

# Mexico

Arizona - Mexico Frontier Opportunities, Bill Sanford, 1550 E Meadowbrook, Phoenix, AZ 85014, 602/798-8217, 1-800-229-8622 (Ext 217); E-mail: bill@desertsw.org. This ministry includes four (4) Methodist Churches and Communities in the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico – along the U.S./Mexico frontier.

1. Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico - Immediately across the border from Douglas, AZ, within easy walking distance. Includes two (2) stand-alone sites. Assistance is needed with construction; volunteer teams for medical/dental clinic; community programs/development; mission Bible studies (MBS); sewing classes, computer classes, working with children and youth. Teams typically stay in hotels in Douglas and walk across border. Breakfast and dinners typically taken in Douglas; lunches typically eaten in Mexico . Multi-generational families welcome. Two major sites are:

a. El Buen Pastor (“the Good Shepherd”) Methodist Church – a well established congregation in downtown Agua Prieta. A full range of adult/youth activities.

b. Fuente de Vida (“Fountain of Life”) Methodist Church - a 3-part complex with very active church and community activities: a fully operating sanctuary; an actively used community center; and a modern medical-dental health clinic building.

2. San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC), Sonora, Mexico - located approximately 20 miles south of Yuma , Arizona – across the border from San Luis, Arizona . This ministry includes two (2) different stand-alone sites. Assistance needed with construction, medical-dental teams; church programs and community development; Mission Bible Studies (MBS). Teams typically stay in hotels in Yuma and drive to the sites in SLRC, but hotels are available in SLRC – but are somewhat more expensive than in Yuma . Multi-generational families are welcome. The two major sites are:

a. “Mikedash” Methodist Church – a well established congregation in downtown San Luis Rio Colorado with a full suite of adult and youth church activities.

b. “Ismaschias” Methodist Church – in an impoverished Colonia on the edge of SLRC. This site is currently under development. A 30x40 foot sanctuary has been built and the parsonage is currently under construction. Future plans include a new larger sanctuary, playground; and a medical-dental clinic building.

3. Magdalena , Sonora Mexico – located approximately 45 minutes south of Nogales , Arizona over a nice 4-lane mostly divided paved highway. Assistance is needed with construction, church and community development; Mission Bible Studies. Teams stay in hotels in Magdalena . Multi-generational and families welcome.

4. Canonea , Sonora , Mexico – located approximately 45 minutes southwest of Douglas , Arizona – nice 2-lane fully paved highway. This is a new ministry of approximately 45-50 members WITHOUT a church sanctuary.

HEALTH CARE CLINIC NUEVO PROGRESSO, MEXICO , 800-437-0028, 32 Wesley Boulevard , Worthington , OH 43085 . Two-day clinics conducted at the Iglesia La Buena Fe, Nuevo Progreso.

JUNTOS SERVIMOS, Contact Larry Cox, larry@juntoservimos.org, cell: 956-763-0326, www.juntoservimos.org. Los Fresnos Address: PO Box 213 , Los Fresnos , TX 78566 . Dallas Address: Juntos Servimos Inc., 12801 Central Expressway, Suite 1560 , Dallas , TX 75243 . Building homes and in colonias on SE edge of Matamoros . Education al, health care missions or Mission Bible School (MBS) teams at Casa Bugambilia or Escuela Papa Jesus. Stay in Matamoros or in the U.S. F, Y, A, OA, Ind.

JUAN WESLEY SEMINARY – MONTERREY , Willie Berman, VIM Coordinator, Eastern Annual Conference, wberman@prodigy.net.mx, C: 011.52.899.936.8462. Construction teams needed to rebuild historic Methodist Seminary that serves the three northern Mexican conferences. Stay at Conference Guesthouse. Need electricians, skilled trades. \$15.00 per day room & board. Max: 18-27. [\[#08406B - John Wesley Methodist Seminary\]](#)

HANDS AND FEET MINISTRIES - PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Roy Adams, P.O. Box 270, Adairsville, GA 30103, 706/625-0314, contact@handsandfeet.com, <http://www.handsandfeet.com/>, Orphanage and school and clinic to the poor in Piedras Negras. Teams needed in all areas of service. J, Y, F, A, OA. [\[#15175A - House of Mercy Orphanage\]](#)

MANOS JUNTAS MEXICO (Hands Together) – RIO BRAVO , Sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference, 405/530-2029, 1-800-231-4166, okvim@okumc.org, <http://okumc.org/vim/ok.asp>. Located approximately 20 miles southeast of McAllen , TX . Builds casitas for the poor (construction teams), runs a health clinic (medical teams), and a Mission Bible School. [\[#3020527 - Manos Juntas \(Hands Together\)\]](#)

METHODIST BORDER MINISTRIES, Kathie Mann, Texas Conference, texaspim@methodists.net, 713/521-9383. Building churches and homes with the poor and providing health services in and around Matamoros , Monterrey , and Reynosa , with the Eastern (Oriental) Methodist Conference. S. A, OA.

