

# Tecate Mission Int'l News

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## HARVEST TIME *Facing the Unfinished Task*

**What does this theme mean to you?**

*Let's hear the heartbeat  
of Ron Hoffman:*

Facing the unfinished task keeps us on our knees before our Heavenly Father, and it keeps us motivated to stay faithful in the work of the Lord, taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

First Corinthians 15:58 *"Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

The mission statement of TMI is "we exist to serve Jesus Christ and His Church by reaching the lost, developing mature disciples, and building God's Kingdom in Mexico and the uttermost parts of the earth."

This task has not been finished, so we continue on "in the work of the Lord." We at TMI are ever seeking to reach more of the lost with the Gospel, to disciple more new believers to maturity and to extend God's Kingdom even farther than before.

Malla Moe, missionary to South Africa (1893-1955) said, *"What are we here for, to have a good time with Christians or to save sinners?"*

I personally feel that we must face the unfinished task with prayerfully prepared hearts and lives...willing to go, willing to give and willing to serve.

**Missionaries are involved in the unfinished task.**



There is an urgency  
to share the Word of  
God to others.



Preaching the message  
of salvation ...

Believer's baptism

## Harvest time from the Heart of the Editor

I was raised on a farm in western Saskatchewan, Canada. As I walk down memory lane, I remember that harvest time



was a very special time of the year. The farmer had to be well prepared with all the machinery ready to be brought to the field without distraction. There was such an urgency to begin the task which would include working long hours in order to gather in the grain. The neighbors were ready to help one another and the entire family was involved in these days of labor and expectancy. Inclement weather conditions were faced (sometimes even snow) but this did not stop the determination of the farmer to proceed with the harvest.

Could we apply some of these memories which I have of the days of physical harvest to that of our challenge of the spiritual harvest? There is indeed an urgency to be ready for the harvest. We must work together fervently and we must not stop until everyone has had an opportunity to hear...until the unfinished task of ingathering is complete. We may face obstacles and hardships, but we must not take our eyes off the goal of the harvest.

**Tecate Christian School** welcomes enthusiastic children and youth to the halls of learning both academically and spiritually.

They come from



various socio-economic backgrounds. Under the leadership of Ron Hoffman, the teachers seriously face the task before them. Every child is important. Some of the children are second generation students in TCS. This ministry continues on.

Thank you for your wonderful response for help in constructing a home for the pastor and his



family in Brasil, Chiapas. Your giving covered the cost of the building and other details such as floors, plumbing and electricity. What a blessing it is to work together for the harvest of souls in that area. PRAY!

## Facing the Task in Michoacán, Mexico



TMI missionaries Alex and Guille Goribar are seeking to share the Gospel in an area of Mexico which is steeped in fear and tradition.

Therefore the hearts of the people do not readily want to hear a message which will bring change. The Goribars are planning three children's classes in surrounding villages. If the parents agree to have their children attend, there begins to be inroads into the homes and hearts of the adults. We believe that the Lord is the One who will break the hearts of darkness and bring the light to this area.

## Pray for the Turmoil in Chiapas, Mexico

TMI missionaries David and Lorena in Comalapa, Chiapas, Mexico report continued danger from the cartel, bringing much fear and mayhem through robberies and kidnappings.

David feels an urgency to share the Gospel despite the turmoil and unrest.





**Why Bible Correspondence Courses?** This department is another avenue to sow and reap a harvest as people read and study the Word of God. We receive precious testimonies of changed lives and an deepening interest in His Word for their lives.

*"Thank you for guiding me with this study. Before this I was lost and unmanageable. I am currently in jail...my wife and I lost everything and I couldn't afford medical help for her so she died of COVID. She was a committed Christian. She often tried to talk to me about my need for God in my life. I told her that I didn't have time. When she died, I went on a rampage and landed in jail. I then decided to take my life as I felt I had no reason to live. My scheme did not work...I can't explain why. However, I am so thankful for these lessons which have helped me a lot and brought me closer to God.*

— A new brother in Christ Jesus

## Harvesttime in Oaxaca at a Hospital

Missionaries Edgar and Jocabed Velasco and members of their congregation prepare food to give to those who are waiting outside the hospital for entrance as patients or as visitors. People are desiring a message of comfort and hope. We offer **JESUS**.

Their daughter, Keila Velasco, is praying with an anxious family member of someone who is sick.



Keila has returned for her final year at the **Bible Institute in Tecate**. Classes have begun online and in person for this semester. Director Kent Traylor reports enthusiasm among the growing student body. These young people are being trained to participate in the harvest.



Kent and Lila Traylor began the **SECOND CHANCE LEARNING CENTER** in 2019, which is registered with ACE ministries to help meet the many needs among dysfunctional families in the area. Some 12 year olds could not read or write and had no future except drugs and gangs.



More children are applying. The opportunities are unending!

Lila Traylor is the Director of APEN (Child Evangelism Fellowship) of Baja, Mexico. Kent and Lila plus TMI missionary, Rossana, invested 6 weeks of their summer in San Quentin, Mexico, training teachers and church leaders how to teach and how to reach children and youth for Christ. They are trusting the Lord for a harvest of souls this summer.

## TMI Changes

**Esther Bowman** is on leave for one year.

**Toni Jackson** after 5 years of service in TCS is now moving on to a new area of service.

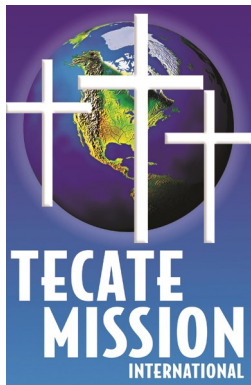
**Bill DeBerg** is retiring after 3 years of volunteer service in the Junior High at TCS.

## New MISSIONARY—

### Curt Dokken



Curt received Christ as his Savior at camp in his junior high years. His spiritual journey led Curt with his wife Ann, to be missionaries for 40 years with World Impact in the inner city of San Diego, CA. Curt has much life experience to offer to others and he has accepted the position as teacher/mentor of the Junior High/High School area of Tecate Christian School. Pray for Curt as he undertakes this challenge with the Lord's help.



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#### The Mission of TMI

TMI has a membership of persons who seek to accomplish the Statement of Purpose. Our purpose is to win the lost to Jesus Christ and to fulfill the Great Commission through recruiting, training, sending, and assisting qualified laborers in partnership with the Body of Christ.

#### Your Contributions

Your involvement through prayer, financial giving, and other personal contributions of articles or labor can make a difference in the lives of many people whom Christ loves and for whom He died. All funds are the property of TMI. In accordance with IRS regulation 501c3, this organization retains the right to determine the use of any and all funds while attempting to respect the suggested designation given. Funds are acknowledged with an official receipt for tax purposes.

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## Harvest Opportunity in Oaxaca, Mexico

In 2015 Grace Redeemer Community Church began in a very needy colonia in Oaxaca City under the leadership of missionaries Eduardo and Araceli Morales. The congregation of around 60 -70 continues to grow. They are



constructing a moveable chapel with the goal of transporting it to a permanent location.

**GOAL:** Purchase PROPERTY FOR this church in that area. Approximate cost \$80,000.00

**Note:** A fund has been started . We only have 1/3 of what will be needed. All giving for this project will remain in the #470.9 fund until the time of purchase.

**Do you want to help with land purchase  
Do you want to help in the harvest in Oaxaca** ?  
**Designate : # 470.9 land purchase Santa Lucía, Oaxaca**