

ChiliPeppers

Fall 2004, News from Mexico...

"See the former things have taken place and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." Isa 42:9

Dear Friends:

As promised we are trying alternating our letters between personal family news, and more in-depth news about our ministry activities. This issue will bring you up to date about the work we are involved in right now.

While continuing to meet as the church we also feel led to expand the relational house church vision on a national level. Our initial strategy includes a web page in **Spanish** that will help us to accomplish the following.

- **Locate apostolic leaders:** We have already discovered several people who already share our vision and are convinced that there are dozens more spread out all over the country (just as God has strategically placed them).
- **Build a network:** By functioning as a gathering point we will be able to help facilitate regional conferences and leadership training.
- **Provide resources:** Providing a series of short articles that will explain the concept to new seekers will also help to consolidate our shared vision with others. We also plan to include some practical ideas to help people get their own meetings started.
- **Build a national house church directory:** to help newly interested Christians and seekers to connect with a group in their own community.

This is the masthead of our new website which should be up and running by the time you receive our next newsletter.

The title translates literally as "The Church In Houses."

Typically homes in Mexico are built side-by-side just like this, red green and white are the colors of the Mexican flag.



We appreciate your prayers as this work is very tedious, sitting in front of a computer hours on end is so non-relational, and practically the antithesis of what we teach and love to do. Fortunately once launched it should require little attention other than reaping a harvest of new relationships. I also want to add that while the internet is a fascinating tool for communication, I don't believe it will ever become a substitute for sharing the Gospel face to face.



We continue experimenting with our own house church trying different things to see what does and what doesn't work. In addition to pioneering a new concept, we are also working in one of the most Gospel resistant parts of Mexico. Sol still remembers when as a child she was persecuted and jeered at by her Catholic school-mates for being one of the very few protestants in this city. Sometimes we get discouraged when we see our little successes in light of the immense task that lies ahead, however our consolation is that we do know our calling, and if we simply obey God; the results will be entirely up to him. God Bless You All,

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