METHODIST BORDER FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION, Susan Hellums, shellums@mcfirst.com, 956/661-9771. First UMC, PO Box 2558 , McAllen , TX 78502 . Hosted by Mexican Methodist Church , Rio Grande & SWTX Conferences. Opportunities for gleaning, MBS, construction, health care clinics. Both sides of the Texas-Mexico border from Del Rio/Ciudad Acuna to Brownsville/Matamoros. F, Y, OA, NOMADS. [\[#107590 - Methodist Border Friendship Commission\]](#)

OPERACION HOGAR, Becky Wimsatt, Sacramento Methodist Assembly, PO Box 8, Sacramento, NM 88347. 505/687-3414, F: 505/687-4219, [Hogar@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:Hogar@pvtnetworks.net)  
[\[#523605 - Operacion Hogar\]](#)

CUIDAD JUAREZ, Building cinder block houses with the working poor in Anapra Colonia, concurrent Bible studies for children, repairing Albergue refugee shelter, serving Inesita nursing home for elderly poor, complete addition to the Bethesda Medical-Dental Clinic (community medical and dental services). Worship with Mexican Methodists. Arrive at El Paso airport. S, YA, A,, OA, F, I. Max 24.

NUEVO CASA GRANDES, CHIHUAHUA , Methodist Church of Mexico . Mission church construction. Located 195 miles SW of Ciudad Juarez. Home of famous Paquime ruins, museum, and pottery. Concurrent MBS and educational VIM. Teams stay in local hotel. Materials fees: \$2400 per team, Food: \$16/person/day, Support fee: \$250 per team. F, YA, A, OA, I. Max 15.

COPPERAS CANYON AREA, Work with indigenous peoples to complete dormitory, clinic and youth camp in Pitorreal. Other projects are available in Chihuahua and Durango . S, YA, A, OA, F, I, NOMADS. Max: 20.  
Eastern Conference (Conferencia Oriental)

Methodist Border Friendship Commission A variety of projects and ministries hosted by the churches of the Eastern Conference of the Mexican Methodist Church; Rio Grande and/or SWTX Conferences. Opportunities for gleaning, MBS, construction, health care clinics, and more. Both sides of the Texas Mexico border from Del Rio/Ciudad Acuna to Brownsville/Matamoros. Call for information about priority projects/ministries. F.Y. OA, NOMADS. [\[#107590 - Methodist Border Friendship Commission\]](#)

PRIORITY PROJECTS of the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico –

[\[#14314A - Mexico Volunteer In Mission, Eastern Conference\]](#)

(1) San Pablo District, (2) Fronterizo District, and the (4) El Rey District.  
Mexico Conference (Conferencia de México)

The following is a list of the projects Mexico Conference has for the present year and some of them will go for some time. These projects are divided by districts and at the end of each district there is a list indicating priority.

#### DISTRITO CENTRO. D.S.: PBRO. LEONIDES AGUILAR

EL PINO - Located to the east of Mexico City (About 30 minutes from the airport), is a new church in an area where the population is very poor, many have an average income of \$ 5.00 dollars per day. The project is to build a sanctuary, classrooms, bathrooms and a parsonage in order to have a full time pastor. There are 60 members including Children. Medical services are needed due to poverty and a lack of access. Accommodations in hotels or in people houses, other option - stay in the existing sanctuary with air mattresses and sleeping bags. There is no shower there but showers are available in homes. 1 toilet for the team on site. Congregation is working very hard but the poverty is a limiting factor

SAN AGUSTIN ATLAPULCO - The church is very involved in the construction of classrooms, children area, bathrooms w/showers and at this point they have part of this done. Additional projects are: a new gate for parking lot; a multipurpose building (social hall) and the enlargement in the kitchen. Medical services are needed. Average income - \$5.00 USD per day, and this means they can't afford basic medical service.

RAMOS MILLAN - This church has been on the list of projects for a long time and has received no teams. The main need is change the roof in the social hall, and to remodel the classrooms and offices. The church is located in a low income area and needs medical services. A primary issue is drugs and alcohol rehab.

