

Global training network

Providing believers with biblical tools for effective ministry

Prayer Letter - September 2007

SALTILLO, MEXICO MISSION TRIP— AUGUST 2007



The presenters are L to R: Janie Ratzlaff, Doris and Jim Craddock, Laurie Johnson, Bob Ratzlaff and Christi Craddock.

We praise God for our ministry time in Saltillo, Mexico from August 13-18! We are so thankful to Evangelical Mission Ministries and the Conference of Evangelical Missionary Churches for this opportunity to introduce biblical counseling and to teach and share from God's Word. The host pastors and churches welcomed us in a spirit of warmth and joy.

What followed was intense three, twelve-hour days as the GTN team shared with them the basics of biblical counseling along with practical applications from personal experiences. What a joy it was to minister together with these dedicated attendees.

Jim Craddock taught "Pneumanetics," which is the core material for anyone wanting to counsel from a biblical perspective. The subjects included: Sufficiency of Scriptures, Belief Systems, Absent Father, Father God and Spirit-filled life. Doris Craddock taught on emotions which included anger, bitterness and expectations. Bob Ratzlaff was our MC and also spoke on how to start a biblical counseling ministry and leadership. Janie Ratzlaff and Laurie Johnson talked on Health and Wellness Wisdom of Body, Soul and Spirit. Christi Craddock taught on building the church family/how the church can minister to the single people in their churches and gave her testimony. The attendees had a break out session into small groups to discuss and work on a case study by applying the principles of biblical counseling.

In sharing with the conference attendees, they showed a hungry heart to apply the Word of God in ministering to their congregations. Their involvement in asking questions, seeking follow up information, sharing their personal testimonies and the gift of singing praises were wonderful blessings to our team. Although there is a border and language difference, the issues the pastors face in Mexico are the same as in our churches. They include divorce, eating disorders, homosexu-

ality, drugs, and absent father or mother from the home. Our team saw a desire from these pastors to learn about biblical counseling so they could better minister to their congregations is a testimony of their commitment. God is at work among these faithful pastors, their wives and lay people; things are happening! As you can understand, training pastors, wives, elders and interested Christians is vital to helping them reach out and offer biblical counseling in there local areas.

Please pray for all the attendees, that as they apply God's Word and the principles of counseling that God will receive the honor and glory, that lives can be changed and spiritual growth will come forth.

Also pray for GTN's direction in returning to Mexico and for the opportunities to continue to serve and train in Mexico.



Doris and Jim Craddock teaching during the conference in Mexico



Conference attendees in small group to discuss case study.





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More pictures from Mexico



Janie handing out books to the pastors



Laurie hanging out with the children



Christi with 3 attendees who are single women with a counseling ministry in Mexico.



We tried to lock Bob up, all in fun, as we needed him to lead the conference

UPCOMING EVENT AT GTN

Our present goal for GTN is to get Jim Craddock's material finalized and published. We are praising God for allowing us to get done through GTN what we had not been able to accomplish before. Another reason that we felt we needed to start GTN was to go global - we see the need to get this God-given material to missionaries, pastors and lay people all over the world. Due to a supporter who understood this vision and donated the money for the video taping, we are seeing this dream come into fruition. We met with the team at Good News Production, International in Joplin, Missouri who will video tape Jim's Pneumanetics course to be placed on DVD. Each chapter (18 in all) will have a video teaching accompanied by a PowerPoint outline. Each chapter will also have the course material for them to print and put in book form.

By preparing them in DVD form it enables us to send these DVDs around the world as a teaching tool through their computers. We cannot wait to show you this upon completion. Once the video production is done we will send it off to have the DVD duplicated. From there, we will be able to place this video and material on the web for online courses.

Not only can this be used locally, but praise God, this will be a very effective tool for people all around the world to be taught this course which has *literally transformed millions of lives*.



Good News Production's Headquarters



Jim Craddock with GNP's Representative in the studio where the video taping will take place

PRAYER REQUESTS/ MINISTRY NEEDS

- ? Mexico Mission Trip: Thank God for allowing the team to minister to these pastors. Please pray that the attendees left the conference with a deeper relationship with Christ, as well as a better understanding on how to counsel from a Biblical perspective. Please pray for direction as we decide further ministry in Mexico.
- ? Please pray for Jim's video teaching which is scheduled for 3 session times: October 16-18, October 23-25, and October 30 - November 1.
- ? Please pray for donations in the amount of \$3,400.00 for 1000 DVDs. This includes 3 replicated DVDs and a case that holds all three. This also includes art design for the DVD covers and cases. Please pray that God would bless these DVDs as we use them to train others how to counsel from a Biblical perspective. These will be used in seminaries and in churches in USA, as well as Mexico and around the world.
- ? We are needing a ministry home. Please pray for God's guidance on office space for GTN.