

TOLUCA NEWS

DECEMBER/2009/ REPORT ZEPEDA'S FAMILY (TOLUCA, MÉXICO)



Church News

Death has been around the Church



It's hard to explain but is a life reality...whether we want it or not, it happens anyway...and that is death. It's a fact that death causes pain to those that stay, and confusion to the unbelievers...because for those of us that are Christians, death is the last step to heaven...Revelations 14:13.

I want to let you all know that death has been very near to church members here in Toluca on 2009. In some cases brothers from the church have died, in other cases they lost a family member.

Deaths of the Year

January: Conchita Ovando, she was our sister in Christ, she lived in front of the church building, mom of Juanita. Nicolás González Montes, he was our brother in Christ. He was the father of a family of brothers in Christ that we dearly love.

March: Carlos Franco, husband of Chelos and father of Pepe Franco who are brothers in Christ. Ivonn Saenz' dad died, another sister in Christ.

April: Edith Reneaum cousin, she's our sister in Christ. He visited several times.

May: Polo Sosa's dad, Polo y and his entire family are our brothers in Christ.

July: Arturo Victoria, was a devoted brother in Christ, he was missing a leg, but he had a huge heart.

September: Dr Luis Enrique Pérez's dad, Luis and his family are our brothers. Two brothers from Oregon, who were really close friends with Raul and Kim Solis.

October: Blanquita Castro's mom, her and her sister Oralia are faithful members.

Felipe Barranco's mom, she was baptized, Felipe and his family are all Christians and working at a new congregation here in Toluca.

November: I was informed of the death of Joel Nájera, he was the president of the Religious Association of the Church of Christ in Mexico. I worked with him very closely when I was the Secretary of the Religious Association.

Almost every month someone die, also have baptisms. Women's in October 6 got baptized, we had 22



The congregation has been really active.

In July we had a VBS called "Avalancha" in August we started ILEB's new school year. In September we had our typical Mexican Night. In October we had the Women's Reunion. In November we had a Seminar called "The Challenge of Love" and Youth Rally, we had 110 teens attend, in between other things.

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ILEB News

Overboard ILEB Classes



August 19th ILEB classes started each class last 5 weeks. During the school year we will be covering 60 different classes for the 3 different grades we have for the Institute.

Last August I taught a workshop in prayer for the last grade students of the Institute. We all learned a lot together, and we're praying for the 3 families that have scholarships. This family's will finish up their studies this year and will hopefully graduate this



July. These families will lose their economical support once they graduate, therefore we're praying that God will open up doors so that these families can find support so they can keep on working full time for the Church using all their gifts and abilities.

During this school year there have been several branches of ILEB opened, with the purpose of preparing ladies and gentlemen to serve the Lord. We have now 15 different branches around Mexico and other Latin-American countries. These are: Cuautitlan, San Mateo, Celaya, Guanajuato, San Miguel, Toluca, Torre Blanca, Monterrey, Cozumel, San Luis Potosí, Ciudad Victoria, Notario Canada and David in Panama.

"Family News

Getting used to the Changes

Great things have happen. Jaret our youngest got baptized, in July and is now in high school. He will start his 2nd semester in February.



Alin, who is a chef, is now working for a Cruise line. She's in the Century ship now. She had to fly to Barcelona, Spain to get on board. She's been working there for the past 2 months and since last month and for the rest of her time at the Cruise she will be traveling at the Caribbean.



My wife and I went to Oaxaca back in October, to teach a couples seminar and in November we did this same seminar here in Toluca, the seminar was title: "The Love Challenge"



Prayers Request: We ask for your prayers on our behalf, for the Church here in Toluca, for the Bible Institute (ILEB) and for the Christian Chronicle in Spanish.

In Christ Love
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The Christian Chronicle in spanish

A news paper for the Spanish speaking Christian community

The Chronicle keeps on being requested by our Hispanic brothering. Almost every moth I get letter from El Salvador, Cuba, Spain and many parts of Mexico where they ask us to keep on creating this important communication via.

The brothering in Cuba keep on encouraging us to send this news paper, they have commented plenty of times how encouraging it's to receive it. On 2007 and 2008 I had the opportunity to travel to Cuba for the National Preachers Reunion. The people there as soon as they new I was the editor of the Christian Chronicle in Spanish started telling me wonderful things that encouraged me to keep making.

Almost every day I get e-mails from different people asking to get the Chronicle or sending reports that wish can be published, some write just to send their greetings and many more send us encouraging notes.

The purpose of the Christian Chronicle in Spanish is to inform and unite the Spanish speaking brothering around the world, and I believe that this purpose is being met. Here lately I've gotten in contact with other brothers that work on little Christian news papers in Spanish, and they have requested that we exchange articles and other information.



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