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2014 Mexico Report

Ensenada, Baja Mexico

On Tuesday, July 8, 18 people left Grand Rapids for Ensenada, Baja, Mexico. Of the ten teens, seven were new to MOSES and nine were new to this trip. Of the eight adults, all but two had been to Mexico previously with MOSES. Two other adult leaders joined us in Mexico, having gone a week early to put on the VBS Teachers' Conference. While traveling, we made a few different stops. We drove over the state line into Arizona and stopped at Widow Rock, the picturesque headquarters of the Navajo Nation. We had 2 fifteen-passenger vans and two cargo trailers, so there was more than adequate space for people to stretch out and rest. We made decent time, arriving at Pequeños Hermanos Children's Home in the late morning. Our waking up time was 6:30 the entire week, due to the fact that we wanted to have team devotions before breakfast. *Cont. next page >>*



The meeting place was the church (on the north side of Ensenada) which was fairly near to both work sites. Some rode in Pastor Ernesto's truck to their worksite—always an experience! One of the buildings was to be a community center of sorts, where neighborhood children could be fed. The other was to be an extension of a home that was much too small. This one, instead of being built on a cement slab, had to be constructed with long "stilts" and a wooden floor on the steep hillside—a very challenging piece of architecture.

Meanwhile, those committed to helping with VBS were working with Nancy to learn the materials. Several resident children from the home joined us to help. They practiced songs, puppet shows, games, crafts and even peanut butter and jelly sandwich making (this seems silly, but we need to crank out 50-100 sandwiches in a short period of time and keep the flies off them until we're ready to serve!) On Sunday, we were privileged to attend Iglesia Principe de Paz, Prince of Peace Church, which is Pastor Ernesto's church. We were warmly welcomed and blessed by them. We had some excellent musicians on this trip: several guitarists, a couple of percussionists and many great vocalists. A total of seven churches (four in the morning and three in the afternoon) were assisted with their VBS programs, all new ones to MOSES. The construction van got home just in time for dinner each night, putting in some very long hours. This was crucial to the completion of the two buildings. On Thursday afternoon the VBS teams joined the construction crews for the house blessings. We circle the house if possible, with hands joined. We sing our song and Pastor Ernesto prays. Then, a crew member presents the new owner with a Bible signed by all team members who worked on that building. S/he also presents the keys. It's a very emotional time. All too soon, it was time to pack up, load the vans and trailers and say goodbye to our friends in Ensenada. Thanks be to God for another safe and blessed trip!



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Mississippi Update:

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