#### PRIORITIES

1. EL PINO
2. SAN AGUSTIN ATLAPULCO
3. RAMOS MILLAN

#### VALLE DE ANAHUAC DISTRICT D.S.: PBRO. ANDRES HERNANDEZ

EL ORO - Located 3 hours west of Mexico City, it is a church dating from the 18th century. Unfortunately this place had no care for many years, and few years ago it was in danger of been taken by the government as a national historic place. The youth fellowship has done a lot for this church and it is ready for an UMVIM team. The project is redoing the social hall, finishing the kitchen, repairing sinks, paint and ceilings. The sanctuary needs to be painted; the floor

needs to be sanded and polished. Pews need sanding and painting. The church and parsonage need electrical work and ceiling repair. Bathrooms are under construction and need completion of 2 toilets and 2 showers, heaters and finishing work. Parsonage needs repairs in the attic floors and walls. NOTE: the place is built in an old American style, so, the repair must be done in the same style. This is a wooden building. Also needed are medical and veterinary services. In the surrounding area the people are farmers and some Indian tribes come to this place to sell their crafts. Accommodations in parsonage, houses or hotels.

TOLUCA LA TRINIDAD SURROUNDING AREA IN TOLUCA CITY - Located 1.5 hours from the airport in Mexico city, surrounded by a low income area, most of the people works in the industrial area close to the site. The main project there is to enlarge the chapel; parsonage and the educational building needs repair. Medical services are needed. Accommodations in church and hotel.

TOLUCA EL MESIAS DOWNTOWN TOLUCA CITY - Very old church badly needing major repair in sanctuary and all the property including parsonage and bathrooms. Rewiring needed and painting, etc. Medical services can be done in the surrounding areas, these areas are poor and very poor. Like some other places there is a large population of indigenous persons. Accommodations in church or hotel.

TLALNEPANTLA - Building for children, parsonage and a social hall are needed, located in an industrial complex. Medical services are required for a low-income population with no easy access to doctors. Project is divided in 3 stages: (1) the children area. Accommodation in houses or hotel.

SAN PEDRO DEL RINCON & CASAS COLORADAS - 2 hours from Mexico City to the north, 100 year old church, unfortunately, located far from all kind of services like doctors and other professional health care. Population is basically farmers and they just have 1 harvest a year. This means their income is extremely poor. On the other hand the church is very involved in God's Work. Roof repair and interior work needed. URGENT Medical opportunities are excellent and divided in 2 sites, San Pedro and Casas Coloradas church. This last one also needs repair inside. In Casas Coloradas the parsonage needs to be done and this will serve like a circuit rider house. Accommodations in church or houses. This 2 churches and El Oro are closely conected because the pastors are spouses

El Capulin, Hidalgo - The project is to finish parsonage and in the future the idea is to build a clinic in the land next to church. Medical services are needed and dental attention is a big request. Accommodation in houses or camping in parsonage or social hall. This is an Advance Special project.

PRIORITIES

1. CASAS COLORADAS / SAN PEDRO DEL RINCÓN
2. EL MESIAS, TOLUCA
3. LA TRINIDAD, TOLUCA
4. EL ORO
5. El Capulin, Hidalgo

#### DISTRITO SUDORIENTAL D.S.: PBRO. EDGAR GUTIERREZ

Galeana - Located 2 hours from Mexico city to the south in an area where the population lives from growing sugar cane and from tourism for water parks, this church has been working very hard to build this chapel. At this point the main building is done but needs finishing. Stucco, painting, electrical, plumbing, bathrooms and paint are needed. Medical services are a big need. To finish this project - \$66,000 pesos (\$6,600 USD) Accommodation will be in hotel or houses of church members, or camp in the building.

Union de Guadalupe - This Project has been receiving groups for some time, and at this point the main need is to tear down the old rooms for children and build some others, bathrooms need tiles. The place is located 1 hour from Mexico City and the closest church to stay is Miraflores, located 30 minutes from Union de Guadalupe, Miraflores has a kind of retreat center where the teams can stay (sleeping bag needed) or the other option is a hotel. The need of medical services is high.

Tepalcingo -2.5 hours from Mexico City to the southeast is a church where the main need is medical, because even though they have a local public clinic in town, there is never a doctor there. A large number of men from town are in America working, and there is not a regular income in the site. The main construction need is to finish the parsonage - painting, tiling, etc. One of the projects are in church is having a dispensary for medical services in weekends.

Tlalamac - The main project for this year in Tlalamac is to start in the construction of the parsonage and educational rooms on top of the actual church and fellowship room. The project is planed to be done with pre-fab materials. An architect will be working in this project in the beginning of January 2004 to have it ready for teams. Medical services are still needed. Veterinary needs exist.

