Wide Youth Devotional at Fayetteville. If you can help let David & Crystin know.

**Dec 27-30** – Exposure Youth Camp. Sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.

# Family Matters

Our deepest sympathy goes to David Poskevich and his family for the loss of his mother, Virginia. Her memorial service was last Sunday in Waverly, Tn. Please keep this family in your prayers.

- Linda Howell – Is at home recuperating.
- Lewis Armstrong – Is in LaFayette Rehab room 907A.
- Linda Armstrong – Is home recuperating.
- Jenene Johnson – Will have surgery August 12th.
- Rosalind Walker – Will have rotator cuff tear surgery August 19.
- Curtis Hurt – Will have gallbladder surgery at Piedmont Fayette Hospital August 19.
- Margie Fields – Will have biopsy results Aug 28.
- RuPearl Sharpe – Is undergoing additional treatments.
- Ray Cozart – Is undergoing chemo treatments.
- Tom Holcomb – (son-in-law of Annette Benefield) has been moved to rehab.

**Members With Health Issues:** Dawn Cook, Hugh Kelly,

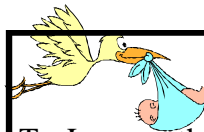
David Riley, Debbie Walding, Sally Wallace, Jill Nash, Ru-Pearl Sharpe, Lauren (Sorrell) Heger, Jim Scoma, Mary Lawrence, Larry & Margie Fields, Kathleen Garner, Lucille Amon, Doris Buckner, Lilly Walker, Decieta Lyons, Joann Crook, Wayne & Betty Jo Nash, Dennis & Marlene Etheridge, Forest & Burma Chapman, Jim & Sharon O'Brien  
**Shut-ins:** Bernice Gillespie, Una Fortson, David Nash, Equilar Butler and Frances Elder

**Others With Health Problems:** Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Michael Gwinn (Jenny's husband), Betty Land (Jill Nash's sister), Richard Oliver (Brenda Mitchell's stepfather), Lyn Launch & Aden Clarke (Jim & Sharon O'Brien family), Zane Canty (3 yrs. old), Mark Etheridge (Dennis' brother), Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother), Cecil Hester (Tina Russell's father), Mary Mackie (Linda Johnson's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's bro./sis.-in-law) and Joe & Judy Hand (Jim Scoma's sister & bro.-in-law)

*(NOTE: Please help us keep this list up-to-date!)*

*Thank You*

Thanks to so many who have carried me to doctors, sent cards, brought food and many calls. I really appreciate all of your kindness and love everyone of you clearly. Prayers have meant so much and I hope have been answered.  
In His love, Linda Howell



## Congratulations!

To Lauren, the grandparents, Jack & Carla and Aunt Rebecca Sorrell on the arrival of Emogene Elizabeth Sorrell-Heger on July 20th. Emogene weighed 6.6 pounds and was 20 inches long.

## Calendar

- Aug 16 – SilverWings Dinner, Finger Foods in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm
- Aug 16-22 – Polishing the Pulpit
- Sept 2 – Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept 6 – Family Game Night at 6pm
- Sept 10 – Tuesday Morning Classes resume
- Sept 14 – Forest Chapman's 90th Birthday Celebration in the Fellowship Hall.

### Area Calendar:

- Aug 10** – Lithia Springs COC Ladies' Day, "Recipes for Life", Speaker: Sheila Butt
- Sept 21** – Cumming Church of Christ Ladies' Day, "Such A Time As This", Speaker: Jane Washington, Henderson, TN

## renew. refresh. recharge

Polishing the Pulpit  
August 16—22, 2019

**Stir up the gift of God which is in you - 2 Timothy 1:16**  
**The Power of an Idea**

Polishing the Pulpit began with three friends getting together to brainstorm sermon ideas. We soon invited other friends, and someone said, "This is great! We should tell others."

We did and invited a speaker to discuss sermon preparation and give sample sermons. Interest increased; more speakers were invited. We moved to a hotel conference area. We dreamed big. "Let's invite the best speakers in the brotherhood and see who we can get." They came. Wives wanted in, so we added women's classes. While these great speakers were assembled in one place, we decided to offer classes for elders. They loved it. People began coming from all over the country.

Youth workers and deacons became interested. We added tracks for them. PTP moved to a larger event center in the Smoky Mountains. Attendance approached 1,000. Christians from other nations began coming.

