

# Central America

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

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Greetings again from Chattanooga and from all the missionaries serving in Mexico and Central America. We are thankful for the wonderful year that God has given us to serve Him and we look forward to 2016.

The last four months of this year were busy with visiting missionaries on the field. Part of my responsibilities as Central America Director is visiting the missionaries on the field, seeing their works, encouraging them and as I have opportunity, preaching in their churches.

In late September I returned to preach a week-long revival at the *Iglesia Bautista Tabernacula* in Tierra Nueva, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. This church was started by BIMI missionary John Ridings. One of the many blessings of this trip was to see Brother Jorge again (read more about him in BIMI World, volume 2, 2014, <http://www.bimi.org/onlineMags/142world/index.html>). Jorge is covered with tattoos and scars from his time with the gangs. He was saved several years ago and is now faithfully serving the Lord at church. Where he once lead gang members in criminal activity, he now leads his family in the ways of the Lord. I preached from Sunday to Sunday. One lady came to know the Lord as Savior and Brother Ridings reported that hearts were revived through the power of God's Word.



Jorge and his family

In early October I visited Mexico City, one of the largest metro areas in the world. While there I visited with four BIMI couples in Mexico City and one who serves about two hours north of Mexico City in the town of Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo. God is doing great things in all these works.



Bible Baptist Church

Jorge and Aimee have just started a new church in an area just outside the city. I was able to participate in the Saturday morning English class with Mark and Donna Whiffen. Their students are eager to learn not only English but also the Word of God. The first Sunday I preached in the 6th Anniversary of the Grace Baptist Church in Coacalco with Mark and Karri Lockhart. From there I traveled about two hours north to the city of Ixmiquilpan where Bill and Lynne Norton serve. I was blessed to see the midweek service in one of the mission churches as well as the Wednesday night service in the main church. I spent the last weekend with Nick and Patty Sutmaier in San Fernando de Huixquilucan. There was hardly a vacant seat for the morning worship service. It was a great trip and I saw how God has worked but also the great need for more laborers in God's harvest field of Mexico City. Please pray.

In November Kaye and I had the privilege of returning to Costa Rica. While there we visited *La Iglesia Bautista Betel*, the church we started on November 1, 1987. What a joy it was to see old friends once again and to see new faces at church! Please continue to pray for Pastor Walter Chaves as he leads the church forward.

Also in November I visited the country of Nicaragua. One purpose of the trip was to attend the graduation ceremony of the Bible Institute in Managua. Dr. Bob Dayton still works closely with the institute. Six of the ten young men who graduated have already started or are going to start a church in Nicaragua. God is working through the national pastors and churches in this Central American country.

The first weekend was spent with Miguel and Leticia Parada who arrived on the field about six months ago. They are looking at planting a new church in the city of León, the second largest city in Nicaragua. God is already opening doors for this couple.

The next weekend was spent with Jeremy and Michelle Blanz. They have teamed up with a national pastor and started the Bible Baptist Church of San Marcos. The building they have rented to start the work is filled every Sunday and they only started about four months ago. Please pray that they will find a larger building in which to meet. There is also the possibility of starting another church in a near by city.



Bible Institute Graduation

In His name,

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