

# TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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"...GO INTO ALL THE  
WORLD AND PREACH THE  
GOSPEL TO EVERY  
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## PIEDRAS NEGRAS, MEXICO

You may remember that I regularly go to the large city of **Querétaro** in Mexico. I have been teaching in their preacher training program since 2001. In fact, I plan to be back there next month. It is about a three-hour drive north of Mexico City. One of the graduates of that program is a young man named **Alfredo Cardenas Garza**.

Alfredo now lives in **Piedras Negras** in the Mexican state of Coahuila. This is a border town of about 170,000 people—just across the Rio Grande River from Eagle Pass, Texas. Alfredo has a secular job but also preaches for the newest of the eight congregations in this city. They conduct a Bible training school at night. The purpose of this program is to help develop mature Christians and train preachers and church leaders for the future. Alfredo asked me to come and teach **Ephesians**. I was the first foreigner to teach in their school—therefore, the first to need a translator. The brethren recruited **Carrol Robertson** for that task. This wonderful, very experienced brother teaches in a preacher training school in Pharr, Texas. He has served as a missionary in Peru and worked in other Spanish speaking situations. He was a truly great coworker.

Piedras Negras has been a place of extreme violence over the past few years because of the Mexican drug cartels operating in the area. Things are better now due to a large Mexican Army presence. However, safety is still a concern in the city and Rose and I stayed in a motel on the Texas side of the river. The best system was for me to walk across the bridge, enter Mexico and be picked up by Alfredo. We drove straight to the

church building for the two-hour class which began at 7 pm. The other congregations in the city had been invited to participate and most nights we had around 100 in attendance. There was always a good question/answer session at the end. Someone would drive me back to the bridge and I would make the 10-minute walk back to Texas. Rose went across with me for worship on Sunday and for the last evening class.

## BACK TO MEXICO SOON

Earlier I mentioned **Querétaro**. May is the usual month for our work with their school of preaching and Rose and I will fly there on the 13<sup>th</sup> with **Kenny** and **Belinda Gardner**. Kenny preaches for the **Plano East** church in the Dallas area and teaches at the Brown Trail School of Preaching. He will be teaching "**Between the Testaments**" and I have been asked to teach the book of **Romans**. A report of what's happening with the school and the church there will be sent upon our return. We are thankful to God for these opportunities to help spread the message and for your encouragement and assistance in the work.

Your coworker,

*Ronald Coleman*

"I love thy commandments above gold,  
yea, above fine gold. Therefore, I esteem all  
thy precepts concerning all things to be right;  
and I hate every false way."

(Psalms 119:127,128)