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Treasured Friends --- You're the best!

So many of you prayed for our "Mission to Mexico," and the Lord answered your prayers far beyond the scope of the "loaves and fish" we lovingly prepared for some 50 missionaries serving with the **UWM** (United Word Mission) across Mexico. We met in Cuernavaca, aptly called the "Garden City" just an hour's drive from the Capital. Mornings were spent in worship, study, reflection and prayer, while afternoons and evenings were set aside for rest, re-creation and some great Mexican food, shared with families and friends.

Below you can catch a glimpse of a few of the members of the worship team (foreground) and some of the participants just beyond. Most of these talented young musicians are either Mexicans preparing for Missions themselves or post-college young adults from the US and Canada, serving from 1 to 3 years with AVANCE ---a



great program that combines language learning, spiritual formation and mission outreach, alongside the National Church. Many have been so transformed in the process, that they have returned to Mexico as life-long missionaries. (Case in point: **Jonathan and Rocio Mikes** in our cover letter!)

The worship team was wonderfully led by **Cynthia Ramirez-Martinez** who is the granddaughter of our friends, Juan and Liz Isaías and daughter of Sally.

The team brought us into the Lord's presence, morning after morning. Following worship, one of us gave an exposition from **Philippians**. We had prepared and prayed these messages into our lives for several months previously and we were so conscious of the Lord's guiding and enabling us. After the conference, many expressed their appreciation for our vulnerability in sharing our struggles and God's grace over a lifetime.

After the teaching time, participants enjoyed 20 minutes for personal reflection and then an hour of sharing and prayer, in small groups. One man expressed his gratitude for all of us who prayed for them: "I came here almost spiritually DEAD and I thank God that He has brought me back to life again!".

All too soon we were on our way home again. During the long journey and 6 hour delay in San Francisco, both of us developed an overwhelmingly case of "Montezuma's Revenge!" In all the confusion, we somehow lost Jack's computer. To our joy, we are now well again and praising God for His provision of a much needed new computer for Jack! He's scurrying this evening to try to recover all his lost addresses! We're so glad he found yours!

This brings our love and heartfelt gratitude to you our faithful friends. How much of a difference it makes as you pray!

In His Love and Grace,

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