

Latin American Baptist Missions

Pastor Spotlight

Pastor: Raymundo Chavez

Location: The City of Tala in the state of Jalisco, Mexico.

Brother Raymundo Chavez was a truck driver working in the sugar cane plant located in Tala. It was a rough life, but he had no plans to change - ever! He thought the Catholics had charge of all religion, and he knew the priests were crooked, so he did not want anything to do with religion. He found out though, that true salvation was by grace through faith, and learned about the sufferings of Christ on the cross for him. Although he fought it for a while, he finally knelt down, repented of his sins, and received Christ in his heart and life. Raymundo turned exactly 180 degrees from the path of destruction to the way of eternal life. His conversion was thorough and complete. The Word of God was his constant companion. He lived with it day and night.

Since 1985, Raymundo has been a missionary to his own people, taking the gospel to those who have never had a chance to say yes or no.

He ministers to many churches in Mexico.

First, he and Brother Ernest C. Atchley, Sr. organized the Tala church, built the Templo and put in a baptistry. The Tala church is used as a center for the work in the villages. After evangelizing Teuchitlan, they built the Templo, with baptistry; and did the same thing in Los Pocitos. Then the work on the Bible School in La Puerta de la Vega was begun. Then the missionary quarters, office building, baby clinic, and a building for homeless people were built. All these buildings were in La Puerta. Because of a large congregation in Ameca an old church building was rented from the Congregationalists.

None of the other villages Raymundo ministers to have buildings. Believers simply open their homes and have services. Raymundo and Ernest organized many of the house-congregations by recommending one of their members to be voted on as pastor. Brother Raymundo travels around extensively preaching in each of these villages to the people. He has house-congregations in El Chivatillo, Los Llanitos, Chiquilistlan, Cocula, La Estanzuela, San Marcos, Santa Cruz de Varsenas, Ayotitlan, La Mora, Chupilimita, Rancho El Limon, and La Providencia.



Pastor Raymundo and family