

# *The McCubbins*

## Reaching the Spanish-speaking for Christ

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Dear Supporters,

Greetings from Los Angeles! I'm sure you all saw on the news that we had quite a "shaker" on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July here in California. Praise God, the 5.4 magnitude earthquake didn't do any serious damage but it definitely rattled our nerves as the ground shook underneath us. It brought back vivid memories of the Northridge earthquake that we experienced in 1994.

This has been a very busy summer. In June we traveled to Mexico with our granddaughter, Jasmine, for a week of rest and relaxation, and then on to Honduras for a week of meetings. I laugh to myself when I say that we "rested" in Mexico because Mike swam at least a mile a day and then spent most of the day at the computer working on the materials that he would be presenting in Honduras. He already had his studies completed but decided to add Power Point Slides to them to improve the quality of his presentations. Having Jasmine along on the trip proved to be helpful, as she is a real Power Point whiz and was able to teach her granddad a few things.

When we left Mexico, Isaias Casas, the young man who has been helping us for the last couple of months with the DVD editing, met up with us. We thank God for Isaias, he has been a real answer to prayer. He's a member of our church who's fluent in English and Spanish. Mike trained him and he began working four mornings a week doing nothing but video editing. It has taken a tremendous load off of Mike, whose time is far better spent writing new materials, rather than editing the class DVD's.

When Isaias found out that we were going to Honduras he asked us if he could go. He wanted to see first hand, the seminary classes that are using the DVDs that he edits. He was especially interested in the work in Puerto Cortes, Honduras because we have to work so hard to stay ahead of them with the class materials that they need. The trip was a great experience for him.



Mike, Elaine, Jasmine & Isaias



The students in Puerto Cortes are the most enthusiastic students we have ever seen. They take their studies very seriously. This is the first opportunity that they have ever had to receive formal Bible training. **Our DVD Seminary has opened that door to them.** Pictured above is the *evening session* of one of the Seminary classes. The same class is also offered in an *afternoon session* which allows the students to choose the class time that best fits their work schedule. The pastor oversees both class sessions, answering questions and giving the exams. Pray that God will use these classes to equip strong leaders for the local church.



**Another door has opened to us.** Lord willing, Mike will fly to Caracas, Venezuela next month to visit a work that is interested in using our curriculum. We're excited about this opportunity. From there, he will be traveling to Uruguay and Paraguay for meetings. Pray for him. He will be cramming a lot of teaching sessions into those 3 weeks.

**Pray for the work here in Los Angeles.** A young couple from our church went to get their marriage license last week. When they found the County Clerk's office full of men the couple thought that they were in the wrong place, but then realized that those men were all there to get marriage licenses as well. Truly these are evil days in which we live.

In closing, we want to thank you for your faithfulness in helping to make this outreach possible. We recognize the tremendous role you play and trust that God will richly bless you as you continue to pray and to give. Thank You!!

Your servants and His,

**Mike and Elaine McCubbins**