COCOTITLAN - General repairing is needed in different areas from parsonage, sanctuary and fellowship hall. Medical teams can work in the surrounding areas. This can be a good project for new teams, accommodations in Miraflores church, hotel and homes.

XOXOCOTLA AND HIGUERON - 2 different churches located close to each other, general repairing and light construction work in parsonage, fellowship hall, classrooms, bathrooms and sanctuary. Accommodations in hotel and houses. Camping in church available.

HUITZAPULA & ZOPILOTEPEC- Located 8 hours from Mexico city up in the mountains in Guerrero State, to the south of Mexico City on the way to Acapulco, teams can fly to Acapulco or Mexico City.

In Huitzapula roof has to be finished along with other details. The church considers it a main project to help one of the local schools it has in one of the mission areas. Medical services are required not only in Huitzapula and Zopilotepec, but in the surrounding areas too.

ZOPILOTEPEC, needs to build a new chapel using the local materials like adobe and rocks, because all the people in town attend the church. Clothing needed, medical help needed, shoes needed, and jackets badly needed. Rental of vans suggested for transport.

North Central Conference (Conferencia Nor-Central)  
Filadelfia District

Luz y Esperanza Mission - church has land, needs building, classrooms and parsonage

Principe de Paz Church - significant growth has led to a need for parsonage and classrooms

Shalom Church - low income farming community needs a parsonage and classrooms

Ebenezer Church - needs a parsonage and classrooms

La Trinidad Church - farming community needs a parsonage and classrooms

Nuevo Casa Grandes Church Chihuahua - Bishop Lozada has expressed a sense of urgency to get this project completed. The education wing and restrooms will be completed first, then the sanctuary. The facility will be used to provide adult education, health care services, vocational handcraft training, Christian education, as well as church services.

Monte de los Olivos Camp - roof repair, build restrooms, painting, recreational facility repair

Vida Nueva Church - finish church building and build parsonage

Mision de Zacatecas - church meets in rented building, needs to build church, classrooms and parsonage

Sion Church - dynamic church in low-income area needs parsonage and classrooms

Principe de Paz Church - finish church, build parsonage and classrooms

#### Chihuahua District

Creel, Chihuahua Casa Estudiantil Metodista Jehová Jirhé - To build a secure play area and concrete floor for sports at the Methodist childrens home. Materials can be purchased locally. A translator is available. Estimated cost for materials - \$817 US

Palmore College - teams needed to refurbish facility donated to the school

Housing for retired pastors

Episcopal house - an old home which needs much repair and renovation

Shalom Church - has land, needs building, parsonage and classrooms

Pitorreal Clinic - an established clinic needs ongoing medical teams

Maranatha Church - church building needs completion, will host annual conference in 2001

Nuevo Pacto Church - interior finishing work on church building, build a parsonage, classrooms and a multi-purpose building

Roca de la Eternidad Church - repair parsonage and church roof

#### CENTRAL Conference (Conferencia Septentrional)

##### Bajio District

\* LA LUZ, GUANAJUATO: Construct the fellowship and children's area, classrooms, and parsonage.

\* CORTAZAR, GUANAJUATO: Complete construction of the new mission church.

\* CORTAZAR, GUANAJUATO: Complete construction of classrooms for the pre-school.

- \* GUANAJUATO, GUANAJUATO: Restore the historic but deteriorating sanctuary.
- \* SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, GUANAJUATO: Assist with evangelism in a bi-cultural community..

#### Huastecas District

- \* Solo Cristo salva, la Unión, Tlaxcala: Two teams needed to complete construction of a church in a poor, rural village.
- \* El Cinco, Vera Cruz: Finish construction of the church.
- \* Getsemani, Pachuca, Hidalgo: New church construction in a growing neighborhood. Land has been donated and construction begun.

#### Northwest Conference (Conferencia Noroeste)

Build Chapel Campamento Nuevo Amanecer - Need to lay foundation and put up walls and windows. Extension of dining room - Foundation is laid; walls need to be put up.

Kindergarden classrooms/chapel Mexicali - Kindergarden serving children of workers in the agricultural areas. Construction of classrooms and chapel.

Casita Project Empalme, Sonora - This project involves building cement blox duplex family housing for the poorest people within this area. The project involves the construction of 34 housing units. There are currently 2 units completed and 6 more in various stages of completion. As well as building homes, there is an opportunity for outreach within the community and sharing in a cultural experience.