"Why don't you have classes for regular members?" we were asked. So we added the Spiritual Renewal Weekend, as well as tracks for members, teens, and children. Attendance passed 5,000.

That brings us to today. What does God have in store for PTP? Come and see!

	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25
Call To Worship	David Gullede	David Gullede	Greg Nash	David Gullede
Scripture Reading	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner	Zeke Poskevich	Jake Garner
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Rory Bell, Sr.
Prayer	Andy Johnson	Tommy Chapman	Greg Curtis	Dennis Etheridge
Preside Lord's Supper	Brad Hopkins	Jim O'Brien	Paul Lyons	Anthony Ravenell
Server	Rick Sharpe	Steve Hopkins	Rick Sharpe	Steve Hopkins
Server	James Walker	Ron James	James Walker	Ron James
Server	Ben Rogers	Gayle Pelfrey	Ben Rogers	Gayle Pelfrey
Server	Tim Tittle	Eric Hagen	Tim Tittle	Eric Hagen
Server	Reggie Graham	Andrew Dalman	Reggie Graham	Andrew Dalman
Server	Larry Fields	Garrett Dalman	Larry Fields	Garrett Dalman
Server	Jack Sorrell	John Mullis	Jack Sorrell	John Mullis
Server	Tony Burdette	Troy Cook	Tony Burdette	Troy Cook
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gullede	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden	Tom Durden
Announcements	David Gullede	David Gullede	Greg Nash	David Gullede
Shepherd's Prayer	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner	Tom Durden
<b>Evening Worship</b>				
Announcements	David Gullede	David Gullede	Greg Nash	David Gullede
Song Leader	Stan Mitchell	Coney Johnson	Jimmy Garner	Stan Mitchell
Prayer	Anthony Stinson	Wayne Nash	Curtis Hurt	David Hopkins
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	David Gullede	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Rick Sharpe	Steve Hopkins	Reggie Graham	Gayle Pelfrey
Lord's Supper	James Walker	Ron James	Larry Fields	Eric Hagen
Prayer	Cliff Nash	Steven Williams	Lewis Armstrong	Keith Killingsworth

**Fall 2019 Semester**  
South Metro Campus  
(Fayetteville church of Christ)

**August 26—November 25, 2019**  
**Monday 6 - 8:30pm**  
**Introduction to the New Testament**  
**Instructor: Steve Vice**

An overview of each book in the New Testament, studying the following for each book: authorship, date, purpose, brief outline, expanded outline, and how the book fits into the overall scheme of redemption.

**August 29— November 28, 2019**  
**Thursday 6 - 8:30pm**  
**The Gospel of Matthew**  
**Instructor: Dave Rogers**

A study of Matthew's account of life and teachings of Jesus, the King of the Jews and long-awaited Messiah. Emphasis will include Jesus' use of Old Testament Scripture, His claim to be the Messiah, His genealogy, baptism, miracles, and message. Issues pertaining to the study of the Synoptic Gospels, insofar as they pertain to the study of Matthew, will also be highlighted.

**Worship Assignment**  
**Coordinator for August:**  
**Ray Russell**

*The Fountain of Life With Larry Acuff*  
Saturdays at 7 am on channel 57

**In Search of the Lord's Way with Phil Sanders**  
WUPA TV 69, Sunday at 7:30am

**Communion Preparation**  
David & Crystin Gullede

**Nursery**  
4 Veronica Brumant

11 Joan Poskevich  
18 Leisa Allender  
25 Amy Nash

**Care of Building**

1-15K Killingsworth/David Gullede  
16-30 Andy Johnson

**Ushers**  
**Media Center Helpers**  
Aug 4 Brad Hopkins

Aug 11 & 18 Reggie Graham  
**Wednesday Evening Devotional**  
Aug 7 Reggie Graham  
12 Coney Johnson  
21 Eric Hagin & 28 David Riley

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Hugh Kelly

Keith Killingsworth

Andy Johnson

Stan Mitchell

David Poskevich

Anthony Ravenell

David Riley

Rick Sharpe

Jack Sorrell

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**Assembly Schedule:**

**Sunday**

9:00 am Bible Classes

10:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday  
Morning Bible Class  
(September 4 - May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Bible  
Study



# August 2019

Response Elder: Tom Durden

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

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