

TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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QUERETARO, MEXICO

Rose and I have just returned from two weeks *south of the border*. Queretaro is a large city (million and a half) about a three-hour drive from Mexico City. It is in the interior and at an altitude of over 6,000 feet. For several years the **Wylie** congregation, where Rose and I worship, has been helping to support the preacher there, **Miguel Arroyo**. In November the Queretaro church celebrated the 10th anniversary of the excellent school of preaching they operate. Miguel is the director and through the years has been the primary teacher. A few local Mexican preachers help and several brethren from the United States have assisted through the years. I have been down to teach nine times since my first trip in 2001. Usually two courses are taught each session and I have worked with some great co-teachers; **Claude Brown**, **Kenny Gardner** and **Jerry Morgan**. This session there was just one subject—the book of **Daniel**. There are ten full-time students in the school. The director and students from another preacher training school came to study Daniel with us. They were from **Torreón**, about an 11-hour drive to the north. Miguel said this kind of cooperation is very unusual among the schools in Mexico and hopes there will be more of it in the future. Our classes were in the evening so more people could come. I thought the participation from the local church was excellent. In total, about 50 were in attendance each night. We studied from six until nine, Monday through Friday, and then we ate together before going home. The Christians there eat together *often!* They are very efficient at preparing such meals and thoroughly enjoy these occasions. And the food is great!!

This congregation, Central, has an attendance of about 150 on Sunday mornings. They are very active in many good works and have been a great influence for good in the area. Several other congregations in the city have begun from this one. They are growing...we witnessed two baptisms while there. Visiting teachers are often given the opportunity to preach and this time I spoke on both of the Sunday mornings we were there.

Here is the reminder I promised you in my last report! I will leave on Thursday, March 6th for three weeks in Kremenchuk, Ukraine. As always, I will be taking funds to help the poor—especially the orphans and abandoned children in that city. My reports through the past several years have praised this good work and the Christians in that city for all they do to make it possible. Money to help must reach me by Wednesday, the 5th. Again this year Wylie is having a special contribution for the effort the Sunday before I leave.

My next report will come to you as soon as I return from Ukraine. Details will be given of that work and I'll mention some of the exciting opportunities coming up during the rest of the year. Rose and I ask for your prayers and thank God for your help and encouragement in our work.

Your coworker,

Ronald Coleman