



RMFI's International Connections

**Making A Difference in Mexico:
From The Bible college in San Fernando,
and new churches cropping up in Acuna,
Mexico, to teaching English and Spanish in
Pyipa, Chiapas, Mexico**

Entrenamiento De Fe: School of Evangelism

Brother Benjamin dreamed of a Bible College, started by him and his wife. The college is being built and continues to grow. However; he wants to make sure the school continues when he can no longer be with the school. The ultimate goal of the school is to be self-sustaining. The school is held for four months in the fall of each year and is packed with intensive Bible teaching classes. The classes are held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. five days a week and on the week-ends, the students are taken to different areas to preach, lead praise and worship, being taught servanthood. The students come from all over Mexico and the only require-

A Share in Christ's Work Through Year-end Giving

A Christian research firm is predicting a decline in end-of-year giving to churches and non-profit organizations. That projection is based on a recent survey conducted by The Barna Group, which found that churches are already feeling the effects of the economic meltdown. George Barna believes many churches and non-profits operate on the same strategy. "This is

normally the big giving time of the year -- and so during the first three quarters of the year, many churches and even many non-profit organizations engage in some deficit spending, knowing that the final quarter of the year is when they make it up because... people tend to give more generously during that time of the year," he contends. "This is going

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Please feel free to share this newsletter with your congregation, family, friends and visitors.

ment of the school is that their Pastor recommends them and that they have the calling of God on their lives.

New efforts are being conducted to compile a list of every visitor and worker that comes to the school for future prosperity. Without help from outside resources, the goal will not be reached. Please take time to send your contact information and share your testimony of when and how you have contributed to Entrenamiento De Fe: School of Evangelism (PO Box 627 San Benito, TX 78586).

Bro. Benjamin has offered to come to the States, to promote the school, by visiting

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to be a tight period of time." Barna says churches probably will not be able to make up budget shortfalls and should plan their events and outreaches accordingly. The survey was conducted with a random sample of 1,200 adults. *OneNewsNow - 12/18/2008*

Ways to Give

As you do your tax planning, we hope you will consider making

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- **RMFI Chairman:**
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*Doing your tax
planning is a part of
good stewardship*

2009 Calendar

- **January 20th** – *Presidential Inauguration*
- **January 23rd** - *License Renewal Weekend Service Friday Evening at Christian Community Church Brady, TX– 7:00 p.m.*
- **January 24th**—Saturday morning 8:00 a.m. *Business Meeting and 10:00 Service*

- **February 6th** – Prayer Conference 7:00 p.m. Victory Harvest Church-Menard, TX – *Pray for what's coming in '09*
- **February 7th** – 10:00 a.m. Victory Harvest Church-Menard, TX- *Ministers in Leadership*
- **February 14th** – *Valentine's Day*

- TBA— **March** open for *Ladies Retreat* in Brady – Ladies normally attend rally in Columbus, TX

- **April 12th** – *Easter Sunday*
- **April 17th** – *Jim Hester's Missionary Banquet* – High Point Church in Arlington
- **April 25th, 26th, 27th** *Revival* - CCC-Brady with *Derek Stennett*
- **April 28th thru May 1st** – New Life Refuge Ballinger - *Revival with Derek Stennett*

- **May** – *Hyatt's* may possibly go to *Singapore*

- **June 17-21st** – *Camp Meeting* in Brady (possibly Junction) (incorporating Mission Conference one day)
- **June 21st** – *Father's Day*

- Before **August** – *Bro. Richard* will go to *San Fernando* to work at the Bible College for a week
- **Early August** – *RA & Justin Mission trip to Pyipa, Chiapas, Mexico*
- **August 10th** – *San Fernando Bible College begins Semester of Teaching*
- **August 21st** – Christian Community Church, Brady, TX - Friday night 7:00 *Anniversary Service*
- **August 22nd** – Christian Community Church, Brady, TX - Saturday 8:00 a.m. *Board meeting and 10:00 Service*

- **October** – two possible *Women's Conferences in San Fernando* hosted by Suzanne Wheeler
- **October 25th** – tentative date for Christian Community Church *Stew/Chili Supper*

- **November 1st** – *Daylight Savings Time ends – Fall Back*
- **November 26th** Thursday – *Thanksgiving Day*

- **December 7th** – *San Fernando Bible College Graduation*
- **December 10, 11, 12th** – *RMFI Retreat – Tentative Date*

(Cont'd from Page 1) different churches. If you would like to get on his calendar, please contact him. Thanks to everyone who came and helped this school year. We know many sacrificed to travel the long distance to help and show support. Yes, the school is tax-exempt, however, all U.S. funds will pass thru Revival Ministers Fellowship International (RMFI) which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization to ensure deductibility through the Internal Revenue Service (RMFI, PO Box 1470 Alvarado, Tx 76009).

