

Sharing the Gospel in Baratillo, Mexico

R. J., Anna Lee, and Charity Moss

"To know the will of God, we need an open Bible and an open map." - William Carey



Lupi desired to be baptized, yet took a long while for her to finally take that step of faith. As she walked into the water, her four year old son, Paco, screamed and cried, with tears pouring down his face, "Don't do it, Mama! NO!" I had wondered why he was so distraught until I was told their story. A few years before we arrived in the valley, Lupi had an older son who drowned in a flood. As a result of this tragedy, Lupi and her family had a great fear of drowning. However, wanting to show her commitment to God, she overcame her fear and was baptized. She came out of the water smiling, victorious over her new relationship with God and her conquest over one of her greatest fears.

Pictured to the right are Sophia, Charity, Gabi, and Dayana showing their "friendship connection".

Sophia and Gabi walk a three mile round trip hike in order to attend classes at the church to learn grammar, reading, and math. Anna is assisting some of the mother's in teaching their children, and this education is very important to them—enough to walk there regardless of the weather!

Some of the children attending the classes were walking there in thread-bare shoes which were ill-fitting. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, these children are now in shoes which fit well. This picture shows three of the local children "modeling" their new shoes as they have fun with Charity.



Sophia, Gabi, and Pacito are studying during one of our classes. Gabi and Sophia are quite competitive and race each other in giving the correct answers in class.



Words can be tricky:

Anna gets asked frequently about our family size and then, when the person asking finds out we have 7 children, wonders where our other children are since Charity is the only one with us in Mexico. Anna tries to explain that the others are grown now and are either working or attending college (or both). So she had been telling people that the other children are older than Charity—in Spanish, of course.

One day while telling this to a lady who speaks both Spanish and English, the lady began laughing. Anna asked her what was so funny and she said, “You are saying that your other children are ‘mucho mejor de Charity’. You have been saying that your other children are much BETTER than Charity, instead of much OLDER! You mean that your other children are ‘mucho mayor de Charity’. It sounds like you have Charity here to keep her in line!”



Children having fun at our family camp. The fellowship and activities were fun for all the families who were a part of this occasion. We hope to have many more in the future.



In September 2012, my family took the step of becoming a part of Vida Nueva Ministries. Vida Nueva is actively involved in ministering the gospel through various avenues, including Bible studies, church services, speaking at seminars, handing out Bibles and Bible related books, etc.

Beyond spreading God’s word to others, we also facilitate medical clinics to help with medical needs in the community. Family camps are a recent expansion to our ministry so that people who could not otherwise have an opportunity can enjoy a relaxed family-building time in the mountains of Mexico, hearing the word of God, having fun, and sharing with other families. All of these events are provided free of cost so that no one will be excluded due to a lack of funds.

Our family ministry also distributed shoes and clothing that have been donated from you, our supporters. Recently, I started helping parents in the area teach their children math, reading, and grammar so the children (and some adults) would have the advantage of a good education. R. J. has been involved in with the solar power and water supply for the camp, in addition to vehicle maintenance for the church vans, unloader, and other equipment. He also maintains and repairs the buildings, and assists the community with their needs.

However, we need financial assistance to continue working with this ministry in Mexico. So we are asking you to consider supporting us in two ways: 1. Pray for us daily. 2. To support our family in our own full-time position, we need 100 families to agree to contribute \$10.00 per month, or 50 families to send \$20.00 per month, etc. It takes about \$1000.00 minimally to support our family and we often buy books and school materials for the children which comes out of funds we receive. Optionally to providing a monthly commitment of support, a one-time contribution of any amount would help.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We could not do this work without your help. Please make your tax-deductible check out to Vida Nueva Ministries with Moss written in the memo portion of the check. Mail contributions to: **Vida Nueva Ministries, Attn: R J. and Anna Moss, 1001 S 10Th St , Ste G-529, McAllen, TX 78501-5049.**

We greatly appreciate your support.

Baratillo's 1st Family Camp



Families travel to Baratillo to participate in the 1st family camp conducted in the valley. It was a time of fellowship, ministry, and fun for all!



Prayer Requests

- Financial needs (see article inside newsletter)
- Healing from surgery for Marie Collins (Anna Lee's mother)
- Our children: their education, health, marriages, and jobs



The Moss Family 2014

A photo taken January 15, 2014 at the wedding of our son, Benjamin, to Bekah Dixon. This picture is of R.J. and I with all of our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren.

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