

Guadalajara Chronicles: Wayne and Sandy DeYoung

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the joys of working in Mexico is not having to shovel snow. But one of the negatives is not living in the UP of Michigan during the beautiful fall season. Wow that was beautiful! People often ask us which country we enjoyed living in the most or where we liked our ministry the best. Usually I have replied that each country has its advantages and disadvantages, but as far as ministry is concerned they are all the same.

Wherever we are able to share the gospel and see men, women, and children come to a saving knowledge in Christ, we feel extremely blessed. That has been the mission of our lives, and it has been fulfilled here in Mexico as well as in the UP of Michigan, Puerto Rico, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Haiti.

Our next greatest blessing is seeing the national leaders that we work with catch the wind in their sails and start sharing their faith everywhere they go. This too is happening here in Guadalajara, Mexico. Many of these leaders share their faith on the streets, at the open markets (called tianguis), at schools, on the public buses, in hospitals, prisons, and in their neighborhoods too.

Marily is one of those special evangelists that I will never forget. She has led her family members and many others to Christ including her husband during the past year. She just breaks out crying when she talks about the lost. She has started numerous Bible studies during this past year. She often shares in the open air market where she has a weekly booth and people listen. She is so faithful in ministry and attends every church meeting possible. She loves the new believers with a depth of love that I have rarely seen in 40 years of ministry. Her passion is contagious. She was an

orphan, daughter of an alcoholic father who abandoned her at 4 yrs old along with her new born brother. She was a 14 year old bride and mother who ran away and abandoned her own daughter (and later reconciled). She knows lostness as few do. She learned to read just 4 yrs ago. Last week she was testifying how she witnessed to one of the tough, calloused thieves of the neighborhood and he listened to the gospel message. She was thrilled! We prayed in our church group that the Lord through his Holy Spirit would change this young man's life.



Marily with her son Santos in the background at the drums.

Thanks for your prayers that more Christians here will catch the wind in their sails and reach out to the millions of lost here in Guadalajara.

Your coworkers in Christ,

Wayne and Sandy De Young