The Class of 2008

This year the age of the students ranged from 14 to 60 years old. A total of 15 students, 9 were ladies and 6 were men. They were of different ages and cul-



tural backgrounds, but they all believed in God and wanted everything that He has to offer. The

staff prays everyday for the students, that they will continue serving God and listen to the Holy Ghost. After the four months of training is over, the students return to their villages, towns, and cities to preach and teach the word of God. Some of the Pastors that sponsor the students allow them to work in their Church but others must find their own place to start churches.

The school is totally free for the four months and registered students are fed, clothed, and are provided with a place to sleep and a Bible, if they don't have one. Students do not have to worry about anything except learning about God and the ministry that they will be called into. The director and the staff are NOT paid for their time or their teaching. Everything is totally donated with love for God. Bro. Benjamin reported to the school board that electricity to the school and a new



road from the village is planned for early 2009. Please keep this in your prayers. The School Board would like to encourage other ministers to come to the school and share with students and impart the gospel of Jesus Christ into the students.

Bible school needs for 2009

The School is in need of help in acquiring material and Bibles for the students every year. The Bibles need to be in Spanish and English, due to the fact that they attempt to teach English to the students. The materials and books that are used are Strong Concordances, Vine dictionaries, and the King James Bible, old and new testaments. Needed are workbooks, Spanish for the students and English for the staff; any donations will be greatly appreciated. There are no funds to purchase these items as the school runs totally by faith and donations. Bro. Larry Smith and Bro. George Wheeler come to the States as needed to pick up supplies and to pick up messages. Just a reminder that though the students are gone now, preparations are being made for the next semester of classes; school starts again in August 2009 and goes through the first week of December 2009.



Another need comes from Sister Claudia who knows of someone in another town that has land to possibly donate for the building of a church. The school would oversee it and it would be a place for the students to preach. The people in the village meet outside in the open air now. Please keep this need on your prayer list.

Newsletter notes

R.A. and Arlene Evans will be incorporating the School of Evangelism in with the RMFI newsletter for the next couple of editions (Dr RA Evans 2668 A&M Ave San Angelo, TX 76904). In the future, the Entrenamiento De Fe newsletter will be printed every two months by Suzanne Wheeler with assistance from Miriam Dominguez who will translate it into Spanish.

Praise

Sister Claudia was in need of a vehicle to get her to and from her house, church, and school. She had been walking or finding a ride when she needed to minister to individuals in need or come to the school to teach classes. Members of RMFI and supporting churches collected the funds and Brother Larry Smith found a car and delivered it to Sister Claudia before graduation in December.

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Bible College in San Fernando, Mexico

<http://www.petra.cc>

What can your church do in 2009 ????

Take a look at this list. As you think through your 2009 goals as a church, use this checklist to help you plan your evangelism strategy.

1. What can increase your focus or attention on evangelism/missions?
2. What evangelism tools can cause you to think outside the box?
3. What does your heart desire for reaching your community?
4. What might help you transition from attractional thinking ("come & see") to thinking more incarnationally ("go and tell")?
5. What preaching and teaching can remind you and the church to get lost in the wonder of the grace and mercy of the cross?
6. What strategies and ideas moves our focus off of ourselves onto others?
7. What might lead to a "crisis of belief" for many of your members that move to action?
8. What programs and studies might push you way out of your comfort zone?
9. What series or course might encourage your church to face the reality of missions?
10. How can you rock the boat and make the complacent people engage?
11. How can you grow the various levels of Christian maturity in your church?
12. How can you challenge those who are serious about their faith in your congregation?
13. What goals can turn the inward church outward?
14. What is it about your programming and planning that will allow you to glorify Christ this year?
15. What are you doing to help new believers become followers of Christ?

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<http://www.evangelismcoach.org/2008/what-can-you-church-do-in-2009>

Away to Share Your Faith: Duty Free

My wife and I enjoy flipping through the "duty free" magazines available in the seat pocket of our flights to Mexico. The beauty of "duty free" is convenience and no tax! No matter what country you're from or what currency you use, on the airplane, you pay zero tax or fees on any item you choose to purchase.

