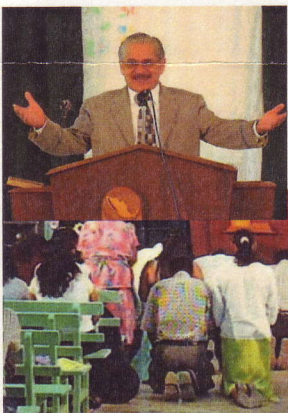


# Greetings from Mexico

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Once again we report a tremendous Congress in the month of February! We were back in the church in Cancun where we had to cancel when hurricane Wilma went through and devastated the area some years back. This was a special time as we were able to honor 31 graduates who have been in the ministry for between 5 and 18 years! Dr. Daniel Haifley and Dr. Steven Hite from Indiana Fundamental Bible College were present to participate in this event!



In March we were back in Chalchocoyo for the 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference where once again the people were challenged and uplifted each day with powerful preaching and lots of special music. The altar was filled each night as hearts were touched. In spite of the financial crisis, there was still a tremendous attendance!

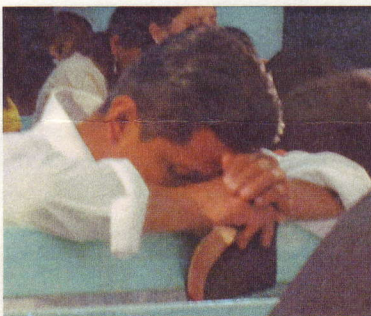


Our hearts were stirred as fervent prayers went up for our brethren in Coamacaco, one of the churches of Grupo Azteca. Valente has been counseling them, and had an appointment to speak with the authorities on their behalf. On the 13th of April, they are to have a meeting with the town's people to decide what to do with these Christians. The



man on the far left (with his wife, son and in-laws at his side) was tied up with ropes and taken from his home during the wee hours of the morning. He spent several hours at the police station where they finally let him go, but not without frightful threats from the fanatical Catholics of the town of hanging him (he ran to escape at that point and they did not follow him) tearing down the church, and burning the Christians' homes! The offense? Not paying their

"dues" to the Catholic church (as is required of everyone living there) and refusing to take part in their festivities! (Even as we write this letter, he is spending the night with us, after having come for counsel and encouragement.)



Here he is again, when he came forward during the conference in Chalchocoyo. He has experienced the persecution, along with others from his church, but is armed with even more determination to stand firm and not compromise his convictions...come what may!

***Please pray for these brethren and others in our churches as the "enemy" is becoming more and more aggressive in these last days. Pray also for protection and wisdom for Valente as he intercedes on their behalf. We thank all of those who have sent us e-mails assuring us of your prayers for these brethren. If you want to keep up on the progress, write to us by e-mail and we will send you brief reports as things happen.***

Thank you, once again, from the bottom of our hearts, for your prayers, support, and interest in the ministry here in Mexico where God has called us to serve. We especially appreciate your sacrificial gifts—knowing that times are difficult. May God bless you abundantly in return!

Rejoicing in the service of the King,