



Merry Christmas!



November-December 2007

Dear Pastors and Friends,

The last two months have been very busy with school activities and church events. The highlight of November for the Institute was the week of special classes on Biblical Counseling. Dr. Tom Zempel from Central Baptist Seminary in Minneapolis gave the students an intensive introductory course in how to counsel in a biblical way. The students had the opportunity to ask questions, participate in skits regarding common problems facing people today, provide great music, and acquire much information to help them prepare for counseling. Although the purpose of the conference was not to reach the lost, three people who came to the conference were saved!



Church activities included a church organization in Tampico where missionary Jim Walterhouse has worked for eight years, a church anniversary, a missions Sunday, and a weekend Bible conference in a mission in the state of Veracruz. Getting to the temporary building was accomplished by walking over a swinging bridge. What a blessing to see former graduates working faithfully in many areas of Mexico. Some are truly sacrificing to serve the Lord in needy areas.

This is the season to think of the birth of our Savior. May you pause from all the busyness of this time of year to reflect on what His coming means to you and to this world. Also, may you have the opportunity to reach those who seldom come to church with His message of salvation.

God bless you this Christmas and New Years.

In Christ,

Dick and Linda Redding