#### Southeast Conference (Conferencia del Sureste)

All locations: - Volunteers are asked to refrain from drinking alcohol & smoking. Meals will be prepared by church members in each location. US \$10 to 12 /person/day. Youth/young adult teams accepted; minimum age 14  
Volunteers in Mission Coordination fee: US \$10 per p

Amazac, Tlaxcala - 3 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Build a multipurpose room. Special need: talk to church members about immigrants in USA. Walk to work site.

San Jose Teacalco, Tlaxcala - 3 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Finish restrooms. ( 20 Families).

La Magdalena Tlaltelulco, Tlaxcala - 3 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Build classrooms. 120 members.

San Cosme Mazatecochco, Tlaxcala - 3 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Finish multi-purpose building.

Tatoxcac, Puebla, near Zacapoaxtla - 6 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Windows, doors, benches. Final details to finish church. (50 families). Working for many years with limited resources. Teams urgently need. A clinic is next door. Combination teams are encouraged.

Tlapacoyan, Veracruz - 4 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Roof & stucco. (60 members).

Tizostoc, Tlaxcala - 2 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Finish sanctuary & furniture. (8 families).

Xalapa, Veracruz - 4 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Bathrooms. (20 families).

Chetumal, Quintana Roo - 5 hours from Cancún airport. Build new sanctuary. (30 members). They have already built their offices & parsonage.

San Matías Atzala, Puebla - 2 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Finish restrooms. The 15 church families are very hard workers; they built their new sanctuary in only 16 months & have purchased a parsonage.

Bugambilias, Oaxaca - 3 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Church construction. (10 families).

[\*\*\[#523525 - Strengthening Sustainable Communities in the Cloudforest Region of Oaxaca\]\*\*](#)

Ahuatepec, Puebla - 45 min. from Puebla airport. Finish restrooms. (23 members, 3-4 families).

Izucar, Puebla - 2 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Repair old building. Construction of parsonage. (50 members). They have never received a team.

Ixtepec, next to Zacapoaxtla - 9 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Parsonage roof on second floor. Church doors, and steps; also furniture needed for church. Room for children. (40 members). Need pews. No pews exist now.

Mimiahuapan, Puebla - 4 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Stucco, paint, chairs, etc. (15 families).

Elim, Puebla - 40 min. from Puebla airport. Make stucco benches. (50 members). Roof needed for second floor classrooms. They are meeting there now with no roof.

San Baltazar, Puebla - 2 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Build multipurpose room (20 families).

La Familia Orphanage (25-35 children) - 5 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Several house tasks (cleaning, cutting grass, washing clothe Special NEEDS: Teaching children; shoes & clothing. Stay in the orphanage with sleeping bags or in a nearby hotel. Bible school teachers are needed.

Azcárate, Puebla - 2 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Finish furniture. Special need: visit church families.

Filipinas, Veracruz - 5 hrs. from Mexico City airport. URGENT NEED to repair hurricane damage to church. Parsonage construction, multi-purpose room needs roof. (50 members).

Zoatecpán, Puebla - 4 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Church construction. (45 members).

Zacaola, Puebla - 3 hrs. from Mexico City airport. Church construction. (30 members). They've asked for teams since 1996.

San Lorenzo La Joya, Tepeaca, Puebla - 4 hrs from Mexico city airport. Classrooms for bible school. (The church has grown from 20 families to 50 families). The church is outgrowing its space.

San Pablo Actipan, Puebla - 3 hrs from Mexico city airport. Need front door of multipurpose room. (40 Families).

Tatoxcac, Puebla - The Good Samaritan Clinic - Need: medical work teams, all year long. Surgery rooms and dental office, etc. exist for use. High priority. Has surgical and dental space available.

[\*\*#14840N - Good Samaritan Clinic\*\*](#)

Tochimizolco, Puebla - clinic - Need: medical work teams, all year long. High Priority. Started 12 years ago, and is receiving only one medical team per year in a very poor community. Most families are women and children with real health needs.

[\*\*#14838N - Ebenezer Clinic\*\*](#)

Pueblo Partners Tlancualpican - Pueblo Partners is a program designed to empower the rural people of to improve the condition of their life within their own culture, communities and families. This partnership focusses on: Community Development, Agricultural Development, and Livestock Development. The program runs week-long courses which teach realistic low-cost and low-tech methods for improving daily life. You, your organization, church, district and / or conference are invited to sponsor a scholarship for one or more persons for a

one-week training course. Each one-week unit costs \$300/person. [\[#07629A - Give Ye Them to Eat\]](#)