

## A Blessed Time in Agua Prieta

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For both Rob and I it was truly a blessed time to be with each one of you and work together so the gospel may go forth among our friends in Agua Prieta. Being able to share in spiritual discussions, and just seeing the hunger and desire for God's Word among our friends in Mexico was truly overwhelming.

It was so enjoyable getting to know team members and just being able to work together and talk. I think one of the most touching moments for us was when we were all working hard trying to get the brick work finished, and we happened to turn the corner of the church and saw all those people there so early, ready to hear the Word - that literally brought goose bumps! It was amazing to see! The love that the Mexican people expressed and their happiness in the simple things in life really taught us so much! When we were handing out undergarments and socks, and we asked what the children and some of the adults would like and they said "anything" it brought tears to my eyes; how unthankful we really are over these simple things! Also when we had all those children that one day, and they were so excited over a coloring picture and two crayons... wow!

When we returned home, it was hard for us to get back to the everyday pressures surrounding our culture. We felt humbled, for here we have a beautiful home and the people in Agua Prieta have so little. I was very thankful for the luxury of our washing machine and dryer when we came home, as both our kids came down with the flu for a few days. I thought often of mothers in Mexico, and how busy they would be cleaning sheets, clothes, etc. when their children are sick.

Each morning as we enjoy our Mexican coffee, we reflect quietly on our time with you and raise a silent prayer that the Lord may remember our dear friends in Mexico. We pray that soon we will be able to attend another mission endeavor, and be able to "rejoice in what the Lord has done". We hope that each of us will continue to remember the great need there is, and that we may be able to see one another again!

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Correen and Danielle Slawson share lunch with a new friend in Agua Prieta - January 2006

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