

## ALLEN UPDATE APRIL 2008

### MISSION QUIZ WHO SAID IT?

(answers are in the body of the letter)

1. You can do it, Jann!
2. I have a hole in my heart.
3. It has been a week of blessing and friendship.
4. I want my granddaughter to know about Jesus.

1. April brought on a new venture for Jann. The Sunday school committee of the Tizoc (original church) decided to divide the growing number of children into three classes. Jann was asked to teach one of the classes. When she replied that her Spanish is not developed enough for this task, the other members assured her of help and encouraged her to go ahead and do it. Her first class was a joy to teach, and she is looking forward to seeing the same faces around her each week.

2. A member of the COAPA congregation (church plant) is very diligent in inviting new people to church events and services. She recently invited a single mom, whose husband died this year. The family had already lost a child to an illness, and the other two children (now young adults) have mental and physical impairments. They came to church on a day when the sermon was fun and thought provoking. The woman stood to tell us, "I have this hole in my heart. Thank you for welcoming my family to your church."

3. Pastora Patty from Ticul and many others used this phrase following a week of pastoral and leadership training. Representatives from all but two of our Mission District churches were able to come, so it was a great time of getting to know each other. A special speaker from northern Mexico covered every imaginable topic on how to lead a church. In the evenings he also held a community meeting, where we heard the Bible applied to our everyday lives. Everyone returned to their own area feeling that it is possible to carry out the job God has given them.

4. Missionary Kay Stotts from Chile came to Central Mexico to present a teacher's workshop in two areas of our District. Since a lot of preparation and set up was required, Kay, missionary Janette Miller, and Jann went to the workshop area a day early. As they checked into the hotel, the clerk inquired as to why they were only spending one night in their fair city. Kay explained her purpose in being there. The woman said, "I want my granddaughter to know about Jesus, but I don't know how to teach her." Kay went to her room and brought back a colorful booklet that tells how to explain the message of salvation to a child. In turn, the clerk gave us her name and phone number, saying that she would like to be contacted by someone from our church. Jann gave the information to our Director, who already has plans to start a home Bible study this coming week. Our hope is that it will grow into another church.

Whether you got 100% on our quiz or not, you now have some ideas of things you can remember in prayer as you pray for us and our work in Mexico. So many times things pop up or situations happen when we are aware of the partnership of prayer that we share. Thank you for joining with us in our missionary endeavor.

In His service,

Gary and Jann Allen