The Bible teaches that God's gift of salvation works the same way. No one pays tax. In fact, no one pays for the product. No one jumps through a certain set of hoops to obtain God's mercy gift of salvation. Club Unconditional Love memberships are not for sale or trade, and cannot be bought off eBay.

If you're in the market for the unconditional love of God, total and complete forgiveness of sin, elimination of all sin, guilt, shame and wrong doing, look no further than a seat pocket in front of you! It's available for all who desire it and the best part is—it's totally duty free!

The Bible says: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3:5 - New King James Version)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1 KJV)

Translated: Faith is to believe what you do not yet see, the reward for this faith is to receive what you believe.

RMFI Board Retreat

Eleven couples met at the Roddy Tree Ranch Retreat Center in Hunt, Texas for a 2-day planning retreat for the upcoming year. Fun, Food and Fellowship was enjoyed by all. Those attending were: Richard and Dorene Evans, Marshall & Darlene Hall, Gordon & Brenda North, Gary & Linda Wallis, Gerry & Irene Gossett, Charles & Aurelia Stokes, Kenneth & Kay Plumley, George & Suzanne Wheeler, Justin, Heather, & Hanna McFarland, Kenneth & Cynthia Hyatt and R.A. & Arlene Evans. Bro. Justin and Bro. Gerry blessed the group with praise and worship singing and Bro. Kenneth Plumley brought a Word for Families for 2009.

Mexico: Christmas 2008 with Walthall Ministry

Praise God for a glorious Holiday Season. We had a wonderful time in Acuna, Mexico – December 19th & 20th. We took Christmas to 2 different churches – Pastor Elias Perez’s church, Mt. Zion and Pastor Alma Rosa and Alejandro Cordona’s church, Sendero de Amor (Pathway or Roadway of Love).

Friday night was with Pastor Elias. They had reserved a Community Building as their church is a structure with a roof and blue tarp sides that roll up and down. We are looking forward to helping Pastor Elias build a new church. We were excited about a nice warm building to have Christmas in. The church has a “feed hall” and the children are street children that they feed. As many missions go – this one got exciting! This activity was to start at 4:00 p.m., however the crowds started coming at 2:00 p.m. We had to lock the doors with us inside. Pastor Elias’s church family helped us prepare the gift bags. Pastor Elias was at a loss about what to do. There was a courtyard outside with the building surrounding it. Two different bands from two churches were playing outside, keeping the people occupied. We had 2 pinatas for children in the courtyard. Finally, we had the bags finished and Pastor Elias, his elders and all of us circled for prayer. We had 350 gift bags and 9 cases of fruit and no telling how many people outside. The problem was, the lady who managed the community building had told the whole community about the party. We knew we couldn’t just open the doors. So Paster Elias and the elders opened the courtyard doors and let in only a few at a time. We were nearly out of gifts when Bro. Justin McFarland and 2 young men from Mason came riding in. It felt like the Calvary had rolled in. P. T. L. They came baring gifts. After gift distribution, the folks were leaving through the front door where Bro. Dewey had kept guard holding it closed. He was exhausted! After the gift seekers left, the Churches had worship and their drama teams performed in the courtyard. Yea!

Saturday morning we went to Alejandro & Alma Rosa’s church. We fixed 175 gift bags. We had a glorious time of Worship and gave out the gift bags in an orderly fashion. Phew! P.T. L.

We were so blessed to have so many gifts and we purchased 15 cases of fruit. So many people blessed our ministry to Mexico. We thank RMFI, The River Church in Mason, Temples of Worship Church in Brady, George & Suzanne Wheeler and our Great Mother Church – Christian Community Church of Brady. Our team worked so hard in perfect unity. They were Marty Carr, Sister Alice Brown, Tyra Williams, Cobby Goetz and Marcy Dunham, Bro. Justin

McFarland and his youth and Dewey and Lavonne Walthall. We are looking to God for great things in 2009.

We continue Prison Ministry and are seeing the mighty move of God there. God has really connected us in Mexico. We have faithfully been supporting two different Feed Halls. These Feel Halls feed children one meal a day six days a week. One of the Feed Halls is a two room house that we have been renting. Now the rent is going up so we are being forced to look at another location. Since returning from Acuna in September, we are looking at some property and have made some plans we are praying over..

