

# The McCubbins

Reaching the lost and Training leadership

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**MEXICO:** I want to begin this letter by thanking all of you for praying for me during my recent trip to



Mexico and Honduras. It was an exhausting but very profitable two and a half weeks. I arrived in Cancun on a Saturday and was met by Pastor Rodolfo Torrez. We left the airport and immediately set out on a 6 hour drive further south to Chetumal, Mexico. If you recognize that name it is because Fermín and Lucy Jimenez are from Chetumal. While I was there I preached in two churches; one was a church that Fermín planted prior to taking on the responsibility of heading up our branch work in San Juanito. God blessed and I had the joy of leading seven people to Christ and had the opportunity to meet many of the students from that area who are studying in our DVD Seminary.



On Monday we made the 6 hour drive back to Cancun to begin the Annual Pastor's Conference. Thank you for praying for Pastor Sansores. It was exciting to see him back to his normal self after having had tumors removed from his throat. He has completely healed and has once again assumed all of his duties as pastor. It was his church that hosted the conference. The schedule was full as there were sessions all through the day. I especially enjoyed the "open-air" classes I taught in the afternoons. The informal atmosphere provided the opportunity for me to answer a lot of questions that individuals had.



**HONDURAS:** When I arrived in Honduras the following week I found out that only 2 of the students who had finished all of their courses for the DVD College and Seminary felt they were ready to tackle the oral exams. Both students did well and the others assured me that they will be ready to be a part of the next graduation. I was very pleased to find out that several of last year's graduates are already pastoring in area churches.

When Pastor Maldonado realized that we wouldn't need a whole week for oral exams he got into high gear and planned a Bible Conference for the extra time we would have. Pastors came from as far away as

Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras and many from Mexico and El Salvador. They were hungry to learn. Most of these men lack training and they are not satisfied to stay that way. They want to study to show themselves approved unto God but they haven't had the opportunity. They're poor and going away to Bible College hasn't been an option for them. Right now, there are 10 new areas that desperately want me to give them that opportunity by opening branches of our DVD College in their churches; some in Honduras, some in Mexico and others in El Salvador. But this will mean a lot of expense. I estimate that it is going to cost about \$10,000 to provide the equipment and produce all of the materials necessary for that many new schools. The need is urgent; so please pray with us that God will work in the hearts of His people to provide the funds.

**WITH THE LORD:** For those of you who haven't heard, Elaine's mother, Audrey, went home to be with the LORD on February 11<sup>th</sup>. She became ill and was in the hospital less than a week so her death came as quite a shock to all of us. We held a memorial service for her here in L.A. and then her body was sent back to South Carolina where we had her funeral and she was buried next to Elaine's dad. She still had quite a few family members in that area as well as many dear friends from her former church. Our house feels empty without her. We miss her but rejoice that she is finally pain free and reaping the rewards of a life lived for God's honor and glory.



**THANK YOU:** Elaine's oncology appointment last week revealed no signs of a reoccurrence of cancer. Thank you so much for continuing to pray for her health.

We also want to express our appreciation for the many cards, calls, and emails that came our way when you heard about Elaine's mother. As a "family", we rejoice together when we see God pouring out His blessings, but we also suffer together when one of us is hurting. Thank you for taking the time to express your love.

We appreciate you so much; your faithful prayers and gifts make it possible for us to continue on in the job of reaching the lost and training leadership.

Your servants and His,

*Mike & Elaine McCubbins*