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Dear Friends,

March was officially “Mexico month” for CampsAbroad. On March 10, a group of six WILDS staff members, including our office manager, head cook, head lifeguard, and head nurse, left Brevard, North Carolina, for Monterrey, Mexico. Behind the van was a fully-loaded trailer, packed with all the equipment needed to hold camps in remote Mexican villages. How exciting to see the months of preparation work come together successfully.



After a couple of days of staff training, a group of 40 helpful church members headed south to the small village of Norias in the region of San Luis Potosi. This small town in the desert was a great place for the “portable camp experiment.” Already, much spiritual plowing had been done in this area and headway had been made with adults and children, but teenagers had been apathetic towards the gospel. In spite of troubles at the border, dust storms, water shortage, and resistance from local religions, God showed that He is still in control. We praise the Lord that over the three days of camp, around 50 young people trusted Christ as their Savior! Best of all, the churches have been equipped to repeat this same scenario many times for years to come in other needy villages throughout Mexico.



To see testimonies and pictures go to www.campsabroad.org/goingin/default.aspx and click the “Mexico - San Luis” link.



While all this was happening, Steve Stodola and Willie Partin traveled down to Chiapas, Mexico, to assist a group of churches with staff training for their upcoming summer camp. In addition to laughing a lot (a given when Willie goes on a trip), they were also able to discuss camp philosophy and possibilities for future development with Armando and Debbie Guzman, missionaries with BIMBI. Lord willing, the Guzmans will be attending staff training at THE WILDS this summer as well.

We would appreciate your prayers for a CampsAbroad survey trip to Asia this summer as we seek to evaluate possible camp ministry opportunities. As always, we need God’s wisdom and direction.

In Christ,

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