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What's Going on... from Adventures in Life Ministry

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Mission Statement

The Mission of Adventures in Life Ministry is Three-fold.

I.

To serve and support existing, effective ministries, helping them grow and reach more people for Jesus Christ.

II.

To take people out of their comfort zones, impacting them with experiences that enhance spiritual and cross cultural growth.

III.

To give participants from around the world the opportunity to grow in their relationship with Christ by serving on the mission field in Mexico.

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Faith Baptist, AIL, & Fortaleza de Dios Pastor Alejandro, Harney County Church, and Adventures in Life Celebrate 10 Years of Ministry Together.

The year was 1996. The Unabomber was arrested, the Olympics were in Atlanta, Bob Dole ran for President, and the New York Yankees won the World Series. Faith Baptist Church of Harney County also partnered with Adventures in Life Ministry (AIL) to help build Iglesia Bautista Fortaleza de Dios for Pastor Alejandro Corrales and his congregation in Ensenada.

In 1995 AIL sent out over 2500 brochures to churches throughout the United States. One telephone call was received as a result of that brochure and it came from Asher Sarjent, at that time Youth Pastor at the church from Burns, a small rural town in southeast Oregon. AIL President and Co-Founder Dave Miller and Asher met later that year to discuss ministry opportunities and the rest, as they say is history.

That first year, the team from Faith helped lay block for the restrooms and poured a major portion of the floor for the future church.

Over the years, the impact of this partnership has been incredible. While

servng at Fortaleza de Dios, Faith has helped in the construction of two different homes for that congregation and three other church facilities in the city. Faith Baptist has also been instrumental in helping Pastor Alejandro and his church at two of their mission sites in the state of Sinaloa, 18 hours south of Ensenada.

But facilities alone are not what defines this partnership. It is relationships. Relationships that are grounded in Jesus that produce real life change. That is one reason each year one of the highlights of the week are the baptisms. Because they are evidence of lives being changed by Jesus through Christian community.

AIL Executive Director Dave Miller is convinced that long term partnerships are the most effective way to be involved in short-term missions, commenting "If you come once, you'll have a great trip, but if you can sustain a long term ministry, the impact can be incredible." The ongoing commitment of Faith Baptist is one of the reasons Pastor Alejandro and his church have been able to continue to reach new people for Christ in this area of Mexico.

Becca Freitag Joins AIL Ministry Staff

Rebecca Freitag, known to the AIL family as Becca, will officially join the AIL staff effective June 1, 2006. She will be the new Director of Mexico Missions, serve for the summer and then take up residence in Oaxaca in early 2007 to study and learn Spanish.

Becca has served with AIL since 1996, first as a short term person with Faith Baptist and most recently as the Site Coordinator during the

Spring and Summer ministry seasons.

Her primary responsibilities will be to strengthen and maintain our existing working ministry relationships in Mexico as well as plan and direct the ongoing project and outreach ministries of Adventures in Life.

Please join us in wishing Becca well and many years of fruitful ministry with AIL!

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IN SHORT-TERM MISSION



Building a Sunday School, giving thanks, having fun, worshipping God, and Pastor Alejandro baptizing a new believer during the Spring 2006 Ministry Season

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notes from dave...

dave miller is co-founder and executive director of Adventures in Life Ministry

Last month I was in Oaxaca to prepare for ministry there later in the year. We are putting together plans for our Oaxaca 100, our annual men's ministry held each year in the fall. This little idea was born out my experiences with GTD Ministries and seeing how getting involved in this type of Christian service can really impact lives. It was just a couple of years ago when I was driving between Seattle and Portland when I started thinking about the impact of having 100 men working together for the Kingdom in Mexico.

Last October we had our first trip. Our goal was to build a Ministry Training Center outside of the city for Zapotecan Pastors and Leaders. In one week. Just like the hit TV show "Extreme Makeover." Well we never made it to 100 men. Or 50. It was Oaxaca 18! Two weeks before the trip I was talking with my board about canceling it as we did not have the funds to even do the trip. They



encouraged me to see it through and God provided a couple of folks who generously provided the money needed to complete the project. That training center is now being used. Just as both the local sponsoring churches and AIL had envisioned.

