

# TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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## QUERÉTARO, MEXICO

I have been teaching in the school of preaching in Querétaro since January of 2001. This city of about 2 million people dates back to the year 1531 and is 160 miles north of Mexico City. It is actually in the tropics but at an elevation of 6,300 feet it has what I consider a wonderful climate. Much history is connected to the area. The only Emperor of Mexico, the Austrian Ferdinand Maximilian, was executed there by firing squad on June 19, 1867. The present constitution of the country was produced there in 1917. A magnificent aqueduct, finished in the year 1738, is a major attraction. There are several museums and historically significant buildings. Querétaro has the typical crime and violence you would find in any large city in Mexico. Thankfully, they have been spared the terrible killings and atrocities committed by the drug cartels in some other areas of the country.

**Miguel Arroyo** and his family moved there in 1985 to establish the first congregation of the Lord's church in the city. The work flourished and from this beginning numerous other works have been established in the region. The school of preaching was begun in 1997 and has been a great blessing to the Lord's work in Mexico. Tragically, Miguel was killed in a car accident in January of 2013. He left his wonderful wife, **Olivia**, and four children. He was a dear friend to Rose and me and one of the most talented, spiritual men I have ever known. The work of the congregation and the school continues in a fine way despite this great loss. Miguel's widow, **Olivia**, does as she always did...putting her full efforts into the work of the Lord—in the school and the church. A preacher named **Miguel Bocanegra** is now serving as the director of the school and teaches many of the classes. He was a student there in my early years as a

teacher. For quite a few years now he has preached at a church not too far from Querétaro. For a long time he has been Miguel Arroyo's right-hand man at the school and a frequent teacher. He was just the perfect man to take over as director. My subject this trip was the **Book of Romans**. This, of course, is a very important and challenging study. There are five fulltime students in the school now but we usually had at least twice that number in class. Some members of the local congregation attend and sometimes preachers from area churches visit too. Miguel's oldest son, **Alain** (aged 32), is one of the fulltime students. He has his father's talent in many areas, including languages. He was my translator for the classes and in the preaching opportunities I had. I preached each Sunday while there and one Thursday night at the mid-week meeting of a congregation about 30 miles away.

**Rose** usually goes with me to Querétaro but had to remain at home this time. She had partial knee replacement surgery about 10 days before I left. She is still having therapy sessions and is making an excellent recovery!

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My next trip will be to Africa. Last November I made my first ever trip to **Ghana**. This was to teach in the preacher training school operated by the church in the city of **Tamso**. I will leave June 12<sup>th</sup> to participate again in this very good work. As always, I would appreciate your prayers for Rose and me and for our efforts to help the cause of Jesus in other lands where the need is great.

Your coworker,

*Ronald Coleman*