Pastor Elias Perez told us when we were there that his only means of travel was an old van that has broken down. Sister Perez and ladies from their church family do all the cooking for the Feed Hall. The vehicle was his means to get supplies for the Hall but even more so, it is his means to go



Site for the new church

into prisons to preach the word so he desperately needed a vehicle but we realized a good used serviceable vehicle was top priority. God truly blessed our efforts as the money came in from many different sources to purchase the suburban in the picture below. The suburban was a miraculous blessing for the

church and the people in Mexico.

We are looking at buying property and building a church and Feed Hall. His church is under a porch covering in front of the rented house. He also does services in the Barrio on a street corner. This is good ground for your seed and these humble people are so deserving of help. They ask nothing for themselves and so humbly serve wherever they can. We know no other way but to just come and ask our friends. If you can give a one time gift that would be such a blessing but even a greater blessing would be a monthly offering if God moves you to do so to help toward the building.

We love and appreciate all you have done over the years for Walthall Ministries.



We pray God’s richest blessings on you and your family this upcoming New Year. Praise The Lord!

**In His Grip,
Lavonne & Dewey
Walthall**

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Don't forget to send the highlights of what has been happening at your church so that others may rejoice in what God is doing in the BODY of Christ. Send your news to: **RA Evans**

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RMFI's International Outreach:

Have you ever wanted to experience a mission trip or a different culture? An opportunity to share the Gospel through teaching English to Spanish speaking adults and children is in the planning stages. An upcoming trip to Palenque and Pyipa, Chiapas, Mexico to teach English (speaking and reading) is being planned, if you would be interested in spending 10 days to two weeks abroad in Mexico. Our contact there is Bro. Juan, a faithful pastor of small, dedicated church. The church is still relatively new but much progress is being made in terms of the edifice. RMFI has thankfully had the opportunity to partner with them in financing some of their building projects. We have seen the completion of their sanctuary, their fellowship pavilion, and the sleeping quarters for visitors. Justin and RA are planning a trip in early August. If interested, please contact R.A. Evans at evans_r@raevans.com for more details

Reminder: January of each year is the time to renew licenses with RMFI. The weekend of January 23rd and 24th, 2009 has been set aside for Fellowship in Brady at Christian Community Church. Please plan to come and fellowship and renew your ministerial license. If you are unable to attend the weekend of services, please mail in your renewal to RMFI, P. O. Box 1470, Alvarado, TX 76009.

Please make plans to attend a Prayer Conference hosted by Rev. Kenneth and Cynthia Hyatt on February 6th and 7th, 2009 at Victory Harvest Church in Menard, TX. We will kick off the Prayer Conference with a service on Friday night February 6th at 7:00 p.m. "praying for what is coming in '09.. On Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. the focus will be "Ministers in Leadership".

Year-end Giving

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good use of the income tax charitable deduction you can get through RMFI. The fact is, your year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support for your community church or one of the other RMFI family ministry projects.

Regardless of your income, in most cases, you can lower the taxes you pay through charitable giving, of course, the amount of the income tax savings will depend on your tax bracket. However, we all know that giving is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts make an important difference in what we are able to accomplish.

If you itemize, you can lower your income taxes simply by writing a check to your local church and/or to RMFI by December 31st.

There is no easier way to garner a year-end charitable deduction. Through such an arrangement, you may be able to increase your income and make a meaningful (and tax-deductible) contribution at the same time.

According to the IRS, the typical American who itemizes deductions gives 3% of adjusted gross income.

The Bible says give 10% but you know everyone is different. Still, it does seem the proportion should rise with income — that those earning big bucks are better able to give a larger percentage than those barely scraping by are. If you really want someone to tell you how much is enough, I suppose you could do worse than to take a tip from God. God says 10%. Then again, when He was asked by the rich young ruler, He said give it all. That makes the 10%

sounds like a good figure. In fact, 30% is the IRS cutoff for deductibility.

Remember the tithe goes to your home church and then the gifts can go to the work of the many different organizations that help spread the gospel.

“Shine in ‘09”

Christianity is on the Line

Happenings from Christian Community Church Brady

According to Pastor Richard Evans, six new members have come forward recently to join the church. Watch-night service is planned for Wednesday, December 31st at 8:00 p.m. to ring in the New Year. Speakers for the evening will be Rev. Justin McFarland and Dr. RA. Evans Jr.