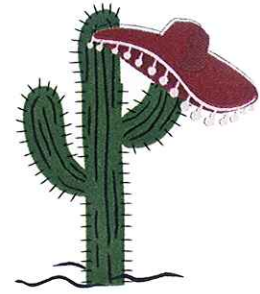


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*Bringing the Living Water to a Dry and Thirsty Land*  
*Planting Hispanic Churches In **Tucson, Arizona***



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Greetings from beautiful Tucson, Arizona, where we're bringing the Living Water to a dry and thirsty land.

As one door closes, another opens. It was the middle of February when we left Mexico because of the two men that tried to kidnap Sharon and stole our vehicle. Sharon has recovered well, and as you know the Lord opened doors for us to come here to Tucson to work with Pastor Joe Stoppelbein to plant a church for the Spanish speaking folks. If I can't minister in Mexico, I'll minister to the Mexicans here.

We've been here for about 3 weeks. Walker, my 9 year old, accompanied me driving across county (from Greenville to Tucson). We stayed the first night in Vicksburg, Mississippi on the Mississippi River. He was delighted to see such a river. Passing through Dallas, we stretched our legs at the awesome Dallas Zoo, then stayed the night in Abilene, Texas. The next day while driving near Deming, New Mexico, I ran over a piece of metal in the road, (I thought it was a piece of truck tire). It sliced my oil pan down the middle.



STRANDED! I was still 3 and 1/2 hours from Tucson. The first vehicle that passed by was driven by a man named Martin. To make a long story short, Martin volunteered to go to his house in Lordsburg, get his car carrier, load up our Caravan and take us to Tucson. And didn't ask for a dime. We had a great talk concerning questions he had about the Bible. An awesome fellow. I did give him something for his time. By 10:00 the next morning, I had installed the new oil pan, and all is well. Thank the Lord for His provisions. Since arriving in Tucson, we've been looking for furniture to replace that which we had to sell in Mexico.

We're also looking for a house to buy, since rent here is pretty expensive. We've also been busy knocking on doors, I've gotten to preach already, and now I'm discipling a fellow each week that says he wants to come to our church once we find a place to meet. Things are looking great here already. The whole family is pretty excited. Our kids have found good friends, and they love being in the kids' club at church, and not going to a different church each week.

We miss our friends in Mexico, but we feel that in our 7 years there, we've planted the seed, and we trust that someone else will come and water those seeds. Our coming here to Tucson is what I call our second missionary journey, and we trust that having learned the Spanish language and the Mexican culture, we'll be better equipped to reach the Spanish folks here.

Tucson is a city of 750,000, with only two fundamental independent Spanish Baptist churches in the whole city. There are 50,000 people living in the zip code where we're looking to plant this church, with 70 percent Spanish speaking population. We're looking for a place to meet and the date to have our first service may be as early as July. There will be lots of work to do before then. Some pretty exciting stuff. Pray with us.

Pastor Joe and I at Sunrise Baptist Church, Tucson.

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