

# Church Growth Ministries

## World Mission Builders

Building for Coming Generations Providing Permanence in Missions

### *Fredonia Kansas* *June 5-17*

Les Miller, Minister, and David Fink and all the fine folks at Fredonia Church of Christ have invited World Mission Builder volunteers to come and build a new worship/educational building on their new property. Three meals a day will be provide, RV hook ups will be provided, and housing in homes is available. **Directions:** North on Hwy 75 from Tulsa (2 hrs) exit onto Hwy 400. Hwy 400 goes North then West to Fredonia. Exit West to Fredonia at Hwy 47 sign. Job site is 1618 North 15th. Church is 233 North 10th. Les Miller's phone # is 620.378.4560 & David's # is 620.871.0596. Of course they need to know who is planning on helping on this trip and if you need housing. You may email Joe @ [wmbjoe@churchgrowthministries.net](mailto:wmbjoe@churchgrowthministries.net) and we will send it on to Les and David. We will be doing framing, electrical, plumbing, hardiback siding, vinyl soffits, and shingling. This promises to be an enjoyable project, come and be a part the fun and fellowship.

### **Piedras Negras, Mexico**

We had 30+ WMB volunteers from Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico, & Texas travel to Piedras Negras, Mexico to build a new church , Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer (Rock of Help), for Mario & Betty Calderon, minister. The governor's wife participated in the ground breaking, and the governor's representative was present for the dedication. This building was a little larger than normal as we put on a bathroom and kitchen addition. Joe was the "official" plumber and Heather was the "apprentice plumber in training." We had an afternoon program with a house full of neighborhood children complete with puppets, a clown, and spider man. The first Sunday in their new building recorded an attendance of 102 with several indicating a desire to be baptized. A BIG thank you to Liz Mitchell and her kitchen crew for preparing all the scrumptious meals. The First Christian church at Brazil, IN was the sponsoring church and a large number of volunteers from this fine church participated. This was a good project enjoyed by all. (Pictures provided by Sergio Rodas via Bob Mitchell)



Governor's wife attends ground breaking



Completed church building—Iglesia de Cristo Ebenezer in Piedras Negras, Coah. Mexico

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### UPCOMING EVENTS 2009

- February 23-25** Joplin, MO. Preaching/ Teaching Convention at Ozark Christian College. Workshop Wednesday afternoon
- April 17, 18** Little Rock, Arkansas. Christian Convention. Doing a workshop.
- April 20-30** Getafe, Bohol, Philippines and Loay, Bohol, Philippines. Build two church buildings.
- April 28-30** Nashoba, OK. Rendezvous, men's meeting.
- May 4-7** Honobia, OK. Kiamichi Mts Men's Clinic
- May 11-19** Oklahoma City. Special Project. Call Joe
- \*June 5-17** Fredonia, KS. Build new worship/education facility for the Church of Christ .
- \*July 6-18** Tubigol, Bohol, Philippines, and Villaba, Leyte, Philippines. Build two church buildings.
- October 19-30** Porto, Bataan, Philippines and Santiago, Luzon, Philippines. Build two church buildings.
- October 16-26** Houston, TX. Build new Spanish ministry church building.

### 2010

- January 18-30** Viet Nam. Build new church building
- Spring Break** Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Build new church.
- June 4 -15** Ft Thompson, SD. Diamond Willow Ministries. Build new addition onto the existing church/family life center.
- July 5-17** Build two churches in Philippines.
- October 18-29** Progreso, Mexico. Build new church building.

### **\* NEW DATES**

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Hi this is Digger the Gopher. I live in my burrow behind Joe and Fae's house at 431 1/2 N Oakwood Rd. It sure has been cold in Oklahoma this winter. I have spent most of the winter hibernating, deep in one of my burrows. Joe recently woke me up so I could write this dumb article. Joe went to Mexico in January to build a church. I think one of the reasons he went was to escape the recent blizzard that blew in from the North Pole. He left Fae behind to cope with business on the home front and to tough out the cold weather. One of the jobs Fae got stuck with was thawing out some frozen pipes in one of Joe's dumb rent houses. She was a real trooper but I think she is a little bit peeved at Joe for enjoying the warm weather in Mexico while she took care of things on the penderosa. I heard that Joe was "Joe the plumber" in Mexico. At least he went out to Lowes before he left and crammed the Honda full of plumbing parts.

After completing the project in Piedras Negras, Joe ferried Travis and Charlie to the airport in San Antonio, then he went south to Nuevo Laredo. Joe and Rehu, a young dentist/pastor, checked out two locations that need a church building in the future. Next Joe visited Progresso, Mexico, where he and Alberto Gonzales checked out a lot upon which to build a church building in 2010. The next leg of his sojourn in warm south Texas, while Fae was enduring the Oklahoma blizzard, led him to Houston to check out the need for a new church building for the Spanish congregation. His journeys led him to Louisiana, visiting churches in Pineville, Baton Rouge, and Lake Charles. Of course on the way home, he stopped in McKinney, TX, to see grand daughter Landree and to give her some Mexican dresses and Mexican toys that he had purchased at the Mexican market. After being gone 3 weeks he arrived back in Oklahoma, greeted by much warmer weather. I

think he goes south to just get out of the cold.

### Digger



Spider man & Ed Thomas in new church building



House full of children in new church w/o a roof