

# The McCubbins

Reaching the lost and Training leadership

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Dear Supporters,

**Chiapas Mexico:** In March I was in Chiapas Mexico for two weeks. The trip had its challenges. When I arrived at the airport in Villahermosa, my luggage wasn't there. The airlines assured me that I had nothing to worry about because they would have a courier travel the 6 hours necessary to deliver it to me the following day. At the time I wasn't too concerned since I had my lap-top, a change of clothes, and all my meds in my carry-on luggage which was with me.

To make a long story short, Mexican customs held my luggage "hostage" for 4 days before insisting that I would have to return to the airport in Villahermosa (12 hours round-trip) and pay customs fees on the Bible college materials that I had in my suitcases. Educational materials are supposed to be duty-free, but in this instance if I wanted my luggage I would have to pay.

I was so thankful for Pastor Erminio Encinos. He had already made that long trip once to pick me up at the airport, but he graciously made it again. He knew that I needed my clothes but more importantly the churches needed the Bible College materials that I had taken for them.

My meetings were in Tzeltal Indian churches all over the State of Chiapas. I had an entourage of pastors who traveled with me. Services lasted all day with a break for lunch, and then we would eat supper around 10PM after the last service. We would then stay the night and head off early the next morning to the next church, sometimes hours away. It was a rough schedule.



I had to have a translator in 11 of the 12 churches that I spoke in. Those in attendance were all Mexican but they did not speak Spanish; they spoke Tzeltal which is an indigenous language that does not resemble Spanish at all.



I found it interesting that the women in these churches did not sit with their husbands in the services. When I asked about it I was told that it was so they could fit more people into the building. They said that the men were not comfortable sitting close to women that were not their wives; if they sat separately they could all bunch up and make room for more people. Brilliant idea!



Another interesting fact that I found out was that the particular pattern on the women's skirts and blouses indicated the town in which they were born.

As we traveled from church to church, I taught through the entire book of Ephesians providing a continuous study for the pastors who were traveling with me.

Thank you for praying for me. God blessed my time there; believers were strengthened and 15 individuals trusted Christ as Savior.

**Chetumal, Mexico:** In May I spent a week in Chetumal, Mexico. Once again they had me traveling from church to church, sometimes 2 in one day. I taught in 10 different churches.



**The Binzels:** Thank you for praying for the Binzels. Lord willing they will be arriving from Honduras on July 21st. As you can imagine, we are busy making all the necessary preparations. Please pray that they won't face any last minute visa problems.

Thank you so much for continuing to pray for us and support our ministry. We love you all and thank God for you!

*Your servants and His,*

*Mike and Elaine McCubbins*