This year we are serving in Oaxaca, September 9–16. And we are building a church in San Baltizar Guelivia. San Baltizar is a Zapotecan village about 1 hour outside of Oaxaca City. The building pictured here is what is currently used for any church meetings on the property. I hope we are able to have a few more of you men with us this year. Perhaps Oaxaca 30!

So many of us want to really make a difference in today's world. I believe God has wired us that way. And then in some weird way, we get locked into jobs that, while enabling us to pay the bills and support our families, leave us longing for more. Here is a chance for you to be part of something really special.

I would love to have you as part of our team. One week. September 9-16. Call me for details at 818.893.2115.

2006 Ministry Dates

Arrival Date	Serving Church	City	Ministry Location
18-Jun	First Baptist	Newberg, Oregon	Ensenada
19-Jun	Carson Valley	Minden, Nevada	Ensenada
25-Jun	Faith Baptist	Vancouver, Washington	Ensenada
2-Jul	Brush Prairie Baptist	Brush Prairie, Washington	Ensenada
2-Jul	Cornerstone Community	Lone, California	Ensenada
8-Jul	Carpenter's House	Corona, California	Ensenada
9-Jul	First Baptist	Marysville, Washington	Ensenada
16-Jul	Orange Co. Christian	Cypress, California	Ensenada
22-Jul	Mayflower Pres.	Pacific Grove, California	Guadalajara
29-Jul	Open Enrollment		Oaxaca
7-Aug	AIL Debrief		Puebla
14-Aug	ABCLA	Los Angeles	Ensenada
22-Aug	UCLA AACF	Los Angeles	Ensenada
9-Sep	Oaxaca 100		Oaxaca

Pray, Pray, Pray, for the churches listed above and their ministry in Mexico

Where are they now?

Grady Martine...Co-founder, Adventures in Life Ministry. Grady was part of the original team that founded AIL back in 1992. He is currently Executive Director for Central City Community Outreach, an inner city Christian ministry in Los Angeles.

April Leining...the first AIL Intern. April served with us for 5 years at the beginning of our ministry. She is now married, a mom and serves with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship on the campus of Santa Ana College in Southern California.

Cesar Vergara...AIL Intern 1995-1999. Cesar, also now married, was a key member of our Guadalajara ministry when we started working with Iglesia Bautista Rey de Reyes. He is now helping lead music at his church and is working in the film industry scoring movies.

GTD Ministries and Adventures in Life Serve Together in El Sauzal

In the summer of 2001 Kevin Kolin was part of a group of people from Lower Highlands Bible Church in Oregon that came to serve with Adventures in Life Ministry. That group came to put on a Vacation Bible School and help repair a cistern at a small church site in the Guadalupe Valley, just east of Ensenada, Mexico. While on that trip, the pastor of the church, Eduardo Villavicencio, knowing Kevin was a contractor, asked if he could help make his church building a little bigger. Not knowing what to expect, Kevin said yes and the next day 4 used garage doors arrived, which were then added to the existing doors and the church size was very quickly doubled.

The next spring Kevin shared with AIL Executive Director Dave Miller how much he



had fallen in love with the people of that church, that valley and how God had impacted his heart.

Soon after, Kevin, along with Randy Swain and Steve Banister founded Go The Distance Ministries, a men's ministry established to help build churches. Their hope was that they could bring together a group of men that would come together each year to serve God and His church in Mexico.

In the time that GTD has served with Adventures in Life they have helped build 2 churches, one in Ensenada and one in Guadalajara, a pastoral house, a homeless shelter and a Sunday School Center, pictured here during construction. It is this ministry that served as the inspiration for Adventures in Life's Annual Oaxaca Men's Ministry.

you can read more from dave miller, ail executive director in his blog, "the mission", on the web at www.adventurenotes.blogspot.com