



"...I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." -Matt. 25:35 -36

LIFE IN "PARADISE"

The region of Mexico where we live is often referred to as the Mayan Riviera. For the 400,000 tourists who visit here each day, life at the resorts is described as luxurious, serene, and even as a paradise.



We wouldn't know. We've never been to one, and that world is a far cry from the world that we see around us each day. For us, and those that we minister to, this life is no "day at the beach." We work with families and individuals in crisis. Each day we minister to those who are facing the worst situation of their life. One day it is a family that is being evicted; another day it is a woman whose husband has abandoned her and her children; and another day we are helping a widow whose grown son has taken all her money. This is the day-to-day reality of ministry here in "paradise."

FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Hunger and food insecurities are a major issue here when minimum wage is \$9 a day. The family pictured above were having a get together to celebrate a Mexican holiday. Their "feast" consisted of a bowl of corn kernels and corn tortillas. They were overjoyed when we showed up with two dozen hotdogs- the leftovers from a expat cookout.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are not usually a part of a poor family's diet. We recently brokered a deal with a grower to get oranges in bulk for about 30 cents a pound. The smiles on the faces of the families receiving bags of oranges was priceless.

You may have recognized Yamileht (left), pictured here with her cousin and some of our oranges. She is flourishing after her surgery (thanks to our generous donors) and loves being able to regularly go to school and to church.





BILINGUAL CHURCH

Church leaders at Bible Fellowship/Comunidad Biblica church (one of the ministries of Living Faith Ministries International) lead the congregation as they pray with family members at the church's second baby dedication.

What began almost two years ago as a small Bible study for English-speaking expats in Puerto Morelos has quickly grown into a full-fledged bilingual church averaging about 40 people in attendance each week. Church members are active volunteers in the work of Living Faith Ministries and are so thankful to have the encouragement and support of a church family in Mexico.

GETTING ESTABLISHED IN MEXICO

We are in the process of establishing a Mexican nonprofit, Ministerios de Fe Viva, which will be a subsidiary of Living Faith Ministries. This will allow us to purchase property, have a business bank account, and receive donated goods from local businesses.



Urgent Prayer Requests

- Funds to purchase or build a community ministry center.
- Smooth completion of our petition to be recognized as a nonprofit in Mexico.
- Churches willing to partner with us as donors and/or by sending mission teams to Puerto Morelos.
- Good health and energy to minister to all the needs God shows us here.

Donor of the Month

Our donor of the month is **Ron Presley** of Nokomis, Florida. Ron has been a major donor for many of our projects and his financial support is only matched by his generous encouragement and prayer support.