

Dear Co-Laborers,

Yes, I know. You are probably wondering; "What! A letter from Mike Starling?" Well, the answer is a resounding YES! The last letter you may have received from us could have been a quite a long time ago. I would like to first apologize for the lack of communication and also try to let you know what God is doing with us. It is very important for me to say THANK YOU to those churches who have remained supporters even though the communication has not been there.



As MQI trips were happening, one trip in particular stands out. On August 18th of 2008, on the MQI ATV trip to Mexico (4 wheeling to interior villages), one of my best friends died. The trip started out with a bang! Night ministries in the villages we ended up in, tough riding all day, and great mission's experiences were just a start. We were making memories never to be forgotten. Little did we know that those memories would be marred by one of our team's life being taken.

On Monday, 4 days into the trip, my friend Jeff, went home to be with his Lord, while riding on his ATV. It took us an additional 4 days to handle all the details, not to mention trying to handle our emotions. It was a very sad day and one that I will never forget and one that sent me into a emotional spin that is taking me some time to recover from. I know that God still has a purpose and a work for my family and me and I am trusting in His sovereignty and in His promises to fulfill it.

NEW APPROACH FOR MQI: In the last couple of years, God has allowed Mission Quest International to take a limited amount of mission trips. We have seen lives changed, people saved and God moving in hearts of MQI participants as they experienced the mission field first hand. Comfort zones have been pushed as men and women have been exposed to different and varying circumstances in other cultures as well as in the USA among the homeless and needy. We have been led to do Mission Quest differently. There will no longer be pre-scheduled trips. We will be doing trips by request only. This frees us up to be more productive in a new ministry that God has placed in our hearts. If you would like to go on a mission trip, please give us a call and we will arrange it, take care of all the details and take you where God wants to send you.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Living in the USA has opened our eyes to a huge need right here among us. It is the need for Spanish-language ministry. There are over 50,000,000 (million) Latino/Hispanic people in our country. Whether or not you agree on how they arrived here, Hispanics need Christ in their own language. Hispanics as a whole in population are larger than 214 nations around the world. Only 24 countries are larger than the total population of Hispanics here in the USA.

Growing up as a missionary's son in Latin America, and being missionaries in Mexico for 13 years has allowed us to minister effectively in the Spanish language. With a heavy burden for Hispanics, whose first language is Spanish, we feel God leading us to work with Spanish-speaking people here in the USA. Now having the approval of the WBF Mission Committee, we want to engage, witness to and disciple them so they themselves can go out and reproduce as Christ followers.

There needs to be strong Spanish-speaking congregations on US soil. Ones that will take leading roles in reaching there own with the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare the way for reaching 50,000,000 hispanics with the Good News!! Will you be a part? The Spanish-speaking population in the USA is a mission field bigger than 89% of countries in the world. The time is now, hearts are ready to hear the incredible story of Jesus. Will you partner with us? Any questions please feel free to contact me at:

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