

Mexico: Lesson created from NMI Central

“Valentines for Jesus” is the Children’s project for churches on the East TN District. The goal for this project was \$10,000.

However, our children in our churches raised \$18,267.71.

Send ALL “Valentines for Jesus” to John Butler, PO box 173, Cowan, TN 37318.

W&WTeam from E TN will go to Tapachula, Mexico, January 31-February 6, to finish up some projects on the dormitory, while staying in the dormitory!

The work of the Church of the Nazarene officially began in 1908. However, The Texas Holiness Union moved to South Mexico in 1904, making Mexico one of the earliest Nazarene mission fields. Mexico now has a population of 128.9 million, and the official language is Spanish.

Mexico is between the USA and Guatemala. Tapachula (where the South District campground is located) is between Acapulco and Guatemala.

NMI Central facts

Give audience member the following facts well ahead of time:

*76,291 Members

*693 Organized church and 196 not yet organized churches across 15 districts

*303 District licensed and 606 ordained ministers

*12 missionaries serving FROM Mexico

Have the facts read, and have audience members match them to the symbols.

Prayer Requests: 1. Church planting project: “RENUUEVA” to raise up 250 young adults to become church planters
2. Continuous growth of the church in Mexico.
3. Church leadership in Mexico: Mitchel Ramos, W&W Coordinator, District Superintendent Roberto Lopez, South Border District, and local leadership
4. South Border district, where “Valentines for Jesus” dormitory is being built on the district campground.

Praises: 1. We praise God for the faithfulness of local churches that continue contributing to the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene through World Evangelism Fund.

2. We praise God for missionaries, like Mitchel Ramos, now being called from Mexico to Africa! Mitchel is supervising the dormitory project!

From Mexico to Kenya: As young Mexican missionary, from the South Border district, prepares to be W&W coordinator for Africa Nazarene University, we praise God for Nazarene Missionaries from 63 world areas!

Early on in construction of dormitory, our former Links missionary, Shelley Webb, called to say, “Please PRAY! The cement truck, delivering a load of concrete needed for the foundation of the dormitory, turned over as it made the turn onto the campground. The

concrete was spilled out, but no one was injured. It could have taken days, even weeks, until the mess was cleaned up and another truck was sent. However, God intervened, and the mess was cleaned up, another concrete truck arrived, and construction resumed in a couple of days!

E TN Kids, celebrated their “Valentines for Jesus” project in Mexico, at 8 different stations at the Kids’ Mission Jamboree. Here, they are making maracas to use for the Mexican hat dance, “working on “patient,” District Superintendent Ron DeWitt,” at “Clinic Medica,” (medical clinic) and playing “Mexican Jumping Bean” (hopscotch using Spanish numbers).

E TN Kids continued celebrating by doing Crisis Care Kit relay race, and eating delicious cold Mexican fruit.

The “Clean Water” station brought a surprise reward: Pastors Edwin and Luz Rivera taught children a Bible verse, in English and Spanish. Then Pastor Luz was delighted to see the children being taught about how many children around the world carry water, often on their heads, so their family can have clean water. The children then had a water carrying relay. She surprised us by sharing with the children how she had carried water for her family as a little girl growing up in her home country: Mexico!

NMI LEADERS CAN ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL “KIDS MISSION JAMBOREE: CELEBRATING VALENTINES FOR JESUS IN MEXICO” ACTIVITIES AT <http://etnmi.org/east-tn-kids-resources/>.